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REGULATION (EEC) No 429/74 OF THE COUNCIL

of 18 February 1974

extending for the years 1972, 1973 and 1974 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 the first subparagraph of 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 847/72 (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 2140/72 (4) 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 provided that the time limit within which the Commission must decide on the merits of applications for aid for 1972 submitted to it within the time limit fixed in Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 847/72 should be extended to 30 September 1973;

Whereas it would not be possible to take those decisions within the time limit laid down; whereas the time limit for those decisions must therefore be extended;

Whereas Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 2140/72 provides that the time limit for the submission of applications for aid for 1973 be extended to 30 June 1973; whereas, in view of the measures to be taken by the Commission, it will be possible to reduce the period required for the examination of the application, which began on 1 November 1973, to approximately eight months; whereas it is consequently possible to limit the extension of the period within which the Commission must decide on the merits of the applications to nine months;

Whereas the applications for aid for 1974 cannot be examined until after that date; whereas, consequently, it is also necessary to extend the time limit fixed for the submission of these applications,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The time limit within which the Commission must, under the second sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 20 (1) of Regulation No 17/64/EEC, take a decision on applications for aid from the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund submitted to it within the time limit fixed in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 847/72 for 1972 and within the time limit fixed in Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 2140/72 for 1973 shall be extended to 31 October 1973 for projects submitted for 1972 and to 31 July 1974 for projects submitted for 1973.

(1 OJ No C 108, 10. 12. 1973, p. 24.
(2) OJ No 34, 27. 2. 1964, p. 586/64.
(3) OJ No L 100, 27. 4. 1972, p. 4.
(4) OJ No L 229, 7. 10. 1972, p. 4.

Article 2

The time limit fixed in the first sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 20 (1) of Regulation No 17/64/EEC for the submission of applications for aid from the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund shall be extended as follows in respect of applications for aid for 1974 : each Member State must submit its projects for 1974 not later than 30 June 1974.

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 Brussels, 18 February 1974.

For the Council

The President

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