COMMISSION DECISION

of 9 April 1986

approving an addendum to the programme relating to the processing and marketing of flax in France pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77

(Only the French text is authentic)

(86/176/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 of 15 February 1977 on common measures to improve the conditions under which agricultural and fishery products are processed and marketed (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1247/85 (2), and in particular Articles 5 and 6 (f) thereof,

Whereas on 18 June 1985 the French Government forwarded an addendum to the programme approved by Commission Decision 80/1314/EEC (3) relating to the processing and marketing of flax;

Whereas this addendum relates exclusively to the flax-scutching industry in France; whereas its purpose is to permit the further pursuit of the objectives defined in the original programme, including:

— modernization of traditional scutching methods,
— adaption of fibre to the modernization of downstream industries,
— improvement of marketing conditions for flax fibre;

Whereas the addendum contains sufficient information, as required in Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77, to show that the objectives of Article 1 of the Regulation can be achieved in respect of the flax sector; whereas the estimated time required for execution of the addendum does not exceed the limits laid down in Article 3 (1) (g) of the Regulation;

Whereas the addendum does not contain sufficient details on investment relating to the upgrading of the by-products referred to in the addendum; whereas a favourable decision cannot therefore yet be taken in respect of these by-products;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Agricultural Structure,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The addendum to the programme relating to the processing and marketing of flax forwarded by the French Government pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 on 18 June 1985 is hereby approved, with the exception of the part relating to the by-products referred to therein.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 9 April 1986.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESSEN

Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 51, 23. 2. 1977, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 130, 16. 5. 1981, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 380, 31. 12. 1980, p. 7.