COMMISSION DECISION

of 19 September 1988

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

(Only the Spanish text is authentic)

(88/507/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 1137/88 [2], and in particular Article 25 thereof,

Whereas in accordance with Article 24 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 797/85, the Spanish Government, on 24 February 1988, notified the following provisions adopted by the autonomous community of the Basque country concerning the compensatory allowances in mountain and hill and less-favoured areas :

— Decreto Foral 1626/1987 of 22 December 1987 of the Diputación Foral de Álava,

— Decreto Foral 142/1987 of 2 December 1987 of the Diputación Foral de Vizcaya,

— Decreto Foral 64/1987 of 1 December 1987 of the Diputación Foral de Guipúzcoa ;

Whereas under Article 25 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 797/85, the Commission has to decide whether, taking account of the abovementioned notifications, the provisions concerning the implementation of Title III of Regulation (EEC) No 797/85, in force in Spain, continue to meet the conditions for a financial contribution by the Community to the common measure referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 797/85 ;

Whereas an appreciation of the compensatory allowance varying with each region depending on the budgetary availabilities does not correspond to the objectives of Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 797/85 unless a certain continuity and homogeneity in the appreciation of the natural handicaps and in the fixing of the allowance is ensured in each one of the regions ;

Whereas, subject to the above comments, the abovementioned provisions meet 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. In view of the following provisions of the autonomous region of the Basque country : 'Decreto Foral 1626/1987 of the Diputación Foral de Álava', 'Decreto Foral 142/1987 of the Diputación Foral de Vizcaya' and 'Decreto Foral 64/1987 of the Duputación Foral de Guipúzcoa', the provisions adopted in Spain for the implementation of Title III of Regulation (EEC) No 797/85 continue to satisfy the conditions for a Community financial contribution towards the common measure referred to in Article 1 of the said Regulation in the areas appearing on the Community list of less-favoured farming areas annexed to Council Directive 86/466/EEC [3].

2. Spain shall ensure continuity and homogeneity in the appreciation of the permanent natural handicaps and in the fixing of the compensatory allowance in each one of the regions.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Spain.

Done at Brussels, 19 September 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 108, 29. 4. 1988, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 273, 24. 9. 1986, p. 104.