

# COMMISSION

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 December 1980

approving a programme relating to the processing and marketing of flax and paper hemp in France pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77

(Only the French text is authentic)

(80/1314/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 of 15 February 1977 on common measures to improve the conditions under which agricultural products are processed and marketed <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas the French Government forwarded its programme relating to the processing and marketing of flax and paper hemp on 28 May 1980;

Whereas the said programme related in particular to investment in the flax sector for:

- the modernization of scutching methods,
- the adaptation of the fibre to the modernization of the processing industries,
- the improvement of the conditions for marketing flax tow,

with a view to rationalizing processing by increasing productivity at the different stages and improving the quality of the presentation and market preparation of products; whereas it also relates to a reorganization of primary processing installations and the introduction of new stock preparation lines in the paper hemp sector; whereas it therefore constitutes a programme within the meaning of Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77;

Whereas the programme contains sufficient information, as required by Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77, to show that the objectives laid down in Article 1 of the said Regulation can be achieved in respect of the flax and paper hemp sectors; whereas the time allowed for implementation of the programme does not exceed the limits referred to in Article 3 (1) (g) of the Regulation;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Agricultural Structure,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

### *Article 1*

The programme relating to the processing and marketing of flax and paper hemp forwarded by the French Government pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 on 28 May 1980 is hereby approved.

### *Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 17 December 1980.

*For the Commission*

Finn GUNDELACH

*Vice-President*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 51, 23. 2. 1977, p. 1.