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REGULATION (EEC) No 2140/72 OF THE COUNCIL

of 3 October 1972

extending for the years 1971, 1972 and 1973 certain time limits for granting aid from the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund

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, under Article 20 (1) of Council Regulation No 17/64/EEC,[2] 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,[3] applications for aid from the Guidance Section of the Fund must be submitted to the Commission each year before 1 October, the Commission being required to decide on the merits of such applications before 31 December of the following year; whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2591/70 of 17 December 1970 on granting aid from the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund for the year 1971 provided for the extension of the time limit for the submission of applications for the year 1971 to 31 March 1971; whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 847/72[4] of 24 April 1972 on granting aid from the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund for the year 1972 provided for the extension of that time limit for the year 1972 to 30 June 1972;

Whereas it was not possible to take decisions on applications submitted for the year 1970 before the end of December 1971; whereas the examination of projects for the year 1971 therefore began only after that date; whereas the time limit within which the Commission must decide on the merits of such projects must therefore be extended.

Whereas projects for 1972 may only be examined after expiry of that time limit; whereas the time limit within which the Commission must decide on the merits of these projects should also therefore be extended; whereas, however, the delays that have occurred must be progressively made good;

Whereas, consequently, it seems necessary to extend the time limit for the submission of applications for the year 1973 also; whereas this is all the more necessary in view of the enlargement of the Communities, to make it easier for new Member States to submit applications;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The time limit within which the Commission must, under the second sentence of Article 20 (1) of Regulation No 17/64/EEC, take a decision on applications for aid from the Guidance Section of the Fund submitted to it within the time limit fixed in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 2591/70 for the year 1971 and within the time limit fixed in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 847/72 for the year 1972 shall be extended to 31 December 1972 for projects submitted for the year 1971 and to 30 September 1973 for projects submitted for the year 1972.

Article 2

The time limit fixed in the first sentence of Article 20 (1) of Regulation No 17/64/EEC for the submission

[1] OJ No C 82, 26.7.1972, p. 51.
[2] OJ No 34, 27.2.1964, p. 586/64.
[3] OJ No L 280, 26.12.1970, p. 63.
[4] OJ No L 100, 27.4. 1972, p. 4.

of applications for aid from the Guidance Section of the Fund shall be extended as follows in respect of applications for aid for the year 1973: each Member State must submit its projects for the year 1973 not later than 30 June 1973.

Article 3

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 Luxembourg, 3 October 1972.

For the Council

The President

P. LARDINOIS