COMMISSION DECISION

of 4 October 1991

approving the French programme of agricultural income aid for farmers in general

(91/553/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 768/89 of 21 March 1989 establishing a system of transitional aids to agricultural income [1], and in particular Article 7 (3) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3813/89 of 19 December 1989 laying down detailed rules for the application of transitional aids to agricultural income [2], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1110/91 [3], and in particular Article 10 (3) thereof,

Whereas France has notified the Commission of its intention to introduce a programme of agricultural income aid for farmers in general; whereas the Commission approved this programme by Decision 96/606/EEC [4];

Whereas on 15 July 1991 France notified the Commission that the actual demand for support under the programme was higher than initially anticipated; whereas the increase provided for in the total amount of aid remains within the limits set by Community law; whereas, therefore, it seems appropriate to authorize the envisaged change and the increase in the sums eligible for Community finance which the authorization implies;

Whereas at the same time France notified certain adjustments to the rules of application of the programme;

Whereas these increase and adjustments do not change the substance of the approval Decision 90/606/EEC; whereas for reasons of legal clarity it seems nevertheless appropriate to take a new approval decision;

Whereas on 19 September 1991, the Management Committee for Agricultural Income Aids was consulted on the measures provided for in this Decision;

Whereas on 19 September 1991, the Management Committee was consulted on the maximum amounts that may be charged annually to the Community budget as a result of adopting this Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The programme of agricultural income aid notified to the Commission by France on 12 June 1990, as amended by the communication of 15 July 1991, is hereby approved.

Article 2

The maximum amounts that may be charged annually to the Community budget as a result of this Decision shall be as follows:

	(in million ECU)
1991	2,5
1992	16,3
1993	23,4
1994	19,4
1995	15,4
1996	10,9
1997	3,8

Article 3

Commission Decision 90/606/EEC is hereby revoked. However, any request for aid submitted to the French authorities prior to notification of this Decision may be

(1) OJ No L 84, 29. 3. 1989, p. 8.
(2) OJ No L 371, 20. 12. 1989, p. 17.
(3) OJ No L 110, 1. 5. 1991, p. 72.
(4) OJ No L 320, 20. 11. 1990, p. 26.

examined under the conditions provided for in the programme notified on 12 June 1990.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 4 October 1991.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission