COMMISSION DECISION

of 5 March 1993

on the establishment of a supplement to the addendum to the Community support framework for Community structural assistance in Italy (Abruzzo, Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Molise, Puglia, Sardinia and Sicily) on the improvement of the conditions under which forestry products are processed and marketed

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(93/189/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 of 24 June 1988 on the tasks of the Structural Funds and their effectiveness and on coordination of their activities between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments [1], and in particular Article 8 (5) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 866/90 of 29 March 1990 on improving the processing and marketing conditions for agricultural products [2], as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3577/90 [3], and in particular Article 7 (2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 867/90 of 29 March 1990 on improving the processing and marketing conditions for forestry products [4],

After consultation of the Committee for the development and reconversion of regions,

Whereas the Commission has approved by Decision 89/638/EEC [5] the Community support framework for structural assistance in Italy (Abruzzo, Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Molise, Puglia, Sardinia and Sicily);

Whereas, on 11 June 1992 the Italian Government submitted to the Commission a sectoral plan on the modernization of the conditions under which forestry products are processed and marketed referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 867/90;

Whereas the plan submitted by the Member State includes descriptions of the main priorities selected and indications of the use to be made of assistance under the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), Guidance Section in implementing the plan;

Whereas measures falling within the scope of Regulation (EEC) No 867/90 may be taken into consideration by the Commission when establishing the Community support frameworks for areas covered by Objective 1 as provided for in Title III of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas this supplement to the addendum to the Community support framework has been established in agreement with the Member State concerned through the partnership defined in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas all measures which constitute the supplement to the addendum are in conformity with Commission Decision 90/342/EEC of 7 June 1990 on the selection criteria to be adopted for investments for improving the processing and marketing conditions for agricultural and forestry products [6];

Whereas the Commission is prepared to examine the possibility of the other Community lending instruments contributing to the financing of this Community support framework in accordance with the specific provisions governing them;

Whereas in accordance with Article 10 (2) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards coordination of the activities of the different Structural Funds between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments [7], this Decision is to be sent as a declaration of intent to the Member State;

Whereas in accordance with Article 20 (1) and (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 budgetary commitments relating to the contribution from the Structural Funds to the financing of the operations covered by the Community support framework will be made on the basis of subsequent Commission decisions approving the operations concerned;

[1] OJ No L 185, 15. 7. 1988, p. 9.
[2] OJ No L 91, 6. 4. 1990, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 353, 17. 12. 1990, p. 23.
[4] OJ No L 91, 6. 4. 1990, p. 7.
[5] OJ No L 370, 19. 12. 1989, p. 35.
[6] OJ No L 163, 29. 6. 1990, p. 71.
[7] OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 1.

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for Agricultural Structures and Rural Development,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The supplement to the addendum to the Community support framework for Community structural assistance on the improvement of the conditions under which forestry products are processed and marketed in Italy (Abruzzo, Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Molise, Puglia, Sardinia and Sicily) covering the period 1 January 1992 to 31 December 1993 is hereby established.

The Commission declares that it intends to contribute to the implementation of this Community support framework in accordance with the detailed provisions thereof and in compliance with the rules and guidelines of the Structural Funds and the other existing financial instruments.

Article 2

The supplement to the addendum to the Community support framework contains the following essential information :

(a) a statement of the main priorities for joint action in the forestry products sector ;

(b) an indicative financing plan specifying, at constant 1993 prices, the total cost of the priorities adopted for joint action by the Community and the Member State concerned, ECU 10 764 000 for the whole period, and the financial arrangements envisaged for budgetary assistance from the Community, ECU 5 382 000.

The resultant national financing requirement, approximately ECU 2 691 000 for the public sector and ECU 2 691 000 for the private sector, may be partially covered by Community loans from the European Investment Bank and the other loan instruments.

Article 3

This declaration of intent is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 5 March 1993.

For the Commission

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