COMMISSION DECISION

of 24 June 1986

approving an amendment to the programme relating to slaughtering, meat cutting and the utilization of slaughter by-products in France, pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77

(Only the French text is authentic)

(86/335/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 3827/85 (2), and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas on 24 January 1986 the French Government forwarded an amendment to the programme approved by Commission Decision 80/397/EEC (3) relating to meat processing and on 24 April 1986 submitted supplementary information;

Whereas the amendment is limited to investments in the modernization, rationalization and concentration of capacities for slaughtering, meat cutting and the utilization of by-products of the slaughter of cattle, pigs, sheep, goats and horses, and whereas all such investments may help to improve the profitability of the meat processing sector; whereas they therefore constitute a programme within the meaning of Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77;

Whereas investments in the modernization, rationalization and concentration of slaughter capacities may be accepted and whereas investments in the utilization of by-products may be accepted provided that the products are listed in Annex II to the Treaty;

Whereas the amendment 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 the sector concerned; whereas the estimated time required for execution of the amendment does not exceed the limits laid down in Article 3 (1) (g) of the Regulation;

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 amendment to the programme relating to meat processing (slaughtering, cutting and utilization of slaughter by-products) forwarded by the French Government pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 on 24 January 1986 concerning which supplementary information was submitted on 24 April 1986 is hereby approved.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 24 June 1986.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESSEN

Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 51, 23. 2. 1977, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 372, 31. 12. 1985, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 97, 15. 4. 1980, p. 46.