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II

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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 January 1987

on the setting-up of an Advisory Committee on cereals

(87/70/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Article 1

Whereas the Advisory Committee on Cereals was set up by Commission Decision of 18 July 1962 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Decision 83/77/EEC ⁽²⁾;

1. There shall be attached to the Commission an Advisory Committee on Cereals, hereinafter called the 'Committee'.

Whereas, following the accession of new Member States to the Community, the number of seats on the Committee should be increased and they should be reallocated; whereas the procedure for the replacement of members should also be adjusted;

2. The Committee shall be composed of representatives of the following interests: producers, cooperatives, the cereal processing and food-manufacturing industries, traders in cereals and foodstuffs, agricultural workers and workers in the processing and food-manufacturing industries, consumers.

Whereas the provisions concerning the Advisory Committee on Cereals have been amended several times and have therefore become difficult to apply; whereas they should therefore be consolidated;

Article 2

Whereas the Commission should seek the views of producers, traders and consumers on matters arising in connection with the operation of the common organization of the market in cereals;

1. The Committee may be consulted by the Commission on any problem concerning the operation of Regulations on the common organization of the market in cereals and in particular on measures to be adopted by the Commission under those Regulations.

Whereas all the occupations directly involved in the implementation of the market organization in question, and also consumers, must have an opportunity to participate in the drafting of the opinions requested by the Commission;

2. The chairman of the Committee may indicate to the Commission the desirability of consulting the Committee on any matter within the latter's competence but on which its opinion has not been sought. He shall do so, in particular, at the request of one of the interests represented.

Whereas the trade associations concerned and the consumer groups in the Member States have set up organizations at Community level which are in a position to represent those concerned in all the Member States,

Article 3

1. The Committee shall consist of 54 members.

2. Seats on the Committee shall be apportioned as follows:

— 27 to cereal producers and cooperatives of the sector,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 72, 8. 8. 1962, p. 2026/62.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 51, 24. 2. 1983, p. 34.

- eight to agricultural and food processors, of whom:
 - one shall represent the milling and maize industries,
 - one shall represent the meal industry,
 - one shall represent the malting industry,
 - one shall represent the brewing industry,
 - one shall represent starch industry,
 - one shall represent the feedingstuffs industry,
 - two shall represent other cereal-using industries,
- seven to the wholesale cereal trade, including one to cereal storers,
- six to agricultural and food industry workers,
- six to consumer's representatives.

Article 4

1. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Commission on proposals from the trade workers' organizations set up at Community level which are most representative of the interests specified in Article 1 (2) and whose activities come within the scope of the common organizations of the market in cereals; consumers' representatives shall be appointed on proposals from the Consumers' Advisory Committee.

Those bodies shall for each seat to be filled put forward the names of two candidates of different nationality.

2. The term of office for members of the Committee shall be three years. Their appointments may be renewed. Members shall not be remunerated for their services.

After expiry of the three years members of the Committee shall remain in office until they are replaced or until their appointments are renewed.

In the event of the resignation or decease of a member or a request from the body having proposed a member that he be replaced, he shall be replaced in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

3. A list of the members of the Committee shall be published by the Commission, for information purposes, in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 5

1. After consulting the Commission, the Committee shall elect a chairman for a period of three years.

The chairman shall be elected, in the case of the first ballot, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and, in the

case of subsequent ballots, by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the Commission shall provide a chairman on a temporary basis.

2. The Committee shall elect two vice-chairmen for a period of three years.

The vice-chairmen may not represent the same interest as the chairman.

The election shall take place in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

The Committee may, in accordance with the same procedure, elect other officers. In that case, the officers other than the chairman shall include not more than one representative of each interest represented on the Committee.

The officers shall prepare and organize the work of the Committee.

Article 6

1. Only the Commission representatives, the members of the Committee, or persons replacing them in their absence, and persons invited in accordance with paragraph 3 and 4 may participate in or attend meetings.

2. Should a member be unable to attend a meeting, the organization or organizations to which a seat is allocated may appoint a person to take his place. This person shall be selected from a list drawn up by mutual agreement between the Commission and the organization or organizations in question and containing a number of names equal to half the total numbers of members representing the organization or organizations in question. This number shall be not less than one and not more than 12.

The secretariat of the Committee must be informed of such replacement of a member at least seven days before a meeting.

3. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite its general secretary or a member of its secretariat to attend the meetings of the Committee as an observer.

Should he be unable to attend, however, the general secretary may have his seat as an observer taken by another person designated by him.

Observers shall not have the right to speak. They may, however, be invited to do so by the chairman in agreement with the Commission staff.

4. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, and when the matters on the agenda are of a highly technical nature outside the normal framework of the deliberations of the Committee, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite one or more experts to take part in the deliberations of the Committee.

The Commission may, on its own initiative, invite any person particularly well qualified in one of the subjects on the agenda to take part in the deliberations of the Committee as an expert.

However, experts shall participate only in the discussion of the matter concerning which they were invited to attend.

Article 7

In agreement with the Commission staff, the Committee may set up working groups to facilitate its work.

Article 8

1. The Committee shall be convened by the Commission and shall meet at Commission headquarters. Meetings of the officers shall be convened by the Chairman by arrangement with the Commission.

2. Representatives of the Commission departments concerned shall take part in meetings of the Committee, its officers and working groups.

3. Secretarial services for the Committee, its officers and working groups shall be provided by the Commission.

Article 9

The Committee shall discuss matters on which the Commission has requested an opinion. No vote shall be taken.

The Commission may, when seeking the opinion of the Committee, set a time limit within which such opinion shall be given.

The views expressed by the various interests represented shall be included in a report forwarded to the Commission.

In the event of unanimous agreement being reached in the Committee on the opinion to be given, the Committee shall formulate joint conclusions and attach them to the report.

The outcome of the Committee's discussions shall on request be communicated by the Commission to the Council and to the Management Committees.

Article 10

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 214 of the Treaty, where the Commission informs them that the opinion requested or the question raised is on a matter of a confidential nature, members of the Committee shall be under an obligation not to disclose information which has come to their knowledge through the work of the Committee or of its working groups.

In such cases, only Committee members and representatives of the Commission departments concerned may be present at meetings.

Article 11

The Commission Decision of 18 July 1962 is hereby repealed.

Article 12

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1987.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 1987.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESEN
Vice-President

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 January 1987

on the setting-up of an Advisory Committee on Pigmeat

(87/71/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Whereas the Advisory Committee on Pigmeat was set up by Commission Decision of 18 July 1962 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Decision 83/77/EEC ⁽²⁾;

Whereas, following the accession of new Member States to the Community, the number of seats on the Committee should be increased and they should be reallocated; whereas the procedure for the replacement of members should also be adjusted;

Whereas the provisions concerning the Advisory Committee on Pigmeat have been amended several times and have therefore become difficult to apply; whereas they should therefore be consolidated;

Whereas the Commission should seek the views of producers, traders and consumers on matters arising in connection with the operation of the common organization of the market in pigmeat;

Whereas, to that end, an Advisory Committee should be set up and its rules of procedure laid down;

Whereas all the occupations directly involved in the implementation of the market organization in question, and also consumers, must have an opportunity to participate in the drafting of the opinions requested by the Commission;

Whereas the trade associations concerned and the consumer groups in the Member States have set up organizations at Community level which are in a position to represent those concerned in all the Member States,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. There shall be attached to the Commission an Advisory Committee on Pigmeat, hereinafter called the 'Committee'.

2. The Committee shall be composed of representatives of the following interests: farmers, cooperatives; the processing and food-manufacturing industries, traders in agricultural produce and foodstuffs, agricultural workers and workers in the processing and food-manufacturing industries, consumers.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 72, 8. 8. 1962, p. 2028/62.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 51, 24. 2. 1983, p. 34.

Article 2

1. The Committee may be consulted by the Commission on any problem concerning the operation of Regulations on the common organization of the market in pigmeat and in particular on measures to be adopted by the Commission under those Regulations.

2. The chairman of the Committee may indicate to the Commission the desirability of consulting the Committee on any matter within the latter's competence on which its opinion has not been sought. He shall do so, in particular, at the request of one of the interests represented.

Article 3

1. The Committee shall consist of 48 members.

2. Seats on the Committee shall be apportioned as follows:

- 24 to agricultural producers and cooperatives of the sector,
- four to representatives of the meat and animal-fat processing industries,
- three to representatives of the livestock trade,
- three to representatives of the wholesale meat trade,
- three to representatives of butchers and traders in preserved meats, including one to supermarkets,
- five to representatives of agricultural workers and of workers in the processing and food-manufacturing industries,
- six to consumers' representatives.

Article 4

1. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Commission on proposals from the trade workers' organizations set up at Community level which are most representative of the interests specified in Article 1 (2) and whose activities come within the scope of the common organization of the market in pigmeat; consumers' representatives shall be appointed on proposals from the Consumers' Advisory Committee.

Those bodies shall for each seat to be filled put forward the names of two candidates of different nationality.

2. The term of office for members of the Committee shall be three years. Their appointments may be renewed. Members shall not be remunerated for their services.

After expiry of the three years, members of the Committee shall remain in office until they are replaced or until their appointments are renewed.

In the event of the resignation or decease of a member or a request from the body having proposed a member that he be replaced, he shall be replaced in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

3. A list of the members of the Committee shall be published by the Commission, for information purposes, in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 5

1. After consulting the Commission, the Committee shall elect a chairman for a period of three years.

The chairman shall be elected, in the case of the first ballot, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and, in the case of subsequent ballots, by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the Commission shall provide a chairman on a temporary basis.

2. The Committee shall elect two vice-chairmen for a period of three years.

The vice-chairmen may not represent the same interest as the chairman.

The election shall take place in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

The Committee may, in accordance with the same procedure, elect other officers. In that case, the officers other than the chairman shall include not more than one representative of each interest represented on the Committee.

The officers shall prepare and organize the work of the Committee.

Article 6

1. Only the Commission representatives, the members of the Committee, or persons replacing them in their absence, and persons invited in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 may participate in or attend meetings.

2. Should a member be unable to attend a meeting, the organization or organizations to which a seat is allocated may appoint a person to take his place. This person shall be selected from a list drawn up by mutual agreement between the Commission and the organization or organizations in question and containing a number of names equal to half the

total numbers of members representing the organization or organizations in question. This number shall be not less than one and not more than 12.

The secretariat of the Committee must be informed of such replacement of a member at least seven days before a meeting.

3. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite its general secretary or a member of its secretariat to attend the meetings of the Committee as an observer.

Should he be unable to attend, however, the general secretary may have his seat as an observer taken by another person designated by him.

Observers shall not have the right to speak. They may, however, be invited to do so by the chairman in agreement with the Commission staff.

4. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, and when the matters on the agenda are of a highly technical nature outside the normal framework of the deliberations of the Committee, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite one or more experts to take part in the deliberations of the Committee.

The Commission may, on its own initiative, invite any person particularly well qualified in one of the subjects on the agenda to take part in the deliberations of the Committee as an expert.

However, experts shall participate only in the discussion of the matter concerning which they were invited to attend.

