COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 708/76

of 25 March 1976

on the granting of supplementary aid in the silkworm sector for the 1976/77 marketing year

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],

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee [2],

Whereas in recent months imports of silk from non-member countries at low prices have had unfavourable effects on the sales of the products of silkworm rearing in the Community; whereas these difficulties have been aggravated by an inadequate supply organization on the Community market;

Whereas, to stabilize this market, a better organization of supplies should be encouraged by granting, during the 1976/77 marketing year, supplementary aid to rearers who are members of a silkworm producer group recognized in accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 707/76 [3]; whereas, to that end, the amount of such aid should be related to the volume of production marketed by the groups in question;

Whereas expenditure incurred by the Member States as a result of the obligations arising from the implementation of this Regulation should be financed by the Community in accordance with the provisions relating to the financing of the common agricultural policy,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 1976/77 marketing year, supplementary aid shall be granted to silkworm rearers who are members of a Community silkworm producer group which is recognized in accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 707/76.

Article 2

The amount of the aid shall be 15 units of account for each box of silkworm eggs used.

Article 3

1. On application by each producer group on behalf of all its members, each producer Member State shall grant supplementary aid for the silkworms reared on its territory.

2. The aid shall only be granted:

(a) for boxes containing at least 20 000 silkworm eggs suitable for hatching and which have produced a minimum number of cocoons which satisfy conditions to be laid down, and

(b) if the rearer, having successfully reared the silkworms, delivers to his group all or some of the cocoons produced.

Where the producer has delivered to his group a part only of the cocoons produced, the aid shall be calculated on a *pro rata* basis.

3. The Member States shall be authorized to grant supplementary aid only to those rearers who have been supplied with boxes of eggs by an approved body.

Article 4

The producer Member States shall introduce administrative checks to ensure that the product in respect of which aid has been applied for satisfies the necessary conditions.

Article 5

Detailed rules for the application of this Regulation shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 12 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1308/70 of 29 June 1970 on the common organization of the market in flax and hemp [4], as amended by the Act concerning the conditions of accession and the adjustments to the Treaties [5].

Article 6

The supplementary aid referred to in Article 1 shall be considered, for the purposes of the financing of the common agricultural policy, as part of the intervention measures designed to stabilize agricultural markets.

Article 7

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 April 1976.

[1] OJ No C 53, 8. 3. 1976, p. 24.
[2] OJ No C 50, 4. 3. 1976, p. 19.
[3] See page 1 of this Official Journal.
[4] OJ No L 146, 4. 7. 1970, p. 1.
[5] OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.

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

Done at Brussels, 25 March 1976.

For the Council

The President

M. MART