

COMMISSION DECISION**of 7 May 1982****approving a programme for the fishery products sector in Belgium pursuant to
Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77****(Only the Dutch and French texts are authentic)****(82/337/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 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 5
thereof,

Whereas on 24 September 1980 the Belgian Govern-
ment submitted a programme for the fisheries sector
and on 21 October 1981 sent further information on
that programme ;

Whereas the aim of the programme is the fuller
exploitation of available resources ; whereas it seeks to
promote the development, restructuring and modern-
ization of existing canning, processing and marketing
installations and equipment for fishery products ;
whereas the programme also aims to improve the
quality of finished products and to promote the
marketing of new products, thus increasing the value
added to the basic products ; whereas it therefore
constitutes a programme within the meaning of
Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 ;

Whereas the programme can only be approved subject
to decisions to be taken on the common fisheries
policy ;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 9 of Regulation (EEC)
No 355/77, projects drawn up within the framework of
the programme must contribute to improving the situ-
ation of Community fishermen ; whereas this does not
seem to be the case with cold stores not directly linked
to production, processing or marketing facilities for
fishery products ;

Whereas the programme includes sufficient of the
information referred to in Article 3 of Regulation
(EEC) No 355/77 to show that the objectives specified

in Article 1 of that Regulation may be achieved for the
fisheries sector in Belgium ;

Whereas the period fixed for the execution of the
programme does not exceed that specified in Article 3
(1) (g) of the said Regulation ;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

1. The programme for the fishery products sector in
Belgium which was submitted on 24 September 1980
and concerning which further information was
supplied on 21 October 1981 by the Belgian Govern-
ment in accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 355/77,
is hereby approved subject to decisions to be taken on
the common fisheries policy.

2. This approval is not granted for the part of the
programme concerning the construction or modern-
ization of cold stores, unless such cold stores are
directly linked to production, processing or marketing
facilities for fishery products.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of
Belgium.

Done at Brussels, 7 May 1982.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 51, 23. 2. 1977, p. 1.