COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 June 2000

amending Decision 95/196/EC on the long-term national aid scheme for agriculture in the northern regions of Finland

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(Only the Finnish and Swedish texts are authentic)

(2000/405/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 142 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Finland, acting in accordance with Article 143 of the Act of Accession, notified the Commission on 26 October 1994 of the aid scheme proposed under Article 142.

(2) The aid scheme was approved by Commission Decision 95/196/EC [1], as amended by Decision 97/279/EC [2].

(3) Finland requested the Commission on 15 May 1998, 28 July 1999, 11 January 2000 and 31 January 2000 to amend certain aspects of Decision 95/196/EC and subsequently presented additional information in support of its requests.

(4) In the abovementioned letters Finland asked that it be allowed to base the calculation of overshoots in the meat sector on the sector as a whole when considering the production amounts of different meats before defining possible proportional reductions in the aid amounts for those sectors that have overshot their share. This is in conformity with the consumption and production trends of the different meats concerned and would not lead to any increase in total meat production.

(5) Finland has requested the amendment of the provision introduced by Decision 97/279/EC regarding the separation of amounts in Annex III and IV for the poultry sector, in order to allow some flexibility in the number of livestock units and the aid payable inside the sector without amending either the level of the unit aid or the total aid admissible for the sector. This is in conformity with the principles of the aid scheme.

(6) Finland has requested that the livestock unit coefficient for nanny goats in Annex V be increased to allow the total amount of aid admissible to be paid per livestock unit instead of partially paying it on the basis of the amount of milk produced. The possibility of paying aid partially on the basis of the amount of milk produced should be ended, by amending Annex III to refer to cow's milk only. This is in conformity with Decision 95/196/EC, as the total amount of aid for the sector remains unchanged.

(7) Since in accordance with Article 4(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the common organisation of the market in beef and veal [3] Finland has decided not to apply this upper limit under the common organisation of the market, it appears appropriate to remove this limit in respect of national aids as well.

(8) Finland has requested that the livestock density applied in the case of suckler cows and male bovine animals should apply to those animals only. Since Commission Decision 2000/167/EC of 22 December 1999 approving a Finnish national aid programme implementing in particular Article 141 of the Act concerning the conditions of accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden [4] already provides for this possibility, the Commission considers this request to be justified in particular in order to avoid any discrimination between producers in different parts of Finland.

[1] OJ L 126, 9.6.1995, p. 35.
[2] OJ L 112, 29.4.1997, p. 34.
[3] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21.
[4] OJ L 54, 26.2.2000, p. 44.

(9) Council Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 [1] has been replaced by Regulation (EC) No 1251/1999 of 17 May 1999 establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops [2].

(10) Council Regulation (EEC) No 3013/89 [3], has been replaced by Council Regulation (EC) No 2467/98 of 3 November 1998 on the common organisation of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat [4].

(11) Inclusion of the SLOM quantities allocated in 1997 and 1998 justify certain amendments to Annexes II, III and IV to Decision 95/196/EC.

(12) Some technical corrections should be made to Annex III as regards the total aid admissible for horses and aid admissible for sheep and nanny goats, Annex IV as regards 'Other UAA' and 'Total UAA' and Annex VI as regards the grand total for potatoes for starch.

(13) The national authorities should have the necessary time to prepare the annual information to be provided for the Commission.

(14) Decision 95/196/EC should be amended accordingly.

(15) In view of the nature and scope of the amendments, and at the request of Finland, this Decision should apply from 1 January 2000 with the exception of the amendments with regard to overshoots in the meat sector, which should apply from 1 January 1998, and with the exception of the amendments with regard to the entry for milk in Annex II and the entry for dairy cows in Annex IV, which should apply from 1 January 1999,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 95/196/EC is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 3(2) is amended as follows:

(a) Point (a) is replaced by the following:

'(a) arable land: to the average number of hectares in the region which were sown in the period 1989 to 1991 to arable crops or, as the case may be, left fallow in accordance with a publicly funded compensatory scheme as referred to in Article 2(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1251/1999 (*);

(*) OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 1.';

(b) Point (d) is replaced by the following:

'(d) suckler cows: to the individual ceilings allocated to each producer pursuant to Article 7(1) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1254/1999 (*);

(*) OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 21.';

(c) Point (e) is deleted;

(d) Point (f) is replaced by the following:

'(f) sheep and goats: to the individual limits allocated to producers pursuant to Article 10(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 2467/98 (*).

