

**COMMISSION DECISION****of 24 April 1985****on the multiannual guidance programme in respect of aquaculture submitted by Greece  
pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83****(Only the Greek text is authentic)****(85/284/EEC)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN  
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European  
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/  
83 of 4 October 1983 on a common measure for restruc-  
turing, modernizing and developing the fishing  
industry and for developing aquaculture <sup>(1)</sup> and in par-  
ticular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas on 12 December 1984 the Greek Government  
forwarded a multiannual guidance programme in  
respect of aquaculture, hereinafter referred to as 'the  
programme'; whereas on 11 February 1985 it for-  
warded the latest additional information concerning  
the programme;

Whereas, in accordance with the first paragraph of  
Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83, the time  
required for the execution of the programme covers at  
least the proposed duration of the common measure;

Whereas the programme contains the information  
referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No  
2908/83;

Whereas there is a great development potential for  
aquaculture in Greece, in particular in the many lagoon  
areas, and whereas low- and high-technology aquacul-  
tural methods have recently been introduced;

Whereas the programme proposes to encourage the cul-  
ture of fish, crustaceans and molluscs in salt and brack-  
ish water, in particular by establishing hatcheries, con-  
structing infrastructures in lagoons and encouraging  
the establishment of intensive aquaculture units, both  
in coastal waters and inland;

Whereas the programme also proposes to encourage  
significant development of the production of trout

raised exclusively in fresh water and of carp; whereas  
the Commission cannot approve this aspect of the pro-  
gramme in view of the difficult situation on the market  
for these products at the Community level;

Whereas the programme may, having regard to produc-  
tion potential, the demand for the products concerned  
and the guidelines of the common fisheries policy, con-  
stitute a suitable framework for projects which may  
qualify for financial support from the Community, ex-  
cept for the part relating to trout and carp reared in  
fresh water;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are  
in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Com-  
mittee for the Fishing Industry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The multiannual guidance programme in respect of  
aquaculture forwarded by the Greek Government on  
12 December 1984, as last supplemented on 11 Febru-  
ary 1985, the main features of which are set out in  
Annex I hereto, is hereby approved subject to the pro-  
visions set out in Annex II hereto.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Hellenic Republic.

Done at Brussels, 24 April 1985.

*For the Commission*  
Frans ANDRIESEN  
*Vice-President*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 290, 22. 10. 1983, p. 1.

**ANNEX I****MAIN FEATURES OF THE MULTIANNUAL GUIDANCE PROGRAMME IN RESPECT OF  
AQUACULTURE DRAWN UP BY THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2908/83)****1. Objective of the programme**

Development of aquaculture, taking into account the suitability of species for culture in the United Kingdom, rearing techniques, commercial viability and market prospects.

**2. Duration**

The programme covers a period of five years, beginning in 1984 and ending in 1988.

**3. Areas concerned**

The whole of Greece and all the islands.

**4. Priorities and development policy**

Future activity will be concentrated on species with good market prospects and with well-established rearing technology. Among these species the most important are:

- oysters,
- mussels,
- lagoon fish species.

**5. Present output and production targets**

	<i>(tonnes)</i>	
	Present	1988
Oysters	1 500 to 3 000	4 000
Mussels	2 000	4 000
Lagoon fish	2 500 to 3 500	5 000
Others	2 500 to 3 500	4 000

**6. Investment requirement**

To achieve these production targets an investment of about 175 million ECU would be necessary during the period covered by the programme.

National aid to be allocated to these investments may be estimated at 38,8 million ECU.

*ANNEX II***FINAL CONCLUSIONS**

1. The Commission considers that the programme submitted by the Greek Government as a framework for future Community and national financing schemes constitutes an initial measure to guide investments in aquaculture in Greece; it agrees with the Greek authorities' analysis of the development potential, in particular in the lagoon areas. However, the Commission notes that aquaculture is a recent development in Greece and considers that the programme is highly ambitious in respect of the raising of some species. This is true in particular as regards high-technology fish farming and the establishment of many hatcheries for marine fish and crustaceans (lobsters).

The Commission therefore hopes that the Greek authorities will exercise the greatest caution in the technical and economic assessment of investment projects, some of which could entail excessively high risks of long term unprofitability even when account is taken of their status as pilot projects. As far as the rearing of trout and carp in fresh water is concerned, taking account of the existing situation at the Community level concerning the market for these products and in the expectation of the result of an in-depth analysis of the feasible development of the market, the Commission cannot approve that part of the programme.

2. The Commission points out that the investment requirement contained in the programme does not imply any commitment as regards financial support from the Community.
  3. The Commission considers that the programme targets and their attainment should form the subject of a more detailed analysis within the framework of the annual review referred to in Article 6 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83. Furthermore, it reserves the right, in the framework of the annual reviews, having regard to the remarks in 1, to reconsider this Decision at the end of 1986 in the light of technical and economic developments in aquaculture in Greece and of the results obtained during the first two years of implementation of the programme.
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