

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 December 1980

approving a programme for the milk and milk products sector of the Land North Rhine-Westphalia, pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77

(Only the German text is authentic)

(80/1337/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, on 23 June 1980, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany forwarded a programme for the milk and milk products sector of the Land North Rhine-Westphalia;

Whereas this programme aims at the restructuring, rationalization and development of central storage and marketing facilities for milk and milk products in order to improve distribution, reduce costs and guarantee producer incomes in the long term; whereas it is therefore a programme within the meaning of Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77;

Whereas approval of the programme can only be given subject to future Community policy for rectifying the structural surpluses in the milk sector;

Whereas the programme contains the details required under Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77, showing that the objectives laid down in Article 1 thereof can be achieved in respect of the sector concerned; whereas the schedule for implementation of

the programme does not exceed the time limit laid down in Article 3 (1) (g) of the said 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 for the milk and milk products sector in the Land North-Rhine-Westphalia, forwarded by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 on 23 June 1980, is hereby approved.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Done at Brussels, 17 December 1980.

*For the Commission*

Finn GUNDELACH

*Vice-President*

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