(*) OJ L 312, 20.11.1998, p. 1.';

(e) The second paragraph is replaced by the following:

'Suckler cows and male bovine animals: The total number of animals qualifying for the aid shall be limited by the application of a stocking density on the holding of two livestock units (LU) per hectare of forage area.'

2. Article 4(1)(a) is amended as follows:

(a) Point (a) is replaced by the following:

'(a) as part of the information provided pursuant to Article 143(2) of the Act of Accession, forward to the Commission each year before 1 June information on the effects of the aid granted and in particular on the trend in production and in the means of production qualifying for the aid, the trend in the economy of the regions concerned and the effects on the protection of the environment and the preservation of the countryside referred to in the fourth indent of the third subparagraph of Article 142(3) of the Act of Accession;'

(b) The following sentences are added to point (c):

'As regards meat products, the aid granted shall be reduced only in the event of an overrun of the total quantity of production of those products as defined in Annex II, in which case the subsequent net reduction in aid shall be in proportion to the overrun of products for which the overrun has occurred. In this context "meat products" shall mean beef and veal, sheepmeat and goatmeat, pigmeat, poultrymeat and reindeer meat.'

3. Annexes II, III.6, IV, V and VI are replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

[1] OJ L 181, 1.7.1992, p. 12.
[2] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 1.
[3] OJ L 289, 7.10.1989, p. 1.
[4] OJ L 312, 20.11.1998, p. 1.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 2000 with the exception of Article 1(2)(b) which shall apply from 1 January 1998, and of Article 1(3) in respect of the entry for milk in Annex II and the entry for dairy cows in Annex IV, which shall apply from 1 January 1999.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Finland.

Done at Brussels, 7 June 2000.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

'ANNEX II

As referred to in Article 2(2)

Per product

Product	Production in northern subregions *(in tonnes)*						Overall support 1993 *(in million FIM)*
	C_1	C_2	C_2 north	C_3	C_4	Total	
1. ANIMAL PRODUCTS							
Beef/veal	18 400	31 700	3 600	5 600	600	59 900 (1)	1 216
Sheepmeat and goatmeat	223	276	60	111	41	711	35
Pigmeat	42 900	24 700	1 300	2 000	6	70 906 (2)	301
Eggs	16 950	8 000	1 000	1 000	2	26 952	109
Poultrymeat	8 335	1 075	10	20	1	9 441	44
Reindeer meat	—	—	—	1 073	2 370	3 443	41
Horses (LU) (3)	2 400	2 800	340	390	70	6 000	32,2
Milk	534 234	922 953	104 024	165 651	24 000	1 750 863 (4)	2 648 (5)
Total 1							4 426,2
2. CROP PRODUCTS							
Sugar	17 570	2 270	0	0	0	19 840	24
Starch (6)	24 160	9 400	0	0	0	33 560	40
Cereals and other arable crops:	900 400	717 800	52 500	32 500	0	1 703 200	1 858
— barley, oats, mixed cereals	(809 400)	(680 000)	(52 000)	(32 000)	(0)	(1 573 000)	(1 616)
— other cereals and arable crops	(91 400)	(37 800)	(500)	(500)		(130 200)	(242)
Horticulture:							
— under permanent shelter:							
— vegetables	41 000	10 000	400	400	200	52 000	187
— flowers	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	60 (7)	71
— field-scale vegetables	39 000	20 000	1 600	2 000	60	62 660	44
— apples	50	50	0	0	0	100	0,3
— wild soft fruit and wild mushrooms	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	40 000	2
Total 2							2 226,3
Grand total							6 652,5 (8)

(1) Excluding cow's meat (26 300 t).

(2) Including sow's meat (3 100 t).

(3) Mares for breeding, foals (one to three years old) and Finnish horses.

(4) Including 23 009 t SLOM quantity allocated in Finland in 1995 and 1996 and 7 854 t allocated in 1997 and 1998. These quantities may be supplemented with those allocated in accordance with the Act of Accession from the reserve decided on for the Finnish SLOM.

(5) Including FIM 200 million to offset the aid for cow's meat.

(6) A production system applies to potato starch.

(7) Million items.

(8) Plus FIM 22,7 million for aid for Scolt Lapps, the natural economy and the reindeer industry.

(*) In subregions where the aid is payable.'

