

COMMISSION DECISION

of 10 May 1984

approving a flood protection programme for the Hérault Valley submitted pursuant to Council Directive 79/174/EEC

(Only the French text is authentic)

(84/285/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 79/174/EEC of 6 February 1979 concerning the flood protection programme in the Hérault Valley ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 2 thereof,

Whereas the said programme, drawn up pursuant to the Directive referred to above, was submitted to the Commission by the French Government on 7 February 1984 and was followed, on 1 March, by a note, point III of which has been deleted;

Whereas, in accordance with the nature of the common measure provided for in Directive 79/174/EEC, the programme is designed to supplement the programme to accelerate the restructuring and conversion of vineyards in certain Mediterranean regions of France, as provided for in Directive 78/627/EEC ⁽²⁾, approved by Commission Decision 79/909/EEC of 18 October 1979 ⁽³⁾;

Whereas the said programme contains all the information specified in Article 3 of Directive 79/174/EEC; whereas it is therefore possible to achieve the common measure's objectives; whereas, however, approval of the programme should be conditional upon the irrigation water being used for purposes other than the irrigation of any vineyards which may remain in the area in question;

Whereas, under Article 7 of Directive 79/174/EEC, detailed rules should be laid down in agreement with the French Republic concerning the information to be approved on a regular basis on the programme's progress;

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

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The flood protection programme for the Hérault Valley, submitted, pursuant to Directive 79/174/EEC, by the French Government on 7 February 1984 and supplemented by a note on 1 March 1984, is hereby approved.

2. Approval is conditional upon the irrigation water made available as a result of the measures provided for in the programme being used for purposes other than the irrigation of any vineyards which may remain in the area in question.

Article 2

The detailed rules concerning the information to be provided by the French Republic on a regular basis, pursuant to Article 7 of Directive 79/174/EEC, on the implementation of the programme shall be as follows:

The French Government shall present before 1 November each year a report containing the following information:

1. In respect of flood protection work, information on:

- 1.1. the construction of the flood-control dam;
- 1.2. the construction of the flood-protection embankments;
- 1.3. floodwater disposal by re-routing the Hérault;
- 1.4. miscellaneous work.

2. In respect of vineyard conversion operations:

- 2.1. the number of hectares concerned, stating how much grubbing has been done;
- 2.2. the location of the areas concerned;
- 2.3. the number of hectares where irrigation facilities have been installed;
- 2.4. the location of the irrigated areas (stating whether grubbing has already been done or when it will be);
- 2.5. the total cost of irrigation.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 38, 14. 2. 1979, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 206, 29. 7. 1978, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 280, 9. 11. 1979, p. 32.

3. In respect of the crops substituted :*Article 3*

- 3.1. the total number of hectares on which substitute crops are to be grown ;
- 3.2. the number of hectares of open-grown vegetables ;
- 3.3. the number of hectares of vegetables grown under cover ;
- 3.4. the number of hectares of horticultural crops ;
- 3.5. the number of hectares of seed crops, the number of hectares of protein crops ;
- 3.6. the number of hectares of other crops (stating the location of the areas concerned).

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 10 May 1984.

For the Commission

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