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REGULATION (EEC) No 2010/68 OF THE COUNCIL

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on granting aid from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guidance Section, for the year 1969

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and in particular Article 43 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament¹;

Whereas, under Article 14 (1) (a) of Council Regulation No 17/64/EEC² of 5 February 1964 on the conditions for granting aid from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, in order to benefit from aid from the Fund each project must come within the framework of a Community Programme laid down in accordance with Article 16 of that Regulation;

Whereas Community Programmes have not yet been adopted; whereas it is therefore not possible to prepare on the basis of such Programmes the projects for 1969 to be financed by the Fund; whereas it is therefore necessary not to apply Article 14 (1) (a) of Regulation 17/64/EEC with regard to applications for aid submitted for 1969;

Whereas, in accordance with the first sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 20 (1) of Regulation No 17/64/EEC, applications for aid from the Guidance Section of the Fund must be submitted to the Commission each year before 1 October; whereas it seems necessary to extend the time limit fixed for the submission of applications for 1969 to 28 February 1969 and at the latest to 20 March 1969 in order to facilitate the work of Member States in preparing the submission of those applications and in

order to shorten, in the interests of applicants, the period between the submission of the application and the decision of the Commission;

Whereas part of the available resources of the Guidance Section for 1969 must be retained in order to make it possible to finance the special measures to be taken following the decisions which will be adopted on agricultural structure after examination of the Commission Memorandum to the Council on the reform of agriculture in the European Economic Community;

Whereas the maximum amount of aid which may be granted from the Fund for projects concerned with production structure should be increased to 45%;

Whereas in view of present difficulties in the markets for certain agricultural products, aid in excess of 25% of the total amount of investments is justified only for certain projects;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The provisions of Article 14 (1) (a) of Regulation No 17/64/EEC shall not apply to projects which are the subject of applications for aid from the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund submitted for the year 1969.

Article 2

The time limit fixed in the first sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 20 (1) of Regulation No 17/64/EEC for the submission of applications for aid from the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund shall be extended as follows in respect of applications for aid for the year 1969: each Member State must submit one half of its projects for the year 1969 by 28 February 1969, and the remainder not later than 20 March 1969.

¹ OJ No C 116, 8.11.1968, p. 24.

² OJ No 34, 27.2.1964, p. 586/64.

Article 3

The available resources of the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund amounting to 285 million units of account shall be distributed as follows:

1. One portion shall be allotted to the financing of the measures provided for in the following:
 - (a) Article 12 of Council Regulation No 130/66/EEC¹ of 26 July 1966 on the financing of the common agricultural policy;
 - (b) Article 12 (3) of Council Regulation No 159/66/EEC² of 25 October 1966 laying down additional provisions for the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables;
 - (c) Article 12 (4) of Regulation No 159/66/EEC;
 - (d) Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 350/68³ of 27 March 1968 on the financial contribution of the Community towards costs incurred by Member States in carrying out surveys of pig population.

2. One portion amounting to 160 million units of account shall be allotted to the financing of projects

within the meaning of Article 13 of Regulation No 17/64/EEC.

3. The remaining portion shall be allotted to the financing of special measures to be taken following the decisions which will be adopted on agricultural structure after examination of the Commission Memorandum to the Council on the reform of agriculture in the European Economic Community.

Article 4

By way of derogation from the first indent of Article 18 (1) of Regulation No 17/64/EEC, aid from the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund may amount to up to 45% of the total amount of investments for certain projects submitted for the year 1969 which fulfil the conditions of Article 11 (1) (a) and (b) of that Regulation, without prejudice to the provisions of the second indent of Article 18 (1) of that Regulation.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 December 1968.

For the Council

The President

G. SEDATI

¹ OJ No 165, 21.9.1966, p. 2965/66.

² OJ No 192, 27.10.1966, p. 3286/66.

³ OJ No L 76, 28.3.1968, p. 4.