Article 7

In agreement with the Commission staff, the Committee may set up working groups to facilitate its work.

Article 8

1. The Committee shall be convened by the Commission and shall meet at Commission headquarters. Meetings of the officers shall be convened by the Chairman by arrangement with the Commission.

2. Representatives of the Commission departments concerned shall take part in meetings of the Committee, its officers and working groups.

3. Secretarial services for the Committee, its officers and working groups shall be provided by the Commission.

Article 9

The Committee shall discuss matters on which the Commission has requested an opinion. No vote shall be taken.

The Commission may, when seeking the opinion of the Committee, set a time limit within which such opinion shall be given.

The views expressed by the various interests represented shall be included in a report forwarded to the Commission.

In the event of unanimous agreement being reached in the Committee on the opinion to be given, the Committee shall formulate joint conclusions and attach them to the report.

The outcome of the Committee's discussions shall on request be communicated by the Commission to the Council and to the Management Committees.

Article 10

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 214 of the Treaty, where the Commission informs them that the opinion requested or the question raised is on a matter of a confidential nature, members of the Committee shall be

under an obligation not to disclose information which has come to their knowledge through the work of the Committee or of its working groups.

In such cases, only Committee members and representatives of the Commission departments concerned may be present at meetings.

Article 11

The Commission Decision of 18 July 1962 is hereby repealed.

Article 12

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1987.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 1987.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESEN
Vice-President

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 January 1987

on the special Rice Section of the Advisory Committee on Cereals

(87/72/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Whereas the special Rice Section of the Advisory Committee on Cereals was set up by Commission Decision 64/436/EEC⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Decision 83/77/EEC⁽²⁾;

Whereas, following the accession of new Member States to the Community, the number of seats on the Committee should be increased and they should be reallocated; whereas the procedure for the replacement of members should also be adjusted;

Whereas the provisions concerning the special Rice Section of the Advisory Committee on Cereals have been amended several times and have therefore become difficult to apply; whereas they should therefore be consolidated;

Whereas the Commission should seek the views of producers, traders and consumers on matters arising in connection with the operation of the common organization of the market in rice;

Whereas all the occupations directly involved in the implementation of the market organization in question, and also consumers, must have an opportunity to participate in the drafting of the opinions requested by the Commission;

Whereas the trade associations concerned and the consumer groups in the Member States have set up organizations at Community level which are in a position to represent those concerned in all the Member States,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. There shall be attached to the Commission a special Rice Section of the Advisory Committee on Cereals; hereinafter called the 'Section'.

2. The Section shall be composed of representatives of the following interests: growers, cooperatives, the processing and food-manufacturing industries, traders in agricultural

produce and foodstuffs, agricultural workers and workers in the processing and food-manufacturing industries, consumers.

Article 2

1. The Section may be consulted by the Commission on any problem concerning the operation of Regulations on the common organization of the market in rice and in particular on measures to be adopted by the Commission under those Regulations.

2. The chairman of the Section may indicate to the Commission the desirability of consulting the Section on any matter within the latter's competence on which its opinion has not been sought. He shall do so, in particular, at the request of one of the interests represented.

Article 3

1. The Section shall consist of 28 members.

2. Seats shall be apportioned as follows:

- 14 to rice growers and cooperatives of the sector,
- three to representatives of the rice-milling industries,
- one to a representative of the industries using rice and broken rice,
- three to representatives of the wholesale rice trade,
- four to representatives of agricultural workers and of workers in the food-manufacturing industry,
- three to consumers' representatives.

Article 4

1. Members of the Section shall be appointed by the Commission on proposals from the trade workers' organizations set up at Community level which are most representative of the interests specified in Article 1 (2) and whose activities come within the scope of the common organization of the market in rice; consumers' representatives shall be appointed on proposals from the Consumers' Advisory Committee.

Those bodies shall for each seat to be filled put forward the names of two candidates of different nationality.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 122, 29. 7. 1964, p. 2051/64.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 51, 24. 2. 1983, p. 34.

2. The term of office for members of the Section shall be three years. Their appointments may be renewed. Members shall not be remunerated for their services.

After expiry of the three years, members of the Section shall remain in office until they are replaced or until their appointments are renewed.

In the event of the resignation or decease of a member or a request from the body having proposed a member that he be replaced, he shall be replaced in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

3. A list of the members of the Section shall be published by the Commission, for information purposes, in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 5

1. After consulting the Commission, the Section shall elect a chairman for a period of three years.

The chairman shall be elected, in the case of the first ballot, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and, in the case of subsequent ballots, by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the Commission shall provide a chairman on a temporary basis.

2. The Section shall elect two vice-chairmen for a period of three years.

The vice-chairmen may not represent the same interest as the chairman.

The election shall take place in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

The Section may, in accordance with the same procedure, elect other officers. In that case, the officers other than the chairman shall include not more than one representative of each interest represented on the Section.

The officers shall prepare and organize the work of the Section.

Article 6

1. Only the Commission representatives, the members of the Sections, or persons replacing them in their absence, and persons invited in accordance with paragraph 3 and 4 may participate in or attend meetings.

2. Should a member be unable to attend a meeting, the organization or organizations to which a seat is allocated may appoint a person to take his place. This person shall be selected from a list drawn up by mutual agreement between the Commission and the organization or organizations in question and containing a number of names equal to half the

total numbers of members representing the organization or organizations in question. This number shall be not less than one and not more than 12.

The secretariat of the Section must be informed of such replacement of a member at least seven days before a meeting.

3. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite its general secretary or a member of its secretariat to attend the meetings of the Section as an observer.

Should he be unable to attend, however, the general secretary may have his seat as an observer taken by another person designated by him.

Observers shall not have the right to speak. They may, however, be invited to do so by the chairman in agreement with the Commission staff.

4. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, and when the matters on the agenda are of a highly technical nature outside the normal framework of the deliberations of the Section, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite one or more experts to take part in the deliberations of the Section.

The Commission may, on its own initiative, invite any person particularly well qualified in one of the subjects on the agenda to take part in the deliberations of the Section as an expert.

However, experts shall participate only in the discussion of the matter concerning which they were invited to attend.

Article 7

In agreement with the Commission staff, the Section may set up working groups to facilitate its work.

Article 8

1. The Sections shall be convened by the Commission and shall meet at Commission headquarters. Meetings of the officers shall be convened by the chairman by arrangement with the Commission.

2. Representatives of the Commission departments concerned shall take part in meetings of the Section, its officers and working groups.

3. Secretarial services for the Section, its officers and working groups shall be provided by the Commission.

Article 9

The Section shall discuss matters on which the Commission has requested an opinion. No vote shall be taken.

The Commission may, when seeking the opinion of the Section, set a time limit within which such opinion shall be given.

The views expressed by the various interests represented shall be included in a report forwarded to the Commission.

In the event of unanimous agreement being reached in the Section on the opinion to be given, the Committee shall formulate joint conclusions and attach them to the report.

The outcome of the Section's discussions shall on request be communicated by the Commission to the Council and to the Management Committees.

Article 10

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 214 of the Treaty, where the Commission informs them that the opinion requested or the question raised is on a matter of a confidential nature, members of the Section shall be under an obligation not to disclose information which has come to

their knowledge through the work of the Section or of its working groups.

In such cases, only members of the Section and representatives of the Commission departments concerned may be present at meetings.

Article 11

Commission Decision 64/436/EEC is hereby repealed.

Article 12

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1987.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 1987.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESEN

Vice-President

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 January 1987

on the setting-up of an Advisory Committee on Poultrymeat

(87/73/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Whereas the Advisory Committee on Poultrymeat was set up by Commission Decision 73/419/EEC ⁽¹⁾ as last amended by Decision 83/77/EEC ⁽²⁾;

Whereas, following the accession of new Member States to the Community, the number of seats on the Committee should be increased and they should be reallocated; whereas the procedure for the replacement of members should also be adjusted;

Whereas the provisions concerning the Advisory Committee on Poultrymeat have been amended several times and have therefore become difficult to apply; whereas they should therefore be consolidated;

Whereas the Commission should seek the views of producers, traders and consumers on matters arising in connection with the operation of the common organization of the market in poultrymeat;

Whereas all the occupations directly involved in the implementation of the market organization in question, and also consumers, must have an opportunity to participate in the drafting of the opinions requested by the Commission;

Whereas the trade associations concerned and the consumer groups in the Member States have set up organizations at Community level which are in a position to represent those concerned in all the Member States,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. There shall be attached to the Commission an Advisory Committee on Poultrymeat, hereinafter called the 'Committee'.

2. The Committee shall be composed of representatives of the following interests: farmers, cooperatives, the processing and food-manufacturing industries, traders in agricultural produce and foodstuffs, agricultural workers and workers in the processing and food manufacturing industries, consumers.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 355, 24. 12. 1973, p. 34.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 51, 24. 2. 1983, p. 34.

Article 2

1. The Committee may be consulted by the Commission on any problem concerning the operation of Regulations on the common organization of the Market in poultrymeat and in particular on measures to be adopted by the Commission under those Regulations.

2. The chairman of the Committee may indicate to the Commission the desirability of consulting the Committee on any matter within the latter's competence on which its opinion has not been sought. He shall do so, in particular, at the request of one of the interests represented.

Article 3

1. The Committee shall consist of 30 members.

2. Seats on the Committee shall be apportioned as follows:

- 15 to agricultural producers and cooperatives of the sector,
- three to representatives of the poultry-slaughtering industry,
- four to representatives of the poultry trade, including one to supermarkets,
- four to representatives of agricultural workers and workers in the processing and food-manufacturing industries,
- four to consumers' representatives.

Article 4

1. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Commission on proposals from the trade workers' organizations set up at Community level which are most representative of the interests specified in Article 1 (2) and whose activities come within the scope of the common organization of the market in poultrymeat: consumers' representatives shall be appointed on proposals from the Consumers' Advisory Committee.

Those bodies shall for each seat to be filled put forward the names of two candidates of different nationality.

2. The term of office for members of the Committee shall be three years. Their appointments may be renewed. Members shall not be remunerated for their services.

After expiry of the three years, members of the Committee shall remain in office until they are replaced or until their appointments are renewed.

In the event of the resignation or decease of a member or a request from the body having proposed a member that he be replaced, he shall be replaced in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

3. A list of the members of the Committee shall be published by the Commission, for information purposes, in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 5

1. After consulting the Commission, the Committee shall elect a chairman for a period of three years.

The chairman shall be elected, in the case of the first ballot, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and, in the case of subsequent ballots, by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the Commission shall provide a chairman on a temporary basis.

2. The Committee shall elect two vice-chairmen for a period of three years.

The vice-chairmen may not represent the same interest as the chairman.

The election shall take place in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

The Committee may, in accordance with the same procedure, elect other officers. In that case, the officers other than the chairman shall include not more than one representative of each interest represented on the Committee.

The officers shall prepare and organize the work of the Committee.

Article 6

1. Only the Commission representatives, the members of the Committee, or persons replacing them in their absence, and persons invited in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 may participate in or attend meetings.

