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## REGULATION No 206/66/EEC OF THE COUNCIL

of 7 December 1966

on the contribution by EAGGF towards repairing damage caused by the disastrous floods in certain parts of Italy during the autumn of 1966

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof:

Having regard to Council Regulation No 25<sup>1</sup> on the financing of the common agricultural policy:

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission:

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Whereas many regions of Italy have been devastated by disastrous floods affecting in particular certain agricultural areas:

Whereas the damage caused to agriculture is so serious that, in many cases, farmers have not the means to contend alone with the situation:

Whereas the Community has decided to bring quick and effective help, within the various spheres of its authority, to the populations of the afflicted areas:

Whereas one of the best ways of achieving that aim is to make use of the available resources of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guidance Section:

Whereas, for such help to be quick and as effective as possible, special conditions and a simplified and accelerated procedure should be adopted for action by the Fund:

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

1. An amount of 5 million units of account for 1966 (accounting period 1964/65) and 5 million units of account for 1967 (accounting period 1965/66) from the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance

and Guarantee Fund shall be set aside to finance the measures set out in paragraph 2. It shall be used in accordance with the procedure laid down in the subsequent Articles.

2. For the years 1966 and 1967 this amount shall be used to contribute towards the restoration and improvement:

- of production conditions in agriculture and on agricultural holdings,
- of marketing facilities and processing plant for agricultural products,

which are needed in the Italian regions affected by the disastrous floods of October and November 1966.

3. The Republic of Italy shall be entitled to its share of the amounts remaining available in the Guidance Section of the Fund, on the same basis as other Member States under the conditions in force.

*Article 2*

The following provisions of Council Regulation No 17/64/EEC<sup>2</sup> on the conditions for granting aid from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund shall not apply to aid from the Fund granted under Article 1 (2):

- Article 11,
- Article 12,
- Article 14 (1) (a) and (b) and (2) (b),
- Article 15,
- Article 18 (1),
- Article 20 (1),
- Article 21 (1).

The other provisions of Regulation No 17/64/EEC, in so far as they relate to action defined in Article 11 (1) thereof, shall apply by analogy to action referred to in Article 1 of this Regulation.

<sup>1</sup> OJ No 30, 20.4.1962, p. 991/62.

<sup>2</sup> OJ No 34, 27.2.64, p. 586/64.

*Article 3*

The following special conditions shall apply for granting aid from the Fund pursuant to Article 1 (2):

- (a) the project must contribute to economic recovery in the agricultural sector, taking account of the need to increase agricultural productivity, in accordance with Article 39 (1) (a) of the Treaty, and the need to improve outlets for agricultural products;
- (b) for any one project:
  - the subsidies granted by the Fund shall not exceed 45 % of the amount invested in it;
  - the beneficiary of the restoration or improvement work shall contribute to the financing thereof: such contribution must be at least 20%, if the restoration or improvement relates to marketing facilities or processing plant for agricultural products;
- (c) The Republic of Italy shall contribute to the financing of the project.

*Article 4*

The following procedure shall apply in respect of aid from the Fund granted under Article 1 (2):

- (a) applications for aid may be submitted to the Commission at any time up to 31 October 1967;
- (b) the Commission shall take all necessary steps to ensure that a decision on the substance of each case is taken not later than 6 weeks after it has received the information required therefor;
- (c) the Commission shall, where possible, consult the Standing Committee on Agricultural Structure at its regular meetings on proposed substantive decisions of this kind, but such consultations shall not prevent such decisions from being adopted within the time limit indicated in (b); in the absence of such consultations the Commission shall inform the Committee of its decision as early as possible.

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

Done at Brussels, 7 December 1966.

*For the Council*

*The President*

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