COMMISSION DECISION

of 23 December 1992

on the regionalization plan submitted by France under Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92

(Only the French text is authentic)

(93/120/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 of 30 June 1992 establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops [1], and in particular Article 16 thereof,

Whereas on 3 August 1992 France forwarded a 'framework' regionalization plan to the Commission pursuant to Article 3 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92;

Whereas an examination of the abovementioned plan shows that oilseeds are treated separately from other arable crops as a result of a specific regionalization approach carrying over the previous system;

Whereas cereals yields are calculated by means of a special equalization formula differing from that for determining compensatory payments;

Whereas, however, treating oilseeds in the same way as other arable crops could lead to difficulties for oilseeds when applied too inflexibly; whereas the unmodulated application of the criteria laid down for calculating the cereal yields in Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 is likely to cause considerable difficulties as regards the income of producers in French regions with lower yields; whereas provision should therefore be made for a transitional period to facilitate the switchover from the system previously applicable to oilseeds to that provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 and to permit the necessary adjustments in regions with lower yields;

Whereas the other aspects of the plan call for no special remarks at this stage;

Whereas the joint Management Committee for Cereals, Oils and Fats and Dried Fodder has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its Chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. As a temporary measure, for the 1993/94 and 1994/95 marketing years France may apply the following points of the 'framework' regionalization plan which it submitted on 3 August 1992:

(a) different cereal yields for calculating the compensatory aids for oilseeds and cereals;

(b) the special equalization formula for calculating yields.

2. For the 1995/96 marketing year, before 30 April 1993 the French Republic shall submit a plan revising the points set out in paragraph 1 in accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92.

Article 2

The Community shall not be liable financially should expenditure exceed that arising from the application of this Decision.

Article 3

This Decision shall be addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 23 December 1992.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ No L 181, 1. 7. 1992, p. 12.