2. Should a member be unable to attend a meeting, the organization or organizations to which a seat is allocated may appoint a person to take his place. This person shall be selected from a list drawn up by mutual agreement between the Commission and the organization or organizations in question and containing a number of names equal to half the total numbers of members representing the organization or organizations in question. This number shall be not less than one and not more than 12.

The secretariat of the Committee must be informed of such replacement of a member at least seven days before a meeting.

3. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite its general secretary or a member of its secretariat to attend the meetings of the Committee as an observer.

Should he be unable to attend, however, the general secretary may have his seat as an observer taken by another person designated by him.

Observers shall not have the right to speak. They may, however, be invited to do so by the chairman in agreement with the Commission staff.

4. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, and when the matters on the agenda are of a highly technical nature outside the normal framework of the deliberations of the Committee, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite one or more experts to take part in the deliberations of the Committee.

The Commission may, on its own initiative, invite any person particularly well qualified in one of the subjects on the agenda to take part in the deliberations of the Committee as an expert.

However, experts shall participate only in the discussion of the matter concerning which they were invited to attend.

Article 7

In agreement with the Commission staff, the Committee may set up working groups to facilitate its work.

Article 8

1. The Committee shall be convened by the Commission and shall meet at Commission headquarters. Meetings of the officers shall be convened by the Chairman by arrangement with the Commission.

2. Representatives of the Commission departments concerned shall take part in meetings of the Committee, its officers and working groups.

3. Secretarial services for the Committee, its officers and working groups shall be provided by the Commission.

Article 9

The Committee shall discuss matters on which the Commission has requested an opinion. No vote shall be taken.

The Commission may, when seeking the opinion of the Committee, set a time limit within which such opinion shall be given.

The views expressed by the various interests represented shall be included in a report forwarded to the Commission.

In the event of unanimous agreement being reached in the Committee on the opinion to be given, the Committee shall formulate joint conclusions and attach them to the report.

The outcome of the Committee's discussions shall on request be communicated by the Commission to the Council and to the Management Committees.

Article 10

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 214 of the Treaty, where the Commission informs them that the opinion requested or the question raised is on a matter of a confidential nature, members of the Committee shall be under an obligation not to disclose information which has come to their knowledge through the work of the Committee or of its working groups.

In such cases, only Committee members and representatives of the Commission departments concerned may be present at meetings.

Article 11

Commission Decision 73/419/EEC is hereby repealed.

Article 12

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1987.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 1987.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESEN
Vice-President

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 January 1987

on the setting-up of an Advisory Committee on Eggs

(87/74/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Whereas the Advisory Committee on Eggs was set up by Commission Decision 73/420/EEC ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Decision 83/77/EEC ⁽²⁾;

Whereas, following the accession of new Member States to the Community, the number of seats on the Committee should be increased and they should be reallocated; whereas the procedure for the replacement of members should also be adjusted;

Whereas the provisions concerning the Advisory Committee on Eggs have been amended several times and have therefore become difficult to apply; whereas they should therefore be consolidated;

Whereas the Commission should seek the views of producers, traders and consumers on matters arising in connection with the operation of the common organization of the market in eggs;

Whereas all the occupations directly involved in the implementation of the market organization in question, and also consumers, must have an opportunity to participate in the drafting of the opinions requested by the Commission;

Whereas the trade associations concerned and the consumer groups in the Member States have set up organizations at Community level which are in a position to represent those concerned in all the Member States,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. There shall be attached to the Commission an Advisory Committee on Eggs, hereinafter called the 'Committee'.
2. The Committee shall be composed of representatives of the following interests: producers, cooperatives, the processing and food-manufacturing industries, traders in agricultural produce and foodstuffs, agricultural workers and workers in the processing and food-manufacturing industries, consumers.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 355, 24. 12. 1973, p. 37.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 51, 24. 2. 1983, p. 34.

Article 2

1. The Committee may be consulted by the Commission on any problem concerning the operation of Regulations on the common organization of the market in eggs and in particular on measures to be adopted by the Commission under those Regulations.

2. The chairman of the Committee may indicate to the Commission the desirability of consulting the Committee on any matter within the latter's competence on which its opinion has not been sought. He shall do so, in particular, at the request of one of the interests represented.

Article 3

1. The Committee shall consist of 34 members.
2. Seats on the Committee shall be apportioned as follows:
 - 17 to agricultural producers and cooperatives of the sector,
 - four to representatives of industries using eggs and egg products, of whom one or more shall represent egg-processing plants,
 - five to representatives of the egg trade, including egg-packing stations,
 - four to representatives of agricultural workers and of workers in the processing and food-manufacturing industries,
 - four to consumers' representatives.

Article 4

1. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Commission on proposals from the trade workers' organizations set up at Community level which are most representative of the interests specified in Article 1 (2) and whose activities come within the scope of the common organizations of the market in eggs; consumers' representatives shall be appointed on proposals from the Consumers' Advisory Committee.

Those bodies shall for each seat to be filled put forward the names of two candidates of different nationality.

2. The term of office for members of the Committee shall be three years. Their appointments may be renewed. Members shall be not be remunerated for their services.

After expiry of the three years, members of the Committee shall remain in office until they are replaced or until their appointments are renewed.

In the event of the resignation or decease of a member or a request from the body having proposed a member that he be replaced, he shall be replaced in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

3. A list of the members of the Committee shall be published by the Commission, for information purposes, in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 5

1. After consulting the Commission, the Committee shall elect a chairman for a period of three years.

The chairman shall be elected, in the case of the first ballot, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and, in the case of subsequent ballots, by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the Commission shall provide a chairman on a temporary basis.

2. The Committee shall elect two vice-chairmen for a period of three years.

The vice-chairmen may not represent the same interest as the chairman.

The election shall take place in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

The Committee may, in accordance with the same procedure, elect other officers. In that case, the officers other than the chairman shall include not more than one representative of each interest represented on the Committee.

The officers shall prepare and organize the work of the Committee.

Article 6

1. Only the Commission representatives, the members of the Committee, or persons replacing them in their absence, and persons invited in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 may participate in or attend meetings.

2. Should a member be unable to attend a meeting, the organization or organizations to which a seat is allocated may appoint a person to take his place. This person shall be selected from a list drawn up by mutual agreement between the Commission and the organization or organizations in question and containing a number of names equal to half the total numbers of members representing the organization in question. This number shall be not less than one and not more than 12.

The secretariat of the Committee must be informed of such replacement of a member at least seven days before a meeting.

3. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite its general secretary or a member of its secretariat to attend the meetings of the Committee as an observer.

Should he be unable to attend, however, the general secretary may have his seat as an observer taken by another person designated by him.

Observers shall not have the right to speak. They may, however, be invited to do so by the chairman in agreement with the Commission staff.

4. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, and when the matters on the agenda are of a highly technical nature outside the normal framework of the deliberations of the Committee, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite one or more experts to take part in the deliberations of the Committee.

The Commission may, on its own initiative, invite any person particularly well qualified in one of the subjects on the agenda to take part in the deliberations of the Committee as an expert.

However, experts shall participate only in the discussion of the matter concerning which they were invited to attend.

Article 7

In agreement with the Commission staff, the Committee may set up working groups to facilitate its work.

Article 8

1. The Committee shall be convened by the Commission and shall meet at Commission headquarters. Meetings of the officers shall be convened by the Chairman by arrangement with the Commission.

2. Representatives of the Commission departments concerned shall take part in meetings of the Committee, its officers and working groups.

3. Secretarial services for the Committee, its officers and working groups shall be provided by the Commission.

Article 9

The Committee shall discuss matters on which the Commission has requested an opinion. No vote shall be taken.

The Commission may, when seeking the opinion of the Committee, set a time limit within which such opinion shall be given.

The views expressed by the various interests represented shall be included in a report forwarded to the Commission.

In the event of unanimous agreement being reached to in the Committee on the opinion to be given, the Committee shall formulate joint conclusions and attach them to the report.

The outcome of the Committee's discussions shall on request be communicated by the Commission to the Council and to the Management Committees.

Article 10

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 214 of the Treaty, where the Commission informs them that the opinion requested or the question raised is on a matter of a confidential nature, members of the Committee shall be

under an obligation not to disclose information which has come to their knowledge through the work of the Committee or of its working groups.

In such cases, only Committee members and representatives of the Commission departments concerned may be present at meetings.

Article 11

Commission Decision 73/420/EEC is hereby repealed.

Article 12

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1987.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 1987.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESSEN

Vice-President

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 January 1987

on the setting-up of an Advisory Committee on Sugar

(87/75/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Article 2

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Whereas the Advisory Committee on Sugar was set up by Commission Decision 69/146/EEC ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Decision 86/57/EEC ⁽²⁾,

Whereas, following the accession of new Member States to the Community, the number of seats on the Committee should be increased and they should be reallocated; whereas the procedure for the replacement of members should also be adjusted;

Whereas the provisions concerning the Advisory Committee on Sugar have been amended several times and have therefore become difficult to apply; whereas they should therefore be consolidated;

Whereas the Commission should seek the views of producers, traders and consumers on matters arising in connection with the operation of the common organization of the market in sugar;

Whereas all the occupations directly involved in the implementation of the market organization in question, and also consumers, must have an opportunity to participate in the drafting of the opinions requested by the Commission;

Whereas the trade associations concerned and the consumer groups in the Member States have set up organizations at Community level which are in a position to represent those concerned in all the Member States,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. There shall be attached to the Commission an Advisory Committee on Sugar, hereinafter called the 'Committee'.
2. The Committee shall be composed of representatives of the following interests: growers, cooperatives, the processing and food-manufacturing industries, traders in agricultural produce and food-stuffs, agricultural workers and workers in the processing and food-manufacturing industries, consumers.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 122, 22. 5. 1969, p. 2.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 68, 11. 3. 1986, p. 20.

1. The committee may be consulted by the Commission on any problem concerning the operation of Regulations on the common organization of the market in sugar and in particular on measures to be adopted under those Regulations.

2. The chairman of the Committee may indicate to the Commission the desirability of consulting the Committee on any matter within the latter's competence on which its opinion has not been sought.

He shall do so, in particular, at the request of one of the interests represented.

3. In respect of problems relating to:

- (a) contracts for the supply of sugar beet,
- (b) payment for sugar beet and sugar cane,
- (c) disposal of sugar surpluses,
- (d) arrangements to offset storage costs for sugar,
- (e) the allocation of quotas particularly in the event of mergers between undertakings,

the Commission may, acting through the joint working party provided for in Article 5 of this Decision, consult only the representatives of beet and cane growers and the representatives of sugar manufacturers.

Article 3

1. The Committee shall consist of 52 members.
2. Seats on the Committee shall be apportioned as follows:
 - 26 to sugar growers and cooperatives of the sector,
 - 13 to the industries producing sugar and isoglucose and to the industries using sugar, of which:
 - seven to sugar manufacturers,
 - one to isoglucose producers,
 - one to the sugar-refining industry,
 - four to the industries using sugar,
 - three to the sugar and molasses trade,
 - five agricultural and food-industry workers,
 - five to consumers' representatives.

