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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 10 April 1974

amending Directive No 71/286/EEC concerning the statistical surveys to be carried out by the Member States in order to determine the production potential of plantations of certain types of fruit trees

(74/195/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof ;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament (1) ;

Whereas pursuant to Directive No 71/286/EEC (2), Member States are under obligation to carry out in 1972, and in the spring of each fifth year thereafter, surveys on plantations of fruit trees existing on their territories for the production of dessert apples, dessert pears, peaches and oranges ;

Whereas because of unforeseeable and insuperable difficulties, certain Member States were unable to meet the time-limits laid down in the said Directive, either because they were unable to carry out the survey in 1972, or because they were unable to submit the results of the survey to the Commission before 1 September 1973 ;

Whereas, however, the results of the survey in question are urgently needed since they form the basis for forecasts for trends in the production potential of these plantations of fruit trees, and since they are essential for medium-term forecasts of production and supply on the markets ;

Whereas steps should therefore be taken to include also in the scope of the aforementioned Directive the survey and reports made by certain Member States only after the expiry of the time-limits initially laid down,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE :

Article 1

The following Article shall be added to Directive 71/286/EEC :

'*Article 9a*

1. By way of derogation from Articles 1 and 4, the survey to be carried out in 1972 by the Member States of the Community as originally constituted may be carried out by 30 June 1974 at the latest and the results of this survey must be forwarded to the Commission before 1 March 1975.

2. For the Member States which have recourse to the provisions of paragraph 1, the words 'From 1975' shall be substituted for the words 'From 1973' contained in Articles 5 and 6, and the date of 1 March 1975 shall be substituted for that of 1 September 1973 contained in Article 9 (4).'

(1) OJ C 40, 8. 4. 1974, p. 73.
(2) OJ No L 179, 9. 8. 1971, p. 21.

Article 2

In the first sentence of Article 8 of Directive 71/286/EEC, the dates of 1 January 1976 and 1 January 1977 shall be substituted for 1 January 1975 and 1 January 1976 respectively.

Article 3

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 10 April 1974

For the Council

The President

W. SCHEEL