'III.6. As referred to in the first subparagraph of Article 3(1), as from the year 2000

Product	Unit aid permissible per full year, *(FIM/ha, LU, kg or t)*					Total aid permissible per subregion *(FIM million)*					
	Subregion					Subregion					
	C_1 (1)	C_2 (1)	C_2 north	C_3	C_4	C_1	C_2	C_2 north	C_3	C_4	Total
1. ANIMAL PRODUCTS *(FIM/LU)*											
Bovine animals, of which											
— suckler cows	1 900	1 950	2 400	2 850	3 950	12,4	13,8	1,6	2,6	0,6	31,0
— male bovine animals > 6 months	2 450	2 500	2 950	4 700 (2) 5 200 (2)	6 300 (3) 7 800 (3)	88,2	155,8	21,4	54,4	6,7	326,5
— heifers for slaughter *(FIM/head)* (4)	1 680	1 720	2 000	2 240	2 720	29,2	51,6	6,8	12,2	2,2	102,0
Ewes/she-goats	2 450	2 500	2 950	4 900 (5) 5 500 (5)	6 600 (6) 8 200 (6)	4,2	4,6	1,4	4,1	2,1	16,4
Swine	2 450	2 500	2 950	2 950	3 400	156,1	94,0	6,2	9,3	0,1	265,7
Poultry	2 450	2 500	2 950	3 400	4 500	58,1	19,3	2,5	1,2	0,02	81,1 (13)
Horses (7)	2 500	2 500	2 500	2 500	2 500	6,0	7,0	0,9	1,0	0,18	15,1
Reindeer *(FIM/head)*	—	—	—	160	160	—	—	—	11,4	25,2	36,6
Cow's milk *(FIM/kg)* (8)	0,62	0,63	0,74	0,92-1,17	1,44-1,96	331,2	581,5	77,0	181,4	33,7	204,8
Aid for transport of milk and meat (9)			(*)	(*)	(*)			(*)	(*)	(*)	13,5
Total 1											2 092,7
2. CROP PRODUCTS *(FIM/ha)*											
Sugarbeet	2 000	200 + 2 000	200 + 2 000	—	—	6,5	1,1	0,0	—	—	7,6
Potatoes for starch production	1 000	200 + 1 000	200 + 1 000	—	—	4,5	2,5	0,0	—	—	7,0
Cereals and other arable crops											
— Barley, oats, mixed cereals	0	200 + 0	200 + 0	400 + 0	800 + 0	0,0	45,4	4,0	5,0	0,1	54,5
— other cereals and crops (10)	800	200 + 800	200 + 800	—	—	23,4	7,3	0,2	—	—	30,9
Horticulture											
— under permanent shelter *(m^2)*											107,0
— vegetables											39,8
— flowers and plants											
— > 7 months	80	80	80	80	80						
— 2 to 7 months	40	40	40	40	40						
— field scale vegetables *(per ha)*	2 350	200 + 2 350	200 + 2 350	400 + 2 350	800 + 2 350	3,0	1,7	0,1	0,2	0,01	5,1

Product	Unit aid permissible per full year, *(FIM/ha, LU, kg or t)*					Total aid permissible per subregion *(FIM million)*					
	Subregion					Subregion					
	C_1 (1)	C_2 (1)	C_2 north	C_3	C_4	C_1	C_2	C_2 north	C_3	C_4	Total
Apples	920	200 + 920	200 + 920	—	—	0,01	0,01	0,0			0,01
Aid for storage *(FIM/m³/year)* (11):											15,0
— with heat control	120	120	120	120	120						
— without heat control	80	80	80	80	80						
— wild soft fruit and wild mushrooms *(FIM/kg/year)* (11)	2,5	2,5	2,5	2,5	2,5	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	2,0
Payment per ha UAA (pasturage, set-aside, etc.)	0	200	200	400	800	0	81,1	12,2	48,6	15,7	157,6
Young farmers/ha	200	200	200	200	200	36,6	46,4	4,5	6,0	0,7	94,2
Total 2											520,7
Other aids (12)				(*)	(*)				(*)	(*)	22,7
Grand total											2 636,1

(1) Rate of aid for islands = C_2 north.

(2) Subareas P_1-P_2: FIM 4 700/LU (of which FIM 3 400 annual aid and FIM 1 300 once in the life of the animal); P_3-P_4: FIM 5 200/LU (of which FIM 3 400 annual aid and FIM 1 800 once in the life of the animal).

(3) Subarea P_4: FIM 6 300/LU (of which FIM 4 500 annual aid and FIM 1 800 once in the life of the animal), P_5: FIM 7 800/LU (of which FIM 4 500 animal aid and FIM 3 300 once in the life of the animal).