Article 4

1. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Commission on proposals from the trade workers' organizations set up at Community level which are most representative of the interests specified in Article 1 (2) and whose activities come within the scope of the common organization of the market in sugar; consumers' representatives shall be appointed on proposals from the Consumers' Advisory Committee.

Those bodies shall for each seat to be filled put forward the names of two candidates of different nationality.

2. The term of office for members of the Committee shall be three years. Their appointments may be renewed. Members shall not be remunerated for their services.

After expiry of the three years members of the Committee shall remain in office until they are replaced or until their appointments are renewed.

In the event of the resignation or decease of a member or a request from the body having proposed a member that he be replaced, he shall be replaced in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

3. A list of the members of the Committee shall be published by the Commission for information purposes, in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 5

1. There shall be set up under the auspices of the Committee a joint working group consisting of 11 representatives of the sugar-beet and sugar-cane growers and 11 representatives of the sugar manufacturers, the members of the joint working group being appointed by the Commission on proposals from the trade organizations concerned in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 4.

Members of the joint working group need not be members of the Committee.

2. In the event of a member of the joint working party being unable to attend a meeting, and in this event only, another person may attend in his stead.

The trade organization which proposed the absent member may propose a substitute for him to the chairman.

3. The chairman of the joint working party may indicate to the Commission the desirability of consulting the working party on any matter within Article 2 (3) on which it has not been consulted. He shall do so, in particular, at the request of either of the two interests represented on the working party.

Article 6

1. After consulting the Commission, the Committee shall elect a chairman for a period of three years.

The chairman shall be elected, in the case of the first ballot, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and, in the

case of subsequent ballots, by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the Commission shall provide a chairman on a temporary basis.

2. The Committee shall elect two vice-chairmen for a period of three years. The vice-chairmen may not represent the same interest as the chairman.

The election shall take place in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

The Committee may, in accordance with the same procedure, elect other officers. In that case, the officers other than the chairman shall include not more than one representative of each interest represented on the Committee.

The officers shall prepare and organize the work of the Committee.

3. The joint working party shall elect from among its members a chairman and a vice-chairman for a period of one year. The election shall take place in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

The vice-chairman may not represent the same interests as the chairman. They shall be chosen alternately from among the two interests represented.

Article 7

1. Only the Commission representatives, the members of the Committees or persons replacing them in their absence, and persons invited in accordance with paragraphs 3, 4 and 7 may participate in or attend meetings.

2. Only the Commission representatives, the members of the joint working party or persons replacing them in their absence, the chairman of the Committee and persons invited in accordance with paragraphs 5 and 7 may participate in or attend meetings of the joint working party.

3. Should a Committee member be unable to attend a meeting, the organization or organizations to which a seat is allocated may appoint a person to take his place. This person shall be selected from a list drawn up by mutual agreement between the Commission and the organization or organizations in question and containing a number of names equal to half the total number of members representing the organization or organizations in question.

This number shall be not less than one and not more than 12.

The secretariat of the Committee must be informed of such replacement of a member at least seven days before a meeting.

4. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite its general secretary or a member of its secretariat to attend the meetings of the Committee as an observer.

Should he be unable to attend, however, the general secretary may have his seat as an observer taken by another person designated by him.

5. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated in the joint working party, the chairman

of the joint working party may invite its general secretary or a member of its secretariat to attend the meetings of the joint working party as an observer.

Should he be unable to attend, however, the general secretary may have his seat as an observer taken by another person designated by him.

6. Observers shall not have the right to speak. They may, however, be invited to do so by the chairman in agreement with the Commission staff.

7. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, and when the matters on the agenda are of a highly technical nature outside the normal framework of the deliberations of the Committee or joint working party, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite one or more experts to take part in the deliberations of the Committee or joint working party.

The Commission may, on its own initiative, invite any person particularly well qualified in one of the subjects on the agenda to take part in the deliberations of the Committee or joint working party as an expert.

However, experts shall participate only in the discussion of the matter concerning which they were invited to attend.

Article 8

In agreement with the Commission staff, the Committee or joint working party may set up working groups to facilitate its work.

Article 9

1. The Committee and the joint working party shall be convened by the Commission and shall meet at Commission headquarters. Meetings of the officers shall be convened by the Chairman by arrangement with the Commission.

2. Representatives of the Commission departments concerned shall take part in meetings of the Committee, its officers, the joint working party and the working groups.

3. Secretarial services for the Committee, its officers, the joint working party and the working groups shall be provided by the Commission.

Article 10

The Committee shall discuss matters on which the Commission has requested an opinion. No vote shall be taken.

The Commission may, when seeking the opinion of the Committee, set a time limit within which such opinion shall be given.

The views expressed by the various interests represented shall be included in a report forwarded to the Commission.

In the event of unanimous agreement being reached in the Commission on the opinion to be given, the Commission shall formulate joint conclusions and attach them to the report.

The outcome of the Committee's discussions shall on request be communicated by the Commission to the Council and to the Management Committee.

Article 11

The Chairman of the joint working party shall report to the Committee on the work of the working party.

Article 12

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 214 of the Treaty, where the Commission informs them that the opinion requested or the question raised is on a matter of a confidential nature, members of the Committee and members of the joint working party, or those attending in their stead pursuant to Article 5 (2), shall be under an obligation not to disclose information which has come to their knowledge through the work of the Committee, the joint working party or the working groups.

In such cases, only members of the Committee, members of the joint working party, those attending in their stead pursuant to Article 5 (2) and representatives of the Commission departments concerned may be present at meetings.

Article 13

Commission Decision 69/146/EEC is hereby repealed.

Article 14

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1987.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 1987.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESEN
Vice-President

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 January 1987

on the setting-up of an Advisory Committee on Feedingstuffs

(87/76/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Whereas the Advisory Committee on Feedingstuffs was set up by Commission Decision 77/532/EEC ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Decision 83/77/EEC ⁽²⁾;

Whereas, following the accession of new Member States to the Community, the number of seats on the Committee should be increased and they should be reallocated; whereas the procedure for the replacement of members should also be adjusted;

Whereas the provisions concerning the Advisory Committee on Feedingstuffs have been amended several times and have therefore become difficult to apply; whereas they should therefore be consolidated;

Whereas it is necessary to obtain an overall view of the factors which govern the production, marketing and consumption of feedingstuffs and to consult producers, traders and consumers on these matters;

Whereas the trade associations concerned and the consumer groups in the Member States have set up organizations at Community level which are in a position to represent those concerned in all the Member States;

Whereas the terms of reference of the standing working group on peas and field beans should also be laid down,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. There is hereby attached to the Commission an Advisory Committee on Feedingstuffs, hereinafter called 'the Committee'.

2. The Committee shall consist of representatives of the following interests: agricultural producers, agricultural cooperations, industry, trade, workers and consumers.

Article 2

The Committee shall set up:

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 211, 19. 8. 1977, p. 7.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 51, 24. 2. 1983, p. 34.

- a standing working group on statistics,
- a standing working group on proteins,
- a standing working group on dehydrated fodder,
- a standing working group on peas and field beans.

In agreement with the Commission staff, the Committee may set up other working groups to facilitate its work.

Article 3

1. The Committee may be consulted by the Commission on any problem concerning the production, marketing or consumption of feedingstuffs.

It shall organize and prepare the work of the standing groups and of the other working groups. It shall ensure that each group is composed solely of representatives of the sectors most directly concerned with the subject or subjects to be examined by that group.

2. The standing working group on statistics shall be responsible for examining the problems of supply and demand in the feedingstuff sector.

3. The standing group on proteins shall be responsible for examining the problems of the Community's protein supplies.

4. The standing working group on dehydrated fodder shall be responsible for examining the application to the rules on the common organization of the market in dehydrated fodder, and in particular the measures which the Commission takes under these rules.

5. The standing working group on peas and field beans shall be responsible for examining the application of the rules on the common organization of the market in peas and field beans, and in particular the measures which the Commission takes under those rules.

6. The working groups shall report to the Committee on the results of their work.

The working groups shall appoint a chairman and a rapporteur.

7. The chairman of the Committee may indicate to the Commission the desirability of consulting the Committee on any matter within the latter's competence but on which its opinion has not been sought. He shall do so, in particular, at the request of one of the interests represented.

Article 4

1. The Committee shall comprise 30 members.
2. Seats on the Committee shall be allocated as follows:
 - 15 to agricultural producers and cooperatives,
 - five to industry,
 - four to trade,
 - three to workers,
 - three to consumers' representatives.

Article 5

1. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Commission on proposals from the trade workers' organizations set up at Community level which are most representative of the interests specified in Article 1 (2); nevertheless, the consumers' representatives shall be appointed on a proposal from the Consumers' Advisory Committee set up by the Commission Decision of 25 September 1973.

The said bodies shall put forward two candidates of different nationality in respect of each seat to be filled, each from a different Member State of the Community.

2. The term of office of a member of the Committee shall be three years and shall be renewable. Members shall not be remunerated for their services.

After the expiry of the three-year period, members of the Committee shall remain in office until they are replaced or until their appointments are renewed.

In the event of the resignation or decease of a member or a request from the body having proposed a member that he be replaced, he shall be replaced in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

3. A list of the members shall be published by the Commission for information purposes in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 6

1. After consulting the Commission, the Committee shall elect a chairman for a period of three years.

The chairman shall be elected, in the case of the first ballot, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and, in the case of subsequent ballots, by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the Commission shall provide a chairman on a temporary basis.

2. The Committee shall elect two vice-chairmen for a period of three years. The vice-chairmen may not represent the same interest as the chairman.

The election shall take place in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

The Committee may, in accordance with the same procedure, elect other officers. In that case, the officers other than the chairman shall include not more than one representative of each interest represented on the Committee.

The officers shall prepare and organize the work of the Committee.

Article 7

1. Only the Commission representatives, the members of the Committee, or persons replacing them in their absence, and persons invited in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 may participate in or attend meetings.

2. Should a member be unable to attend a meeting, the organization or organizations to which a seat is allocated may appoint a person to take his place. This person shall be selected from a list drawn up by mutual agreement between the Commission and the organization or organizations in question and containing a number of names equal to half the total number of members representing the organization or organizations in question.

This number shall be not less than one and not more than 12.

The secretariat of the Committee must be informed of such replacement of a member at least seven days before a meeting.

3. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated on the Committee, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite its general secretary or a member of its secretariat to attend the meetings of the Committee as an observer.

Should he be unable to attend, however, the general secretary may have his seat as an observer taken by another person designated by him.

Observers shall not have the right to speak. They may, however, be invited to do so by the chairman in agreement with the Commission staff.

4. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, and when the matters on the agenda are of a highly technical nature outside the normal framework of

the deliberations of the Committee, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite one or more experts to take part in the deliberations of the Committee.

The Commission may, on its own initiative, invite any person particularly well qualified in one of the subjects on the agenda to take part in the deliberations of the Committee as an expert.

However, experts shall participate only in the discussion of the matter concerning which they were invited to attend.

Article 8

1. The Committee shall be convened by the Commission and shall meet at Commission headquarters. Meetings of the officers shall be convened by the chairman in agreement with the Commission.

