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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

REGULATION (EEC) No 3233/74 OF THE COUNCIL

of 17 December 1974

derogating from Regulation (EEC) No 1693/72 in respect of the procedures laid down for the mobilization of food aid to the countries of the Sahel and Ethiopia

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 120/67/EEC [1] of 13 June 1967 on the common organization of the market in cereals, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1996/74 [2], and in particular Article 22a thereof;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 359/67/EEC [3] of 25 July 1967 on the common organization of the market in rice, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1129/74 [4], and in particular Article 23 a thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas, in view of the difficulties of transport to the countries of the Sahel and Ethiopia, it would be advisable to adopt a system for forwarding the food aid which is sufficiently flexible to cope with these difficulties as quickly as possible;

Whereas recourse to the tendering procedure provided for in Article 4 (3) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1693/72 [5] of 3 August 1972 laying down the criteria for the mobilization of cereals intended as food aid does not always enable the desired flexibility and speed to be attained in forwarding the products to the points of destination; whereas consequently it is advisable to provide for the possibility of having recourse to another procedure,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Nothwithstanding Article 4 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1693/72, recourse may be had to procedures other than invitation to tender for forwarding cereals and rice made available to the countries of the Sahel and Ethiopia as food aid under the 1974/75 programme from the Community to the points of destination.

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, 17 December 1974.

For the Council

The President

M. DURAFOUR

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(1) OJ No 117, 19. 6. 1967, p. 2269/67.
(2) OJ No L 209, 31. 7. 1974, p. 1.
(3) OJ No 174, 31. 7. 1967, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 128, 10. 5. 1974, p. 20.
(5) OJ No L 178, 5. 8. 1972, p. 3.