(4) Aid granted once in the life of the animal at time of slaughter.

(5) Subareas P_1-P_2: FIM 4 900; P_3-P_4: FIM 5 500/LU.

(6) Subareas P_4: FIM 6 600/LU; P_5: FIM 8 200/LU.

(7) Mares for breeding, foals (one to three years old) and Finnish horses.

(8) Unit aid for milk per subarea (FIM/kg): C_3: P_1 = 0,92, P_2 = 1,02, P_3 = 1,17, P_4 = 1,17 e C_4: P_4 = 1,44, P_5 = 1,96.

(9) — Milk: provinces of Kainuu and Lappi and region of Koillismaa.
— Meat: province of Lappi.

(10) The corresponding amounts represents the maximum aid.

(11) Aid granted for quantities in storage at the end of June limited to FIM 2/kg for wild cloudberries, FIM 0,6/kg for other wild soft fruit and FIM 2,5/kg for wild mushrooms.

(12) Scolt Lapps, natural economy and reindeer industry.

(13) For table fowl and other poultry not exceeding FIM 44 million.

(*) In subregions where the aid is payable.'

'ANNEX IV

As referred to in the second indent of the second subparagraph of Article 3(1)

Quantities expressed in production factors

(LU or ha)

Product	Northern subregions					
	C_1	C_2	C_2 north	C_3	C_4	Total
1. *Animal products (LU)*						
Total bovine animals, of which:	188 550	316 700	35 900	56 550	7 650	605 350
— suckler cows	6 550	7 100	650	900	150	15 350
— dairy cows (1)	98 156	169 748	19 096	30 694	4 556	322 250
— male bovine animals	36 000	62 300	7 250	11 100	1 050	117 700
— heifers for slaughter (head)	17 390	30 020	3 380	5 440	810	57 040
Sheep/goats	2 027	2 116	540	827	376	5 886
Swine	63 700	37 600	2 100	3 150	40	106 590
Poultry	23 700	7 700	850	355	5	32 610
Horses	2 400	2 800	340	390	70	6 000
Reindeer (head)	0	0	0	71 500	157 500	229 000
2. *Crop products (ha)*						
Sugarbeet	3 230	520	0	0	0	3 750
Potatoes for starch production	4 490	2 090	0	0	0	6 580
Cereals and other arable crops:	286 780	237 500	20 720	12 600	100	557 700
— barley, oats, mixed cereals	248 000	227 050	19 900	12 600	100	507 650
— other cereals and arable crops	38 780	10 450	820	0	0	50 050
Horticulture under permanent shelter:						
— vegetables	116	29	1,1	1,1	0,6	147,8
— flowers and plants	26,7	20	2,6	5,2	0,6	55,1
Field-scale vegetables	1 285	678	52	68	2	2 085
Apples	5	5	0	0	0	10
Other UAA	239 322	405 546	60 868	121 464	19 612	846 812
Total UAA	535 255	646 388	81 644	134 138	19 715	1 417 140

(1) This figure may be increased by a Commission Decision where an increase is decided in the quantities of milk allocated in accordance with the Act of Accession, from the reserve decided on for the Finnish SLOM quota.'

'ANNEX V

As referred to in the third indent of Article 3(1)

Coefficients for conversion into LU

(LU)

Dairy cows	1
Suckler cows	1
Male bovine animals over two years old	1
Other bovine animals over two years old	1
Other bovine animals from six months to two years old	0,6
Ewes	0,15
Goats	0,48
Sows and boars	0,7
Other swine excluding piglets	0,23
Poultry:	
— layers	0,013
— broilers	0,0053
— turkeys and other poultry	0,013
— pullets and chicks	0,0027
— breeding hens	0,026
Horses over six months old:	
Mares for breeding, including ponies	1
Finnish horses	0,85
Other horses and ponies from one to three years old.	0,6'

'ANNEX VI

As referred to in the first indent of the third subparagraph of Article 3(1)