2. Representatives of the Commission departments concerned shall take part in meetings of the Committee, its officers and the working groups.

3. Secretarial services for the Committee, its officers and working groups shall be provided by the Commission.

Article 9

The Committee shall discuss matters on which the Commission has requested an opinion. No vote shall be taken.

The Commission may, when seeking the opinion of the Committee, set a time limit within which such opinion shall be given.

The views expressed by the various interests represented shall be included in a report forwarded to the Commission.

In the event of unanimous agreement being reached in the Committee on the opinion to be given, the Committee shall formulate joint conclusions which shall be annexed to the report.

The results of the Committee's discussions shall on request be communicated by the Commission to the Council and to the Management Committees.

Article 10

Without prejudice to Article 214 of the Treaty members of the Committee shall, if the Commission informs them that the opinion requested or the question raised is on a matter of a confidential nature, be under an obligation not to disclose information which has come to their knowledge through the work of the Committee or of its working groups.

In such cases, only Committee members and representatives of the Commission departments may be present at meetings.

Article 11

Commission Decision 77/532/EEC is hereby repealed.

Article 12

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1987.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 1987.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESEN
Vice-President

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 January 1987

setting up within the Advisory on Feedingstuffs a Special Section on the Approximation of Laws

(87/77/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Article 2

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Whereas the Special Section on the Approximation of Laws was set up within the Advisory Committee on Feedingstuffs by Commission Decision 77/533/EEC ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Decision 81/307/EEC ⁽²⁾;

Whereas the procedure for the replacement of members should be adjusted in the light of the change that has occurred in the representation of industry;

Whereas the rules governing the Special Section on the Approximation of Laws within the Advisory Committee on Feedingstuffs have been amended and should therefore be consolidated;

Whereas the Commission should canvass the views of trade circles and consumers on matters concerning the approximation of laws on feedingstuffs;

Whereas trade associations representing agriculture, industry, commerce and workers and consumer groups in the Member States have set up organizations at Community level,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. There is hereby attached to the Commission within the Advisory Committee on Feedingstuffs a Special Section on the Approximation of Laws, hereinafter called 'the Section'.

2. The Section shall report to the Committee on the results of its work.

3. The Section shall consist of representatives of organizations concerned with agriculture, industry, commerce, workers and consumers.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 211, 19. 8. 1977, p. 10.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 126, 12. 5. 1981, p. 27.

1. The Section may be consulted by the Commission on any problem concerning the approximation of the laws on feedingstuffs.

2. The chairman of the Section may indicate to the Commission the desirability of consulting the Section on any matter within the latter's competence but on which its opinion has not been sought. He shall also do so at the request of any one of the interests represented in the Section.

Article 3

1. The Section shall comprise 12 permanent members and a maximum of 24 non-permanent members.

2. The permanent members shall be responsible for coordinating work within their group.

3. Seats for permanent members shall be allocated as follows:

- two to agricultural producers,
- two to agricultural cooperatives,
- two to industry,
- two to commerce,
- two to workers,
- two to consumers.

4. The interests listed in paragraph 3 may each appoint a maximum of four non-permanent members.

Article 4

1. The permanent members of the Section shall be appointed by the Commission on proposals from the following bodies:

- agricultural producers:
the Committee of Agricultural Organizations in the European Economic Community (COPA),
- agricultural cooperatives:
the General Committee for Agricultural Cooperation in the European Economic Community (COGECA),

- industry:
Confederation of the Food and Drink Industries of the EEC (CIAA),
- commerce:
the Community-level trade organizations most representative of that category,
- workers:
the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC),
- consumers:
the Consumer's Consultative Committee set up by Commission Decision 73/306/EEC ⁽¹⁾.

2. The said bodies shall put forward two candidates of different nationality in respect of each seat to be filled, each from a different Member State of the Community.

3. The bodies referred to in paragraph 1 shall propose to the Commission, by letter addressed at least eight days before each meeting to the department of the Commission responsible for the provision of secretarial services pursuant to Article 9 (3), their other representatives in the Section.

Article 5

1. The term of office of a permanent member of the Section shall be three years and shall be renewable. Members shall not be remunerated for their services.

After the expiry of the three-year period, permanent members of the Section shall remain in office until they are replaced or until their appointments are renewed.

In the event of the resignation or decease of a member or a request from the body having proposed a member that he be replaced, he shall be replaced in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 4.

2. A list of the permanent members shall be published by the Commission for information purposes in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 6

1. The permanent members shall elect a chairman of the Section from among their number for a term of three years.

2. On a first ballot this election shall require a two-thirds majority of the permanent members present and on subsequent ballots a simple majority of the permanent members present.

The Section may by the same procedure elect further officers. In that case, in addition to the chairman, the officers shall not

include more than one representative of each interest represented in the Section and to which the chairman does not belong.

One of the officers shall carry out the functions of vice-chairman.

The officers shall prepare and organize the work of the Section.

Article 7

At the request of any of the interests represented, the chairman may invite a person delegated by the interest concerned to be present at meetings of the Section.

He may also invite any person with special qualifications in any subject on the agenda to take part in an expert capacity in the meetings of the Section and of its working groups.

Such experts shall take part only in discussions of the item for which they are invited.

Article 8

The Section may set up working groups.

The working groups shall appoint a chairman and a rapporteur.

The task of the working groups shall be to report to the Section on the subjects dealt with.

Article 9

1. The Section shall be convened by the Commission and shall meet at Commission headquarters. Meetings of the officers shall be convened by the chairman in agreement with the Commission.

2. Representatives of the Commission departments concerned shall take part in meetings of the Section, its officers and the working groups.

3. The Commission shall provide secretarial services for the Section, its officers and the working groups.

4. Acting on proposals from the bodies referred to in Article 4 (1), the Commission may appoint, for the duration of the term of office of the permanent members of the Section, observers responsible for the administrative links with the Section's secretariat.

5. Observers may attend meetings of the Section and of the working groups; they shall not take part in discussions.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 283, 10. 10. 1973, p. 18.

Article 10

The Section shall discuss matters on which the Commission has requested an opinion. No vote shall be taken.

The Commission may, when seeking the opinion of the Section, set a time limit within which such opinion shall be given.

The views expressed by the various interests represented shall be included in a report forwarded to the Commission.

In the event of unanimous agreement being reached in the Section on the opinion to be given, the Section shall formulate joint conclusions which shall be annexed to the report.

The results of the Section's discussions shall on request be communicated by the Commission to the Council and to the Standing Committee on Feedingstuffs.

Article 11

Without prejudice to Article 214 of the Treaty, participants of Section meetings shall, if the Commission informs them that the opinion requested or the question raised is on a

matter of a confidential nature, be under an obligation not to disclose information which has come to their knowledge through the work of the Section or of its working groups.

In such cases, only members of the specialized Section and representatives of the Commission departments concerned may be present at meetings.

Article 12

Commission Decision 77/533/EEC is hereby repealed.

Article 13

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1987.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 1987.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESEN
Vice-President

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 January 1987

on the setting-up of an Advisory Committee on Raw Tobacco

(87/78/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Whereas the Advisory Committee on Raw Tobacco was set up by Commission Decision 71/31/EEC ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Decision 86/58/EEC ⁽²⁾;

Whereas, following the accession of new Member States to the Community, the number of seats on the Committee should be increased and they should be reallocated; whereas the procedure for the replacement of members should also be adjusted;

Whereas the provisions concerning the Advisory Committee on Raw Tobacco have been amended several times and have therefore become difficult to apply; whereas they should therefore be consolidated;

Whereas the Commission should seek the views of producers, traders and consumers on matters arising in connection with the operation of the common organization of the market in raw tobacco;

Whereas all the occupations directly involved in the implementation of the market organization in question, and also consumers, must have an opportunity to participate in the drafting of the opinions requested by the Commission;

Whereas the trade associations concerned and the consumer groups in the Member States have set up organizations at Community level which are in a position to represent those concerned in all the Member States;

Considering that, furthermore, it is necessary to modify the number of members of the joint working party to take account of enlargement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. There shall be attached to the Commission an Advisory Committee on Raw Tobacco, hereinafter called the 'Committee'.

2. The Committee shall be composed of representatives of the following interests: producers, cooperatives, the

tobacco industry, the tobacco trade, workers in the relevant sectors, consumers.

Article 2

1. The Committee may be consulted by the Commission on any problem concerning the operation of Regulations on the common organization of the market in raw tobacco and in particular on measures to be adopted under those Regulations.

2. The chairman of the Committee may indicate to the Commission the desirability of consulting the Committee on any matter within the latter's competence on which its opinion has not been sought. He shall do so, in particular, at the request of one of the interests represented.

3. In respect of problems concerning the sale of leaf tobacco under Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 727/70 ⁽³⁾ and in particular as regards the terms of the contracts referred to in that Article, the Commission may, through the joint working party provided for in Article 5 of this Decision, consult only the representatives of raw tobacco producers and the representatives of the tobacco industry and the tobacco trade.

Article 3

1. The Committee shall consist of 44 members.

2. Seats on the Committee shall be apportioned as follows:

- 22 to agricultural producers and cooperatives in the sector,
- four to representatives of the tobacco trade,
- nine to representatives of the tobacco industry, of which four seats to be allocated to public undertakings,
- six to representatives of agricultural workers and of workers in the tobacco industry,
- three to consumers' representatives.

Article 4

1. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Commission on proposals from the trade workers' organizations set up at Community level which are most representative of the interests specified in Article 1 (2) and

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 14, 18. 1. 1971, p. 8.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 68, 11. 3. 1986, p. 21.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 1.

whose activities come within the scope of the common organization of the market in raw tobacco; consumers' representatives shall be appointed on proposals from the Consumers' Advisory Committee.

Those bodies shall for each seat to be filled put forward the names of two candidates of different nationality.

2. The term of office for members of the Committee shall be three years. Their appointments may be renewed. Members shall not be remunerated for their services.

After expiry of the three years, members of the Committee shall remain in office until they are replaced or until their appointments are renewed.

In the event of the resignation or decease of a member or a request from the body having proposed a member that he be replaced, he shall be replaced in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

3. A list of the members of the Committee shall be published by the Commission, for information purposes, in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 5

1. There shall be set up under the auspices of the Committee a joint working party consisting of nine producers' representatives and nine representatives of the tobacco trade and the tobacco industry, appointed by the Commission on proposals from the trade organizations concerned in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 4.

Members of the working party need not be members of the Committee.

The trade and industry representatives shall be as follows:

- two representatives of the raw tobacco trade,
- seven representatives of the tobacco industry, of whom four shall represent public undertakings.

2. In the event of a member of the joint working party being unable to attend a meeting, and in this event only, another person may attend in his stead. The trade organization which proposed the absent member may propose a substitute for him to the chairman.

3. The Chairman of the joint working party may indicate to the Commission the desirability of consulting the working party on any matter within Article 2 (3) on which it has not been consulted. He shall do so, in particular, at the request of either of the two sides represented on the working party.

