COMMISSION DECISION

of 16 December 1999

adopting the plan allocating to the Member States resources to be charged to the 2000 budget year for the supply of food from intervention stocks for the benefit of the most deprived persons in the Community

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(2000/32/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 (EC) No 2799/98 of 15 December 1998 establishing agrimonetary arrangements for the euro [3], and in particular Article 3(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3149/92 [4], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 267/96 [5], lays down detailed rules for the supply of food from intervention stocks for the benefit of the most deprived persons in the Community. In accordance with Article 2 of the above Regulation, 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 2000 budget year. This plan should indicate in particular the quantity of products by type that may be withdrawn from intervention stocks for distribution in each Member State and the financial resources made available to implement the plan in each Member State. It 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.

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

(3) For the purposes of resource allocation, account must be taken of experience and of the degree to which the Member States used the resources allocated to them in previous years.

(4) The intra-Community transfers necessary to bring the plan to fruition should also be authorised under the conditions provided for in Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 3149/92.

(5) To implement the plan, the operative event within the meaning of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 2799/98 should be the date on which the financial year for administration of stocks in public storage starts.

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

(7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinions of all the relevant management committees,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the 2000 financial year, foodstuffs for distribution to the most deprived persons in the Community under 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

To implement the annual plan, the date of the operative event referred to in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 2799/98 shall be 1 October 1999.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 16 December 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 352, 15.12.1987, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 260, 31.10.1995, p. 3.
[3] OJ L 349, 24.12.1998, p. 1.
[4] OJ L 313, 30.10.1992, p. 50.
[5] OJ L 36, 14.2.1996, p. 2.

ANNEX I

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION PLAN FOR 2000

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

(in EUR)

Member State	Allocation
Belgium	1 879 000
Denmark	464 000
Greece	15 150 000
Spain	54 031 000
France	39 785 000
Ireland	3 162 000
Italy	52 730 000
Luxembourg	44 000
Portugal	22 892 000
Finland	1 863 000
Total	192 000 000

(b) Quantity of each type of product to be withdrawn from Community intervention stocks for distribution in each Member State subject to the maximum amounts shown under (a):

(tonnes)

Member State	Products					
	Cereals	Rice (paddy rice)	Olive oil	Butter	Milk powder	Beef (carcass equivalent)
Belgium	3 500	200		400		
Denmark						127
Greece	20 000	10 000	4 000		1 000	
Spain	60 000	34 000	7 000	6 000	1 150	
France	18 200	2 325			9 350	4 550
Ireland				60		810
Italy	60 000	60 000	5 000	5 000		
Portugal	15 000	10 000	3 000	2 100	2 376	
Finland	9 715				300	
Total	186 415	116 525	19 000	13 560	14 176	5 487

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

— beef: EUR 17 375,

— milk powder: EUR 24 662.

(d) The appropriations needed to cover the intra-Community transfer costs of the intervention products are fixed at EUR 4 million.

ANNEX II

INTRA-COMMUNITY TRANSFERS AUTHORISED UNDER THE PLAN FOR 2000

Product	Quantity (tonnes)	Holder	Consignee
1. Cereals	20 000	ONIC	Ministry of Agriculture, Greece
2. Cereals	15 000	ONIC	INGA
3. Rice	200	Ente Risi	Ministry of Agriculture, Belgium
4. Rice	10 000	FEGA	INGA
5. Olive oil	3 000	FEGA	INGA
6. Butter	2 100	Ministry of Agriculture, Netherlands	INGA
7. Milk powder	2 376	Ministry of Agriculture, Ireland	INGA
8. Milk powder	1 000	BLE	Ministry of Agriculture, Greece
9. Milk powder	7 000	Ministry of Agriculture, Netherlands	Ministry of Agriculture, France
10. Butter	2 500	BLE	AIMA
11. Cereals	45 000	ONIC	AIMA
12. Olive oil	2 500	Ministry of Agriculture, Greece	AIMA