

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 June 1985

on precautionary measures with regard to the buying in of cereals in Greece,
Italy and certain regions of France

(Only the French, Greek and Italian texts are authentic)

(85/309/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community, and in particular Articles 5
and 155 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No
2727/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organi-
zation of the market in cereals⁽¹⁾, as last amended by
Regulation (EEC) No 1018/84⁽²⁾,

Whereas the Council has not, to date, adopted the
prices for the 1985/86 marketing year, in accordance
with Article 3 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 ;
whereas the Commission, in compliance with the tasks
entrusted to it by the Treaty, is obliged to adopt the
precautionary measures essential to ensure continuity
of operation of the common agricultural policy in the
cereals sector ; whereas these measures are taken as a
precaution and without prejudice to the Council's
price decisions for the 1985/86 marketing year ;

Whereas Article 3 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75
lays down that, in order not to handicap the producers
of early crops in certain southern areas in relation to
producers in other areas of the Community, the inter-
vention prices fixed for the new marketing year begin-
ning on 1 August shall apply from 16 May in Greece
for barley and from 1 June for the other cereals in that
country, and for all cereals in Italy and in certain
administrative regions in the south of France ;

Whereas the retention, even on a provisional basis, of
the intervention prices paid during the 1984/85
marketing year would definitely involve the threat of
very heavy sales of cereals from the new crop to inter-
vention in the abovementioned areas of the Commu-
nity in the light of the possible reduction in the prices
that will be adopted for the new marketing year ;
whereas, in order to avoid the management of the
cereals sector being disrupted, the buying-in prices
fixed for the 1984/85 marketing year should be
reduced as a precautionary and interim measure ;

Whereas Article 3a of Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75
provides for a compulsory reduction in the target and
intervention prices where the average actual produc-
tion of the three most recent marketing years exceeds
the guarantee thresholds set ; whereas an automatic
reduction of the prices in accordance with the provi-
sions of that Article, on the basis of the amount by
which the said thresholds were exceeded, would lead
to a price reduction that would be excessive as a
precautionary measure ; whereas, accordingly, in the
light of the positions adopted in the Council and in
line with the Commission's amended proposal, this
reduction should be limited to 1,8 % ; whereas such a
reduction leaves open the possibility of a later adjust-
ment in the event that the prices are fixed at a higher
level ; whereas such a reduction should not be applied
for durum wheat, since the guarantee threshold for this
product has not been exceeded ; whereas the price
arrangements applied during the 1984/85 marketing
year should be retained for the purpose of implemen-
ting Article 3 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 in
respect of this last-mentioned product,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 281, 1. 11. 1975, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 107, 19. 4. 1984, p. 1.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

1. For cereals other than durum wheat that are harvested and sent to intervention before 1 August 1985 in Greece, in Italy and in France in the administrative regions of Aquitaine, Midi-Pyrénées, Languedoc-Roussillon, Provence, Alpes, Côte d'Azur and Corsica, the intervention agencies concerned shall apply the intervention prices fixed by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1019/84 ⁽¹⁾ for the 1984/85 marketing year and applicable for the first month of that year, less 1,8 %.

2. For durum wheat that is harvested and sent to intervention in the areas referred to in paragraph 1 before 1 July 1985, the intervention agencies concerned shall apply the intervention price fixed by Regulation (EEC) No 1019/84 for the 1984/85 marketing year and applicable for the first month of that year.

3. The prices fixed in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be adjusted on the basis of the premiums and penalties provided for by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1570/77 ⁽²⁾.

4. The buying-in price fixed in accordance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 shall be applied without prejudice to the decisions to be adopted by the Council in accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Hellenic Republic, the French Republic and the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 20 June 1985.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 107, 19. 4. 1984, p. 4.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 174, 14. 7. 1977, p. 18.