Article 6

1. After consulting the Commission, the Committee shall elect a chairman for a period of three years.

The chairman shall be elected, in the case of the first ballot, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and, in the case of subsequent ballots, by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the Commission shall provide a chairman on a temporary basis.

2. The Committee shall elect two vice-chairmen for a period of three years. The vice-chairman may not represent the same interest as the chairman.

The election shall take place in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

The Committee may, in accordance with the same procedure, elect other officers. In that case, the officers other than the chairman shall include not more than one representative of each interest represented on the Committee.

The officers shall prepare and organize the work of the Committee.

3. The joint working party shall elect from among its members a chairman and a vice-chairman for a period of one year. The election shall take place in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

The vice-chairman may not represent the same interest as the chairman. They shall be chosen alternately from among the two interests represented.

Article 7

1. Only the Commission representatives, the members of the Committees or persons replacing them in their absence, and persons invited in accordance with paragraphs 3, 4 and 7 may participate in or attend meetings.

2. Only the Commission representatives, the members of the joint working party or persons replacing them in their absence, the chairman of the Committee and persons invited in accordance with paragraphs 5 and 7 may participate in or attend meetings of the joint working party.

3. Should a Committee member be unable to attend a meeting, the organization or organizations to which a seat is allocated may appoint a person to take his place. This person shall be selected from a list drawn up by mutual agreement between the Commission and the organization or organizations in question and containing a number of names equal to half the total number of members representing the organization or organizations in question.

This number shall be not less than one and not more than 12.

Each of the members representing public undertakings may be replaced, on submission of written notification by the public undertaking which they represent.

The secretariat of the Committee must be informed of such replacement of a member at least seven days before a meeting.

4. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated in the Committee, the chairman of the Committee may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite its general secretary or a member of its secretariat to attend the meetings of the Committee as an observer.

Should he be unable to attend, however, the general secretary may have his seat as an observer taken by another person designated by him. Observers shall not have the right to speak. They may, however, be invited to do so by the chairman in agreement with the Commission staff.

5. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated in the joint working party, the chairman of the joint working party may invite its general secretary or a member of its secretariat to attend the meetings of the joint working party as an observer.

Should he be unable to attend, however, the general secretary may have his seat as an observer taken by another person designated by him.

6. Observers shall not have the right to speak. They may, however, be invited to do so by the chairman in agreement with the Commission staff.

7. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, and when the matters on the agenda are of a highly technical nature outside the normal framework of the deliberations of the Committee or joint working party, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite one or more experts to take part in the deliberations of the Committee or joint working party.

The Commission may, on its own initiative, invite any person particularly well qualified in one of the subjects on the agenda to take part in the deliberations of the Committee or joint working party as an expert.

However, experts shall participate only in the discussion of the matter concerning which they were invited to attend.

Article 8

In agreement with the Commission staff, the Committee or joint working party may set up working groups to facilitate its work.

Article 9

1. The Committee and the joint working party shall be convened by the Commission and shall meet at Commission headquarters. Meetings of the officers shall be convened by the chairman by arrangement with the Commission.

2. Representatives of the Commission departments concerned shall take part in meetings of the Committee, its officers, the joint working party and the working groups.

3. Secretarial services for the Committee, its officers, the joint working party and the working groups shall be provided by the Commission.

Article 10

The Committee shall discuss matters on which the Commission has requested an opinion. No vote shall be taken.

The Commission may, when seeking the opinion of the Committee, set a time limit within which such opinion shall be given.

The views expressed by the various interests represented shall be included in a report forwarded to the Commission.

In the event of unanimous agreement being reached in the Commission on the opinion to be given, the Commission shall formulate joint conclusions and attach them to the report.

The outcome of the Committee's discussions shall on request be communicated by the Commission to the Council and to the Management Committee.

Article 11

The Chairman of the joint working party shall report to the Committee on the work of the working party.

Article 12

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 214 of the Treaty, where the Commission informs them the opinion requested or the question raised is on a matter of a confidential nature, members of the Committee and members of the joint working party, or those attending in their stead pursuant to Article 5 (2), shall be under an obligation not to disclose information which has come to their knowledge through the work of the Committee, the joint working party or the working groups.

In such cases, only members of the Committee, members of the joint working party, those attending in their stead as mentioned above and representatives of the Commission departments concerned may be present at meetings.

Article 13

Commission Decision 71/31/EEC is hereby repealed.

Article 14

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1987.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 1987.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESEN
Vice-President

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 January 1987

on the setting-up of an Advisory Committee on Fresh and Processed Fruit and Vegetables

(87/79/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Whereas the Advisory Committee on Fresh and Processed Fruit and Vegetables was set up by the Commission Decision of 18 July 1962 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Decision 83/77/EEC ⁽²⁾;

Whereas, following the accession of new Member States to the Community, the number of seats on the Committee should be increased and they should be reallocated; whereas the procedure for the replacement of members should also be adjusted;

Whereas the provisions concerning the Advisory Committee on Fresh and Processed Fruit and Vegetables have been amended several times and have therefore become difficult to apply; whereas they should therefore be consolidated;

Whereas the Commission should seek the views of producers, traders and consumers on matters arising in connection with the operation of the common organization of the market in fresh and processed fruit and vegetables;

Whereas all the occupations directly involved in the implementation of the market organization in question, and also consumers, must have an opportunity to participate in the drafting of the opinions requested by the Commission;

Whereas the trade associations concerned and the consumer groups in the Member States have set up organizations at Community level which are in a position to represent those concerned in all the Member States,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. There shall be attached to the Commission an Advisory Committee on Fresh and Processed Fruit and Vegetables, hereinafter called the 'Committee'.

2. The Committee shall be composed of representatives of the following interests: growers, cooperatives, the

processing and food-manufacturing industries, traders in agricultural produce and foodstuffs, agricultural workers and workers in the processing and food-manufacturing industries, consumers.

Article 2

1. The Committee may be consulted by the Commission on any problem concerning the operation of Regulations on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables and in particular on measures to be adopted by the Commission under those Regulations.

2. The chairman of the Committee may indicate to the Commission the desirability of consulting the Committee on any matter within the latter's competence on which its opinion has not been sought. He shall do so, in particular, at the request of one of the interests represented.

Article 3

1. The Committee shall consist of 46 members.

2. Seats on the Committee shall be apportioned as follows:

- 23 to agricultural producers and cooperatives in the sector,
- six to representatives of the processing and food-manufacturing industries, of whom:
 - two shall represent the vegetable-preserving industries,
 - four shall represent the jam-manufacturing, fruit-preserving and fruit and vegetable juice industries,
- seven to representatives of the fruit and vegetable trade,
- five to representatives of agricultural workers and of workers in the processing and food-manufacturing industries,
- five to consumers' representatives.

Article 4

1. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Commission on proposals from the trade workers' organizations set up at Community level which are most representative of the interests specified in Article 1 (2) and

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 72, 8. 8. 1962, p. 2032/62.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 51, 24. 2. 1983, p. 34.

whose activities come within the scope of the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables; consumers' representatives shall be appointed on proposals from the Consumers' Advisory Committee.

Those bodies shall for each seat to be filled put forward the names of two candidates of different nationality.

2. The term of office for members of the Committee shall be three years. Their appointments may be renewed. Members shall not be remunerated for their services.

After expiry of the three years, members of the Committee shall remain in office until they are replaced or until their appointments are renewed.

In the event of the resignation or decease of a member or a request from the body having proposed a member that he be replaced, he shall be replaced in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

3. A list of the members of the Committee shall be published by the Commission, for information purposes, in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 5

1. After consulting the Commission, the Committee shall elect a chairman for a period of three years.

The chairman shall be elected, in the case of the first ballot, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and, in the case of subsequent ballots, by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the Commission shall provide a chairman on a temporary basis.

2. The Committee shall elect two vice-chairmen for a period of three years.

The vice-chairmen may not represent the same interest as the chairman.

The election shall take place in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

The Committee may, in accordance with the same procedure, elect other officers. In that case, the officers other than the chairman shall include not more than one representative of each interest represented on the Committee.

The officers shall prepare and organize the work of the Committee.

Article 6

1. Only the Commission representatives, the members of the Committee, or persons replacing them in their absence, and persons invited in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 may participate in or attend meetings.

2. Should a member be unable to attend a meeting, the organization or organizations to which a seat is allocated may appoint a person to take his place. This person shall be selected from a list drawn up by mutual agreement between the Commission and the organization or organizations in question and containing a number of names equal to half the total numbers of members representing the organization or organizations in question. This number shall be not less than one and not more than 12.

The secretariat of the Committee must be informed of such replacement of a member at least seven days before a meeting.

3. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite its general secretary or a member of its secretariat to attend the meetings of the Committee as an observer.

Should he be unable to attend, however, the general secretary may have his seat as an observer taken by another person designated by him.

Observers shall not have the right to speak. They may, however, be invited to do so by the chairman in agreement with the Commission staff.

4. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, and when the matters on the agenda are of a highly technical nature outside the normal framework of the deliberations of the Committee, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite one or more experts to take part in the deliberations of the Committee.

The Commission may, on its own initiative, invite any person particularly well qualified in one of the subjects on the agenda to take part in the deliberations of the Committee as an expert.

However, experts shall participate only in the discussion of the matter concerning which they were invited to attend.

Article 7

In agreement with the Commission staff, the Committee may set up working groups to facilitate its work.

Article 8

1. The Committee shall be convened by the Commission and shall meet at Commission headquarters. Meetings of the officers shall be convened by the chairman by arrangement with the Commission.

2. Representatives of the Commission departments concerned shall take part in meetings of the Committee, its officers and working groups.

3. Secretarial services for the Committee, its officers and working groups shall be provided by the Commission.

Article 9

The Committee shall discuss matters on which the Commission has requested an opinion. No vote shall be taken.

The Commission may, when seeking the opinion of the Committee, set a time limit within which such opinion shall be given.

The views expressed by the various interests represented shall be included in a report forwarded to the Commission.

In the event of unanimous agreement being reached in the Committee on the opinion to be given, the Committee shall formulate joint conclusions and attach them to the report.

The outcome of the Committee's discussions shall on request be communicated by the Commission to the Council and to the Management Committees.

Article 10

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 214 of the Treaty, where the Commission informs them that the

opinion requested or the question raised is on a matter of a confidential nature, members of the Committee shall be under an obligation not to disclose information which has come to their knowledge through the work of the Committee or of its working groups.

In such cases, only Committee members and representatives of the Commission departments concerned may be present at meetings.

Article 11

The Commission Decision of 18 July 1962 is hereby repealed.

Article 12

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1987.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 1987.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESEN

Vice-President

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 January 1987

on the setting-up of an Advisory Committee on Wine

(87/80/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Whereas the Advisory Committee on Wine was set up by the Commission Decision of 18 July 1962 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Decision 83/77/EEC ⁽²⁾;

Whereas, following the accession of new Member States to the Community, the number of seats on the Committee should be increased and they should be reallocated; whereas the procedure for the replacement of members should also be adjusted;

Whereas the provisions concerning the Advisory Committee on Wine have been amended several times and have therefore become difficult to apply; whereas they should therefore be consolidated;

Whereas the Commission should seek the views of producers, traders and consumers on matters arising in connection with the operation of the common organization of the market in wine;

Whereas all the occupations directly involved in the implementation of the market organization in question, and also consumers, must have an opportunity to participate in the drafting of the opinions requested by the Commission;

Whereas the trade associations concerned and the consumer groups in the Member States have set up organizations at Community level which are in a position to represent those concerned in all the Member States,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. There shall be attached to the Commission an Advisory Committee on Wine, hereinafter called the 'Committee'.

