COMMISSION DECISION

of 12 January 1988

approving a programme for the rice sector in Portugal pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77

(Only the Portuguese text is authentic)

(88/103/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 20 July 1987 the Portuguese Government forwarded a programme for the rice sector and supplied additional information on 9 October 1987;

Whereas the aims of this programme are to build drying and storage facilities, to rationalize and modernize the skinning and milling of rice so as to make this sector more competitive and add value to its output; whereas it therefore constitutes a programme within the meaning of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77;

Whereas, due to the situation of the market and the competition between different raw materials, the approval of this second programme should not cover projects related to starch and fecula;

Whereas this programme contains sufficient information as prescribed by Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 to show that the aims set out in Article 1 of that Regulation can be achieved in the rice sector in Portugal; whereas the estimated time required for implementation of the second programme does not exceed the period mentioned in Article 3 (1) (g) of that Regulation;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The programme for the rice sector forwarded by the Portuguese Government on 20 July 1987 and for which additional information was provided on 9 October 1987 pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 is approved.

2. The approval does not cover projects related to starch and fecula.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Portuguese Republic.

Done at Brussels, 12 January 1988.

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.