COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 12 November 1998

adopting the plan allocating to the Member States resources to be charged to the 1999 budget year for the supply of food from intervention stocks for the benefit of the most deprived persons in the Community

(notified under document number C(1998) 3485)

(98/657/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3730/87 of 10 December 1987 laying down the general rules for the supply of food from intervention stocks to designated organisations for distribution to the most deprived persons in the Community [1], as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2535/95 [2], and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3813/92 of 28 December 1992 on the unit of account and the conversion rates to be applied for the purposes of the common agricultural policy [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 150/95 [4], and in particular Articles 3(4) and 6(2) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3149/92 [5], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 267/96 [6], lays down detailed rules for the supply of food from intervention stocks for the benefit of the most deprived persons in the Community; whereas, in accordance with Article 2 of the abovementioned Regulation, in order to implement the scheme for the supply of such food to the most deprived section of the population, the Commission must adopt a plan to be financed from resources available in the 1999 budget year; whereas this plan should indicate in particular the quantity of products by type that may be withdrawn from intervention stock for distribution in each Member State and the financial resources made available to implement the plan in each Member State; whereas this plan should also indicate the level of appropriations to be reserved to cover costs of intra-Community transport of intervention products as referred to in Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 3149/92;

Whereas the Member States involved in the plan have supplied the information required in accordance with Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 3149/92;

Whereas the intra-Community transfers necessary for the use of those quantities of products should also be authorised under the conditions provided for in Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 3149/92;

Whereas, to implement the plan, the conversion rates to be applied to the funds allocated to the Member States should be specified and Article 3(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 3813/92 should be applied;

Whereas, to ensure that the budget appropriations are fully used, account must be taken of the degree to which the Member States used the resources allocated to them in previous years;

Whereas in accordance with Article 2(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3149/92 the Commission has sought the advice of major organisations familiar with the problems of the most deprived persons in the Community when drawing up this plan;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinions of all the relevant management committees,

[1] OJ L 352, 15. 12. 1987, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 260, 31. 10. 1995, p. 3.
[3] OJ L 387, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1.
[4] OJ L 22, 31. 1. 1995, p. 1.
[5] OJ L 313, 30. 10. 1992, p. 50.
[6] OJ L 36, 14. 2. 1996, p. 2.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the 1999 financial year, foodstuffs for distribution to the most deprived persons in the Community, pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 3730/87, shall be supplied in accordance with the annual distribution plan set out in Annex I.

Article 2

The intra-Community transfer operations listed in Annex II are hereby authorised.

Article 3

The amounts in ecus shall be converted into national currencies using the rates applicable on 1 October 1998 and published in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 12 November 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

Annual distribution plan for 1999

(a) *Financial resources available to implement the plan in each Member State*

(ecu)

Member State	Allocation
Belgium	3 298 000
Denmark	1 095 000
Greece	19 276 000
Spain	51 976 000
France	36 728 000
Ireland	2 031 000
Italy	51 414 000
Luxembourg	44 000
Portugal	19 938 000
Finland	1 200 000
Total	187 000 000

(b) *Quantity of each type of product to be withdrawn from Community intervention stocks for distribution in each Member State subject to the maximum values indicated in point (a)*

(tonnes)

Member State	Products					
	Cereals	Rice (paddy rice)	Olive oil	Milk powder	Butter	Beef/veal
Belgium	3 500			480		500
Denmark						300
Greece		14 900	4 500			1 590
Spain	30 000	12 000	4 000	3 200		8 154
France	17 240	1 800		9 800		3 515
Ireland					60	500
Italy	26 000	21 785	4 000	7 000		5 000
Portugal	6 500	12 500	2 000	4 000		700
Finland	3 760					200
Total	87 000	62 985	14 500	24 480	60	20 459

(c) *Allocation for Luxembourg with a view to purchases on the Community market*

— Beef/veal: ECU 17 375.

— Milk powder: ECU 24 662.

In accordance with Articles 2(3) and 5(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3149/92, these amounts are to be converted into national currency using the agricultural conversion rate in force on 1 October 1998.

(d) The appropriations needed to cover the intra-Community transfer costs of the intervention products are fixed at ECU 3 million.

ANNEX II

Intra-Community transfers authorised under the plan for 1999

Product	Quantity (tonnes)	Holder	Consignee
1. Olive oil	2 000	FEGA	INGA
2. Milk powder	3 200	Intervention Board	FEGA
3. Milk powder	7 000	BLE	AIMA
4. Common wheat	6 500	ONIC	INGA
5. Rice	12 500	FEGA	INGA
6. Milk powder	4 000	Ministry of Agriculture, Ireland	INGA
7. Beef	200	Ministry of Agriculture, Denmark	Minsitry of Agriculture, Finland
8. Beef	1 590	Ministry of Agriculture, Ireland	Ministry of Agriculture, Greece
9. Milk powder	9 800	BLE	Ministry of Agriculture, France