2. The Committee shall be composed of representatives of the following interests: growers, cooperatives, the wine-making and processing industries, the wine trade, agricultural workers and workers in the wine industry, consumers.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 72, 8. 8. 1962, p. 2034/62.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 51, 24. 2. 1983, p. 34.

Article 2

1. The Committee may be consulted by the Commission on any problem concerning the operation of Regulations on the common organization of the market in wine and in particular on measures to be adopted by the Commission under those Regulations.

2. The chairman of the Committee may indicate to the Commission the desirability of consulting the Committee on any matter within the latter's competence but on which its opinion has not been sought. He shall do so, in particular, at the request of one of the interests represented:

Article 3

1. The Committee shall consist of 48 members.

2. Seats on the Committee shall be apportioned as follows:

- 24 to agricultural producers and cooperatives in the sector,
- seven to representatives of the wine trade,
- five to representatives of the wine-processing industries,
- six to representatives of agricultural workers and of workers in the wine industry,
- six to consumers' representatives.

Article 4

1. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Commission on proposals from the trade workers' organizations set up at Community level which are most representative of the interests specified in Article 1 (2) and whose activities come within the scope of the common organization of the market in wine; consumers' representatives shall be appointed on proposals from the Consumers' Advisory Committee.

Those bodies shall for each seat to be filled put forward the names of two candidates of different nationality.

2. The term of office for members of the Committee shall be three years. Their appointments may be renewed. Members shall not be remunerated for their services.

After expiry of the three years, members of the Committee shall remain in office until they are replaced or until their appointments are renewed.

In the event of the resignation or decease of a member or a request from the body having proposed a member that he be replaced, he shall be replaced in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

3. A list of the members of the Committee shall be published by the Commission, for information purposes, in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 5

1. After consulting the Commission, the Committee shall elect a chairman for a period of three years.

The chairman shall be elected, in the case of the first ballot, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and, in the case of subsequent ballots, by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the Commission shall provide a chairman on a temporary basis.

2. The Committee shall elect two vice-chairmen for a period of three years.

The vice-chairmen may not represent the same interest as the chairman.

The election shall take place in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

The Committee may, in accordance with the same procedure, elect other officers. In that case, the officers other than the chairman shall include not more than one representative of each interest represented on the Committee.

The officers shall prepare and organize the work of the Committee.

Article 6

1. Only the Commission representatives, the members of the Committee, or persons replacing them in their absence, and persons invited in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 may participate in or attend meetings.

2. Should a member be unable to attend a meeting, the organization or organizations to which a seat is allocated may appoint a person to take his place. This person shall be selected from a list drawn up by mutual agreement between the Commission and the organization or organizations in question and containing a number of names equal to half the total numbers of members representing the organization or organizations in question. This number shall be not less than one and not more than 12.

The secretariat of the Committee must be informed of such replacement of a member at least seven days before a meeting.

3. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite its general secretary or a member of its secretariat to attend the meeting of the Committee as an observer.

Should he be unable to attend, however, the general secretary may have his seat as an observer taken by another person designated by him.

Observers shall not have the right to speak. They may, however, be invited to do so by the chairman in agreement with the Commission staff.

4. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, and when the matters on the agenda are of a highly technical nature outside the normal framework of the deliberations of the Committee, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite one or more experts to take part in the deliberations of the Committee.

The Commission may, in its own initiative, invite any person particularly well qualified in one of the subjects on the agenda to take part in the deliberations of the Committee as an expert.

However, experts shall participate only in the discussion of the matter concerning which they were invited to attend.

Article 7

In agreement with the Commission staff, the Committee may set up working groups to facilitate its work.

Article 8

1. The Committee shall be convened by the Commission and shall meet at Commission headquarters. Meetings of the officers shall be convened by the Chairman by arrangement with the Commission.

2. Representatives of the Commission departments concerned shall take part in meetings of the Committee, its officers and working groups.

3. Secretarial services for the Committee, its officers and working groups shall be provided by the Commission.

Article 9

The Committee shall discuss matters on which the Commission has requested an opinion. No vote shall be taken.

The Commission may, when seeking the opinion of the Committee, set a time limit within which such opinion shall be given.

The views expressed by the various interests represented shall be included in a report forwarded to the Commission.

In the event of unanimous agreement being reached in the Committee on the opinion to be given, the Committee shall formulate joint conclusions and attach them to the report.

The outcome of the Committee's discussions shall on request be communicated by the Commission to the Council and to the Management Committees.

Article 10

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 214 of the Treaty, where the Commission informs them that the opinion requested or the question raised is on a matter of a confidential nature, members of the Committee shall be under an obligation not to disclose information which has come to their knowledge through the work of the Committee or of its working groups.

In such cases, only Committee members and representatives of the Commission departments concerned may be present at meetings.

Article 11

The Commission Decision of 18 July 1962 is hereby repealed.

Article 12

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1987.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 1987.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESEN
Vice-President

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 January 1987

on the setting-up of an Advisory Committee on Hops

(87/81/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Whereas the Advisory Committee on Hops was set up by Commission Decision 72/286/EEC ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Decision 86/56/EEC ⁽²⁾;

Whereas, following the accession of new Member States to the Community, the number of seats on the Committee should be increased and they should be reallocated; whereas the procedure for the replacement of members should also be adjusted;

Whereas the provisions concerning the Advisory Committee on Hops have been amended several times and have therefore become difficult to apply; whereas they should therefore be consolidated;

Whereas the Commission should seek the views of producers, traders and consumers on matters arising in connection with the operation of the common organization of the market in hops;

Whereas all the occupations directly involved in the implementation of the market organization in question, and also consumers, must have an opportunity to participate in the drafting of the opinions requested by the Commission;

Whereas the trade associations concerned and the consumer groups in the Member States have set up organizations at Community level which are in a position to represent those concerned in all the Member States,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. There shall be attached to the Commission an Advisory Committee on Hops, hereinafter called the 'Committee'.

2. The Committee shall be composed of representatives of the following interests: growers, cooperatives, the processing and food-manufacturing industries, traders in agricultural produce, agricultural workers, and workers in the brewing and hop-processing industries, consumers.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 179, 7. 8. 1972, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 68, 11. 3. 1986, p. 19.

Article 2

1. The Committee may be consulted by the Commission on any problem concerning the operation of Regulations on the common organization of the market in hops and in particular on measures to be adopted under those Regulations.

2. The chairman of the Committee may indicate to the Commission the desirability of consulting the Committee on any matter within the latter's competence on which its opinion has not been sought. He shall do so, in particular, at the request of one of the interests represented.

3. In respect of problems relating to the provisions referred to in Article 6 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1696/71 ⁽³⁾ the Commission may, acting through the joint working party provided for in Article 5 of this Decision, consult only the representatives of hop growers and the representatives of the hop trade of the brewing industry.

Article 3

1. The Committee shall consist of 32 members.

2. Seats on the Committee shall be apportioned as follows:

- 16 to agricultural producers and cooperatives in the sector,
- five to representatives of the brewing industry,
- five to representatives of the hop trade, including the hop-processing industry,
- three to representatives of agricultural workers and of workers in the brewing and hop-processing industries,
- three to consumers' representatives.

Article 4

1. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Commission on proposals from the trade workers' organizations set up at Community level which are most representative of the interests specified in Article 1 (2) and whose activities come within the scope of the common organization of the market in hops; consumers' representatives shall be appointed on proposals from the Consumers' Advisory Committee.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 175, 4. 8. 1971, p. 1.

Those bodies shall, for each seat to be filled, put forward the names of two candidates of different nationality.

2. The term of office for members of the Committee shall be three years. Their appointments may be renewed. Members shall not be remunerated for their services.

After expiry of the three years, members of the Committee shall remain in office until they are replaced or until their appointments are renewed.

In the event of the resignation or decease of a member or a request from the body having proposed a member that he be replaced, he shall be replaced in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

3. A list of the members of the Committee shall be published by the Commission, for information purposes, in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 5

1. There shall be set up under the auspices of the Committee a joint working party consisting of seven growers' representatives and seven representatives of the hop trade and the brewing industry, appointed by the Commission on proposals from the trade organizations concerned in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 4.

Members of the working party need not be members of the Committee.

2. The trade and industry representatives shall be as follows:

- three representatives of the hop trade,
- four representatives of the brewing industry.

3. In the event of a member of the joint working party being unable to attend a meeting, and in this event only, another person may attend in his stead. The trade organization which proposed the absent member may propose a substitute for him to the chairman.

4. The Chairman of the joint working party may indicate to the Commission the desirability of consulting the working party on any matter within Article 2 (3) on which it has not been consulted. He shall do so, in particular, at the request of either of the two sides represented on the working party.

Article 6

1. After consulting the Commission, the Committee shall elect a chairman for a period of three years.

The chairman shall be elected, in the case of the first ballot, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and, in the case of subsequent ballots, by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the Commission shall provide a chairman on a temporary basis.

2. The Committee shall elect two vice-chairmen for a period of three years. The vice-chairmen may not represent the same interest as the chairman.

The election shall take place in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

The Committee may, in accordance with the same procedure, elect other officers. In that case, the officers other than the chairman shall include not more than one representative of each interest represented on the Committee.

The officers shall prepare and organize the work of the Committee.

3. The joint working party shall elect from among its members a chairman and a vice-chairman for a period of one year. The election shall take place in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

The vice-chairman may not represent the same interest as the chairman. They shall be chosen alternately from among the two interests represented.

Article 7

1. Only the Commission representatives, the members of the Committees or persons replacing them in their absence, and persons invited in accordance with paragraph 3, 4 and 7 may participate in or attend meetings.

2. Only the Commission representatives, the members of the joint working party or persons replacing them in their absence, the chairman of the Committee and persons invited in accordance with paragraphs 5 and 7 may participate in or attend meetings of the joint working party.

3. Should a Committee member be unable to attend a meeting, the organization or organizations to which a seat is allocated may appoint a person to take his place. This person shall be selected from a list drawn up by mutual agreement between the Commission and the organization or organizations in question and containing a number of names equal to half the total number of members representing the organization or organizations in question.

This number shall be not less than one and not more than 12.

The secretariat of the Committee must be informed of such replacement of a member at least seven days before a meeting.

4. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite its general secretary or a member of its secretariat to attend the meetings of the Committee as an observer.

Should he be unable to attend, however, the general secretary may have his seat as an observer taken by another person designated by him.

5. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated in the joint working party, the chairman of the joint working party may invite its general secretary or a member of its secretariat to attend the meetings of the joint working party as an observer.

