COMMISSION DECISION

of 12 April 1988

on improving the efficiency of agricultural structures in Spain pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 797/85

(Only the Spanish text is authentic)

(88/261/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 797/85 of 12 March 1985 on improving the efficiency of agricultural structures [1], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1760/87 [2], and in particular Article 25 (3) thereof,

Whereas, pursuant to Article 24 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 797/85, the Spanish Government communicated the following provisions on 4 November 1987 :

— Royal Decree No 1030/87 of 31 July 1987 on a compensatory allowance in mountain and hill-farming areas,

— Ministerial Order of 26 August 87 implementing Royal Decree No 1030/87,

— Royal Decree No 995/87 of 24 July 1987 on aid to collective investment for the improvement of agricultural holdings in less-favoured areas,

— Ministerial Order of 3 August 1987 coordinating the granting of aid to collective investment in less-favoured areas,

— IRYDA circular No 29/8 of 14 October 1987 implementing Royal Decree No 995/87 ;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 25 (1) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 797/85, the Commission has to decide whether, in the light of the abovementioned communication, the provisions adopted in Spain for the implementation of Title III of Regulation (EEC) No 797/85 satisfy the conditions for a financial contribution from the Community to the common measure referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 797/85 ;

Whereas an annual review of the compensatory allowance depending on available budget funds is consistent with the objectives of Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 797/85 only if there is some degree of continuity in the assessment of natural handicaps and in the fixing of the amounts of the allowance ;

Whereas, this Decision covers only the aids granted in the regions entered on the Community list of less-favoured farming areas annexed to Council Directive 86/466/EEC [3] ;

Whereas, subject to the comments made above, the abovementioned provisions are consistent with the conditions and objectives of Regulation (EEC) No 797/85 ;

Whereas the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) Committee has been consulted on the financial aspects ;

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

1. The provisions adopted in Spain for the implementation of Title III of Regulation (EEC) No 797/85 satisfy the conditions governing a financial contribution from the Community in respect of the common measure referred to in Article 1 of the said Regulation in the regions entered on the Community of less-favoured farming areas annexed to Directive 86/466/EEC.

2. Spain shall ensure continuity in the assessment of permanent natural handicaps and in the fixing of the amounts of the compensatory allowance.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Spain.

Done at Brussels, 12 April 1988.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESSEN

Vice-President

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[1] OJ No L 93, 30. 3. 1985, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 167, 26. 6. 1987, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 273, 24. 9. 1986, p. 104.