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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Regulation (EEC) No 3013/89 on the common organization

of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat and Regulation (EEC) No 1323/90

instituting specific aid for sheep and goat farming

in certain less-favoured areas of the Community

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The purpose of this proposal for a Regulation is to implement the request made by the Council at its meeting of 14 to 16 December 1992 (document SN/482/92, p. 17) for the Commission to submit a proposal:

- that 1992 should still be considered the last year of transition to the single premium for Ireland/Northern Ireland;

- as an exceptional measure for 1992, to increase the "rural society" premium applicable to less-favoured areas from ECU 5.5 to ECU 7.

The new basic Regulation for sheepmeat, as adopted in 1989, stipulated that 1992 was to be the last year of transition, on condition that the United Kingdom decided to continue to apply the variable premium in Great Britain, which it did not do. However, the Commission recognizes that the monetary upsets of 1992 had very negative consequences for the market in sheepmeat in most Member States, and particularly in Ireland and Northern Ireland. In order to mitigate these negative consequences for Community producers, the Commission therefore proposes:

- that the quotation area comprising Ireland/Northern Ireland be maintained for 1992 (even without the variable premium). Since the loss of income which this will cause will be treated in the same way as the Community income loss in accordance with the rule already applied for 1990 and 1991 (in 1992 this income loss will be calculated by combining 40% of the loss in Ireland/Northern Ireland with 60% of the Community loss):

- that the amount of the rural society premium applicable to ewes producing heavy lambs be increased from ECU 5.5 to ECU 7. For other ewes and goats, the amount would be ECU 4.9 (70% of ECU 7), in line with the decisions already taken by the Council on this matter.

The Commission provided financial estimates at the Council meeting of 14 to 16 December 1992 (ECU 123 million in 1993). This estimate does not take account of the additional costs arising from the parity realignments for the beginning of 1993.

Proposal

for Council Regulation (EEC) No /93

of 1993

amending Regulation (EEC) No 3013/89 on the common organization of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat and Regulation (EEC) No 1323/90 instituting specific aid for sheep and goat farming in certain less-favoured areas of the Community

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 Parliament,

Whereas Article 24 of Regulation (EEC) No 3013/89[1], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2069/92[2], laid down transitional provisions for 1990, 1991 and 1992 on condition that the United Kingdom applied the variable slaughter premium, in order to achieve gradually a single premium scheme not later than 1993; whereas the United Kingdom decided to abolish the said premium from the beginning of the 1992 marketing year; whereas, however, in view of the monetary upheavals which have had considerable negative effects on the Community market in sheepmeat in 1992, particularly in Ireland and Northern Ireland, the transitional provisions should be extended until the end of the 1992 marketing year for that area;

Whereas, in view of the said monetary upheavals, the specific aid provided for under the rural society measures introduced in Regulation (EEC) No 1323/90[3], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1743/91[4], should be increased for that year,

1 OJ No L 289, 7.10.1989, p. 1.
2 OJ No L 215, 30.7.1992, p. 59.
3 OJ No L 132, 23.5.1990, p. 17.
4 OJ No L 163, 26.6.1991, p. 44.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The following paragraph is hereby inserted in Article 24 of Regulation (EEC) No 3013/89:

"7a. With regard to the 1992 marketing year, paragraph 7 shall apply even if the United Kingdom no longer has recourse to that paragraph."

Article 2

The following Article is inserted in Regulation (EEC) No 1323/90:

"Article 1a

Notwithstanding Article 1, for the 1992 marketing year the unit amounts of the specific aid shall be as follows:

- ECU 7 per ewe for the producers referred to in Article 5(2) and (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 3013/89,

- ECU 4.9 per ewe for the producers referred to in Article 5(3) of that Regulation,

- ECU 4.9 per she-goat for producers referred to in Article 5(5) of that Regulation,

- ECU 4.9 per female of the ovine species where the second subparagraph of Article 5(8) of that Regulation is applied."

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh 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,

For the Council

The President

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