

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 December 1976

on the implementation of the reform of agricultural structures in the French Republic
pursuant to Title I of Directive 72/161/EEC

(Only the French text is authentic)

(76/963/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the
European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/161/EEC of
17 April 1972 concerning the provision of socio-
economic guidance for and the acquisition of
occupational skills by persons engaged in
agriculture ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 11 (3)
thereof,

Whereas on 4 August 1976 the French Government,
pursuant to Article 10 (4) of Directive 72/161/EEC,
notified the following provisions for the
implementation of socio-economic guidance in
application of Title I of the said Directive:

- decree No 76-518 of 10 June 1976 supplementing
decree No 68-395 of 30 April 1968 laying down
the conditions for administering the National
Agricultural Development Fund,
- the order of 8 January 1976 establishing a
certificate of professional competence for socio-
economic counsellors,
- circular No 2811 of 20 May 1976 implementing
Title I of Directive 72/161/EEC;

Whereas under Article 11 (3) of Directive 72/161/EEC
the Commission must decide whether, having
regard to the objectives of the said Directive and to
the need for a proper connection between the
various measures, the provisions notified comply
with the Directive and thus satisfy the conditions for
financial contribution by the Community;

Whereas it is a basic aim of Title I thereof to enable
persons engaged in agriculture, and in particular
those persons who must fundamentally alter the
nature of their activity, to take decisions on their
future occupations and those of their children with
full knowledge of the opportunities available and of
the consequences of their choice;

Whereas to that end the Member States are therefore
required:

- under Articles 2 (a) and 3 thereof, to create and
develop services providing socio-economic
guidance, such services to be either public or
expressly appointed and approved for that
purpose by Member States, or to create and
develop within services already existing special
departments for the provision of such guidance,
- under Articles 2 (b) and 4, to introduce
appropriate basic and advanced training
programmes for socio-economic counsellors and
to bear the cost of training such counsellors;

Whereas, under the first indent of Article 12 (2)
thereof, the Guidance Section of the EAGGF is to
refund to Member States 25 % of a standard amount
of 7 500 units of account in respect of each
counsellor beginning his duties for the first time and
providing socio-economic guidance within the
meaning of Article 3 thereof;

Whereas, under the second indent of the said Article
12 (2) thereof, the Guidance Section of the EAGGF
is to refund to Member States 25 % of the cost of
training within the meaning of Article 4 thereof up
to an overall amount of 4 500 units of account for
each counsellor trained who provides socio-economic
guidance within the meaning of Article 3 thereof;

Whereas the provisions as to the number, activity
and training of the socio-economic counsellors
provided for, as notified by the French Government
conform with the objectives of Title I of Directive
72/161/EEC;

Whereas the EAGGF Committee has been consulted
on the financial aspects;

Whereas the provisions of this Decision are in
accordance with the opinion of the Standing
Committee on Agricultural Structures,

(¹) OJ No L 96, 23. 4. 1972, p. 15.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Article 1

The schemes for the provision of socio-economic guidance for the agricultural community as notified by the French Government on 4 August 1976, satisfy the conditions for financial contribution from the Community to common measures as referred to in Article 8 of Directive 72/161/EEC.

Done at Brussels, 7 December 1976.

For the Commission

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