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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 25 July 1977

amending Decision 75/459/EEC on action by the European Social Fund for persons affected by employment difficulties and Decision 76/206/EEC on intervention by the European Social Fund in favour of persons occupied in the textile and clothing industries

(77/475/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 71/66/EEC of 1 February 1971 on the reform of the European Social Fund⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee⁽³⁾,

Whereas Council Decision 75/459/EEC of 22 July 1975 on action by the European Social Fund for persons affected by employment difficulties⁽⁴⁾ expires two years after its entry into force, namely on 4 August 1977;

Whereas Council Decision 76/206/EEC of 9 February 1976 on intervention by the European Social Fund in favour of persons occupied in the textile and clothing industries⁽⁵⁾ expires 18 months after its entry into force, namely on 15 August 1977;

Whereas any interruption in the financing of operations under Decisions 75/459/EEC and 76/206/EEC

should be avoided, without prejudice to the application of Article 11 of Decision 71/66/EEC,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The second paragraph of Article 5 of Decision 75/459/EEC and the second paragraph of Article 3 of Decision 76/206/EEC shall be replaced by the following:

'It shall apply to operations of which the draft has received the approval of the Commission before 31 December 1977.'

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 25 July 1977.

For the Council

The President

H. SIMONET

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 28, 4. 2. 1971, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 133, 6. 6. 1977, p. 39.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 126, 28. 5. 1977, p. 2.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 199, 30. 7. 1975, p. 36.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 39, 14. 2. 1976, p. 39.