COMMISSION DECISION

of 12 June 1987

approving the programme for tobacco forwarded by the French Government pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77

(Only the French text is authentic)

(87/349/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 560/87 [2], and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas on 5 August 1986 the French Government forwarded a programme for tobacco and whereas on 15 January 1987 it provided additional information on the said programme;

Whereas the programme covers the harvesting, collection, storage, grading, curing and processing of tobacco with a view to safeguarding the quality of what is a delicate product, obtaining the best return for that product and making the tobacco sector as a whole more competitive; whereas it therefore constitutes a programme within the meaning of Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77;

Whereas, taking into account the product in question, the structural situation of the regions concerned and the conditions of competition, aid from the Fund may, in accordance with Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77, be granted in respect of tobacco-harvesting equipment;

Whereas the programme 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 tobacco sector in France; whereas the estimated time required for the execution of the programme does not exceed the limits laid down in Article 3 (1) (g) of the said 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 programme for tobacco, forwarded by the French Government on 5 August 1986 and supplemented on 15 January 1987 pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 355/77, is hereby approved, including the investment in tobacco-harvesting equipment referred to in Article 6 of the said Regulation.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 12 June 1987.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESSEN

Vice-President

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[1] OJ No L 51, 23. 2. 1977, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 57, 27. 2. 1987, p. 6.