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REGULATION (EEC) No 2724/71 OF THE COUNCIL

of 20 December 1971

extending, for 1970, the final date by which the Commission must take a decision on applications for aid from EAGGF, Guidance Section

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;

Whereas, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 20 (1) of Council Regulation No 17/64/EEC[1] of 5 February 1964 on the conditions for granting aid from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2591/70[2], applications for aid from the Guidance Section of the Fund must be submitted to the Commission each year before 1 October, since the Commission must decide on their merits before 31 December of the following year; whereas Article 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1534/69[3] of 29 July 1969 on aid from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guidance Section, for 1970 made provision for the date for the submission of applications for 1970 to be postponed to 15 December 1969 for one half of the projects and to 31 March 1970 for the remainder;

Whereas, in view of this extension of the time limit and the delay in respect of decisions for 1969, Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 618/71[4] postponed the final date by which the Commission must decide on applications for aid from the Fund, Guidance Section for 1970 to 31 October 1971;

Whereas this extension has proved insufficient to permit applications for aid to be fully examined; whereas it is therefore necessary to postpone the final date by which the Commission must decide on the merits of such applications,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The final date by which the Commission must, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 20 (1) of Regulation No 17/64/EEC, decide on applications for aid from the Fund, Guidance Section, for 1970 which have been submitted to it within the time limits laid down in Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 1534/69 shall be postponed to 31 December 1971.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1971.

For the Council

The President

M. PEDINI

[1] OJ No 34, 27.2.1964, p. 586/64.
[2] OJ No L 280, 26.12.1970, p. 63.
[3] OJ No L 189, 2.8.1969, p. 1.
[4] OJ No L 72, 26.3.1971, p. 1.