Community aid

1. Animal products

ECU (green) 1 = FIM 7,60
ECU (budget) 1 = FIM 6,30

Area	Product	Market support Regulations (EEC) No 805/68 and (EEC) No 3886/92 (green ecus)		Compensatory allowance Regulation (EEC) No 2328/91 (budget ecus)		Agri-environmental measures Regulation (EEC) No 2078/92 (green ecus) [1]		Grand total (budget ecus)
		ECU/unit	Total ECU million [2]	ECU/LU	Total ECU million	ECU/ha [3]	Total ECU million [4]	
C_1								
	Suckler cows	175	1,146	180	1,179			
	Male bovine animals	120	7,018	180	6,480			
	Total		8,164		7,659	112	2,198	20,159
C_2								
	Suckler cows	175	1,243	180	1,278			
	Male bovine animals	120	12,105	180	11,214			
	Total		13,348		12,492	112	3,933	33,339
C_2 north								
	Suckler cows	175	0,114	180	0,117			
	Male bovine animals	120	1,404	180	1,305			
	Total		1,518		1,422	112	0,549	3,916
C_3								
	Suckler cows	175	0,158	180	0,162			
	Male bovine animals	120	2,105	180	1,998			
	Total		2,263		2,160	112	0,983	6,076
C_4								
	Suckler cows	175	0,026	180	0,027			
	Male bovine animals	120	0,175	180	0,189			
	Total		0,202		0,216	112	0,145	0,634
Total								
	Suckler cows		2,686		2,763			
	Male bovine animals		22,807		21,186			
	Total		25,493		23,949	112	7,808	64,112
C_1-C_4	Dairy cows, other bovine animals			180	85,014	112	27,718	118,451
	Total bovine animals		25,493		108,963		35,526	182,573
C_1-C_4	Ewes, she-goats	24,2	0,77	180	0,903	112	0,566	2,515
C_1-C_4	Horses			180	2,363	66 [5]	0,407	2,854
C_1-C_4	Total 1		26,263		112,229		36,499	187,942

2. Crop products

Area	Product	Market support Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 (green ecus)			Compensatory allowance Regulation (EEC) No 2328/91 (budget ecus)		Agri-environmental measures Regulation (EEC) No 2078/92 (green ecus)		Grand total (budget ecus)
		t/ha	ECU/ha	Total ECU m (6)	ECU/ha	Total ECU m	ECU/ha (7)	Total ECU m (8)	
	Cereals and other arable crops								
C_1	— barley, oats, mixed cereals	2,8	126	31,248	180	44,640	53	11,830	96,607
	— wheat, rye, barley for malt and other arable crops	2,8	126	4,889	180 (9)	5,004	53	1,851	13,135
	Total			36,137		49,644		13,680	109,740
C_2									
	— barley, oats, mixed cereals	2,3	104	23,613	180	40,869	33	6,757	77,506
	— wheat, rye, barley for malt and other arable crops	2,3	104	1,087	180	1,350	33	0,310	3,035
	Total			24,700		42,219		7,067	80,541
C_2 north									
	— barley, oats, mixed cereals	2,3	104	2,070	180	3,582	33	0,591	6,792
	— wheat, rye, barley for malt and other arable crops	2,3	104	0,085	180	0,108	33	0,024	0,239
	Total			2,155		3,690		0,615	7,032
C_3									
	— barley, oats, mixed cereals	2,3	104	1,310	180	2,268	33	0,374	4,30
	— wheat, rye, barley for malt and other arable crops								
	Total			1,310		2,268		0,374	4,30
Total									
	— barley, oats, mixed cereals			58,241		91,359		19,552	185,205
	— wheat, rye, barley for malt and other arable crops			6,061		6,462		2,185	16,410
	Total			64,302		97,821		21,737	201,614
	Other crops								
C_1	Potatoes for starch		409	1,836	180	0,808	53	2,380	6,437
C_2	Potatoes for starch		409	0,855	180	0,376	33	0,690	2,241
C_1-C_4	Sugarbeet				180	0,675	112	0,420	1,182
C_1-C_4	Field-scale vegetables				180	0,375	228	0,475	0,948
C_1-C_4	Apples						580	0,005	0,006
C_1-C_4	Soft fruit				180	0,655	580	1,901	2,948
	Total 2			66,993		100,710		27,653	215,376
	GRAND TOTAL			93,256		212,939		64,152	403,318

(1) Aid for pasturage (cows, male bovine animals, other bovine animals, suckler cows).
(2) With premium for extensification.
(3) Costs not deducted.
(4) 90 % eligible according to Finnish authorities.
(5) Finnish horses.
(6) Not including aid for set-aside.
(7) Costs not deducted.
(8) Taking account of the restrictions on farmers for alloction of aid.
(9) Wheat is not eligible if the yield is higher than 2,5 t/ha.'