COMMISSION DECISION

of 5 March 1993

on the establishment of a supplement 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 (with the exception of the following regions: Abruzzo, Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Molise, Puglia, Sardinia and Sicily)

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(93/190/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 866/90 of 29 March 1990 on improving the processing and marketing conditions for agricultural products [1], as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3577/90 [2], and in particular Article 7 (2) thereof,

Whereas, by virtue of Council Regulation (EEC) No 867/90 of 29 March 1990 on improving the processing and marketing conditions for forestry products [3], the measures introduced by Regulation (EEC) No 866/90 are extended to apply to the forestry sector;

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 this supplement to the Community support framework has been established in agreement with the Member State concerned through the partnership defined in Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 of 24 June 1988 on 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 [4];

Whereas all the measures which constitute the Community support framework 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 [5];

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 [6], 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;

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

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

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 Community support framework contains the following essential information :

(a) a statement of the main priorities for joint action ;

(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 20 106 000 for the whole period, and the financial arrangements envisaged for budgetary assistance from the Community, ECU 5 228 000.

The resultant national financing requirement, approximately ECU 5 026 000 for the public sector and ECU 9 852 000 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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