Should he be unable to attend, however, the general secretary may have his seat as an observer taken by another person designated by him.

6. Observers shall not have the right to speak.

They may, however, be invited to do so by the chairman in agreement with the Commission staff.

7. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, and when the matters on the agenda are of a highly technical nature outside the normal framework of the deliberations of the Committee or joint working party, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite one or more experts to take part in the deliberations of the Committee or joint working party.

The Commission may, on its own initiative, invite any person particularly well qualified in one of the subjects on the agenda to take part in the deliberations of the Committee or joint working party as an expert.

However, experts shall participate only in the discussion of the matter concerning which they were invited to attend.

Article 8

In agreement with the Commission staff, the Committee or joint working party may set up working groups to facilitate its work.

Article 9

1. The Committee and the joint working party shall be convened by the Commission and shall meet at Commission headquarters. Meetings of the officers shall be convened by the chairman by arrangement with the Commission.

2. Representatives of the Commission departments concerned shall take part in meetings of the Committee, its officers, the joint working party and the working groups.

3. Secretarial services for the Committee, its officers, the joint working party and the working groups shall be provided by the Commission.

Article 10

The Committee shall discuss matters on which the Commission has requested an opinion. No vote shall be taken.

The Commission may, when seeking the opinion of the Committee, set a time limit within which such opinion shall be given.

The views expressed by the various interests represented shall be included in a report forwarded to the Commission.

In the event of unanimous agreement being reached in the Commission on the opinion to be given, the Commission shall formulate joint conclusions and attach them to the report.

The outcome of the Committee's discussions shall on request be communicated by the Commission to the Council and to the Management Committee.

Article 11

The chairman of the joint working party shall report to the Committee on the work of the working party.

Article 12

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 214 of the Treaty, where the Commission informs them that the opinion requested or the question raised is on a matter of a confidential nature, members of the Committee and members of the joint working party, or those attending in their stead pursuant to Article 5 (3), shall be under an obligation not to disclose information which has come to their knowledge through the work of the Committee, the joint working party or the working groups.

In such cases, only members of the Committee, members of the joint working party, or those attending in their stead as mentioned above, and representatives of the Commission departments concerned may be present at meetings.

Article 13

Commission Decision 72/286/EEC is hereby repealed.

Article 14

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1987.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 1987.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESEN
Vice-President

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 January 1987

on the setting-up of an Advisory Committee on Live Plants

(87/82/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Whereas the Advisory Committee on Live Plants was set up by Commission Decision 69/84/EEC ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Decision 83/77/EEC ⁽²⁾;

Whereas, following the accession of new Member States to the Community, the number of seats on the Committee should be increased and they should be reallocated; whereas the procedure for the replacement of members should also be adjusted;

Whereas the provisions concerning the Advisory Committee on Live Plants have been amended several times and have therefore become difficult to apply; whereas they should therefore be consolidated;

Whereas the Commission should seek the views of producers, traders and consumers on matters arising in connection with the operation of the common organization of the market in live plants;

Whereas all the occupations directly involved in the implementation of the market organization in question, and also consumers, must have an opportunity to participate in the drafting of the opinions requested by the Commission;

Whereas the trade associations concerned and the consumer groups in the Member States have set up organization at Community level which are in a position to represent those concerned in all the Member States,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. There shall be attached to the Commission on Advisory Committee on Live Plants, hereinafter called the 'Committee'.

2. The Committee shall be composed of representatives of the following interests: growers, cooperatives, traders in horticultural produce, horticultural workers and consumers.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 68, 19. 3. 1969, p. 8.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 51, 24. 2. 1983, p. 34.

Article 2

1. The Committee may be consulted by the Commission on any problem concerning the operation of Regulations on the common organization of the market in live trees and other plants, bulbs, roots and the like, cut flowers and ornamental foliage, and in particular on measures to be adopted by the Commission under those Regulations.

2. The chairman of the Committee may indicate to the Commission the desirability of consulting the Committee on any matter within the latter's competence on which its opinion has not been sought. He shall do so, in particular, at the requests of one of the interests represented.

Article 3

1. The Committee shall consist of 40 members.

2. Seats on the Committee shall be apportioned as follows:

- 20 to agricultural producers and cooperatives in the sector,
- 10 to representatives of traders in live plants and nursery produce,
- five to horticultural workers' representatives,
- five to consumers' representatives.

Article 4

1. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Commission on proposals from the trade worker's organizations set up at Community level which are most representative of the interests specified in Article 1 (2) and whose activities come within the scope of the common organization of the market in live trees and other plants, bulbs, roots and the like, cut flowers and ornamental foliage; consumers' representatives shall be appointed on proposals from the Consumers' Advisory Committee.

Those bodies shall for each seat to be filled put forward the names of two candidates of different nationality.

2. The term of office for members of the Committee shall be three years. Their appointments may be renewed. Members shall not be remunerated for their services.

After expiry of the three years members of the Committee shall remain in office until they are replaced or until their appointments are renewed.

In the event of the resignation or decease of a member or a request from the body having proposed a member that he be replaced, he shall be replaced in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

3. A list of the members of the Committee shall be published by the Commission for information purposes, in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 5

1. After consulting the Commission, the Committee shall elect a chairman for a period of three years.

The chairman shall be elected, in the case of the first ballot, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and, in the case of subsequent ballots, by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the Commission shall provide a chairman on a temporary basis.

2. The Committee shall elect two vice-chairmen for a period of three years.

The vice-chairmen may not represent the same interest as the chairman.

The election shall take place in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

The Committee may, in accordance with the same procedure, elect other officers. In that case, the officers other than the chairman shall include not more than one representative of each interest represented on the Committee.

The officers shall prepare and organize the work of the Committee.

Article 6

1. Only the Commission representatives, the members of the Committee, or person replacing them in their absence, and persons invited in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 may participate in or attend meetings.

2. Should a member be unable to attend a meeting, the organization or organizations to which a seat is allocated may appoint a person to take his place. This person shall be selected from a list drawn up by mutual agreement between the Commission and the organization or organizations in question and containing a number of names equal to half the total numbers of members representing the organization or organizations in question. This number shall be not less than one and not more than 12.

The secretariat of the Committee must be informed of such replacement of a member at least seven days before a meeting.

3. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite its general secretary or a member of its secretariat to attend the meetings of the Committee as an observer.

Should he be unable to attend, however, the general secretary may have his seat as an observer taken by another person designated by him.

Observers shall not have the right to speak. They may, however, be invited to do so by the chairman in agreement with the Commission staff.

4. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, and when the matters on the agenda are of a highly technical nature outside the normal framework of the deliberations of the Committee, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite one or more experts to take part in the deliberations of the Committee.

The Commission may, on its own initiative, invite any person particularly well qualified in one of the subjects on the agenda to take part in the deliberations of the Committee as an expert.

However, experts shall participate only in the discussion of the matter concerning which they were invited to attend.

Article 7

In agreement with the Commission staff, the Committee may set up working groups to facilitate its work.

Article 8

1. The Committee shall be convened by the Commission and shall meet at Commission headquarters.

Meetings of the officers shall be convened by the chairman by arrangement with the Commission.

2. Representatives of the Commission departments concerned shall take part in meetings of the Committee, its officers and working groups.

3. Secretarial services for the Committee, its officers and working groups shall be provided by the Commission.

Article 9

The Committee shall discuss matters on which the Commission has requested an opinion. No vote shall be taken.

The Commission may, when seeking the opinion of the Committee, set a time limit within which such opinion shall be given.

The views expressed by the various interests represented shall be included in a report forwarded to the Commission.

In the event of unanimous agreement being reached in the Committee on the opinion to be given, the Committee shall formulate joint conclusions and attach them to the report.

The outcome of the Committee's discussions shall on request be communicated by the Commission to the Council and to the Management Committees.

Article 10

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 214 of the Treaty, where the Commission informs them that the opinion requested or the question raised is on a matter of a confidential nature, members of the Committee shall be under an obligation not to disclose information which has come to their knowledge through the work of the Committee or of its working groups.

In such cases, only Committee members and representatives of the Commission departments concerned may be present at meetings.

Article 11

Commission Decision 69/84/EEC is hereby repealed.

Article 12

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1987.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 1987.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESEN
Vice-President

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 January 1987

on the setting-up of an Advisory Committee on Questions of Agricultural Structure Policy

(87/83/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Whereas the Advisory Committee on Questions of Agricultural Structure Policy was set up by Commission Decision 64/488/EEC ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Decision 83/77/EEC ⁽²⁾;

Whereas, following the accession of new Member States to the Community, the number of seats on the Committee should be increased and they should be reallocated; whereas the procedure for the replacement of members should also be adjusted;

Whereas the provisions concerning the Advisory Committee on Questions of Agricultural Structure Policy have been amended several times and have therefore become difficult to apply; whereas they should therefore be consolidated;

Whereas the Commission should seek the views of the occupations concerned by questions of agricultural structure policy and the branches of activity directly involved in these matters must have an opportunity to participate in the drafting of the opinions requested by the Commission;

Whereas the Trade associations concerned have set up organizations at Community level,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. There is hereby attached to the Commission an Advisory Committee on Questions of Agricultural Structure Policy (hereinafter called the Committee).

2. The Committee shall be composed of representatives of the following interests: landowners, farmers, agricultural cooperatives, paid agricultural workers, agricultural credit institutions, rural families, trade, industry and non-agricultural paid workers.

Article 2

1. The Committee may be consulted by the Commission on questions affecting the formulation and implementation at Community level of the policy for improving agricultural

structures, all such questions being considered both in themselves and in relation to their repercussions on the agricultural population as a whole.

2. At the request of any of the interests referred to in Article 1 (2), the Committee may, on its own initiative and in regard to a matter within its terms of reference, forward opinions and reports to the Commission.

Article 3

1. The Committee shall consist of 54 members.

2. Seats on the Committee shall be apportioned as follows:

- 25 to agricultural producers and cooperatives in the sector, including four to representatives of young farmers,
- two to representatives of agricultural landowners,
- three to representatives of rural families,
- five to agricultural credit institutions,
- seven to representatives of agricultural workers,
- four to representatives of industry,
- four to representatives of trade,
- four to representatives of non-agricultural paid workers.

Article 4

Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Commission on proposals from the agricultural organizations set up at Community level which are most representative of activities concerned with the improvement of agricultural structures.

For each seat to be filled, these bodies shall put forward the names of two candidates of different nationality.

2. The term of office for members of the Committee shall be three years and shall be renewable. Members shall not be remunerated for their services.

After the expiry of the three years members of the Committee shall remain in office until they are replaced or until their term of office is renewed.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 134, 20. 8. 1964, p. 2256/64.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 51, 24. 2. 1983, p. 34.

In the event of the resignation or decease of a member or a request from the body having proposed a member that he be replaced, he shall be replaced in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

3. A list of the members of the Committee shall be published by the Commission for information purposes, in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 5

1. After consulting the Commission, the Committee shall elect a chairman for a period of three years.

The chairman shall be elected, in the case of the first ballot, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and, in the case of subsequent ballots, by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the Commission shall provide a chairman on a temporary basis.

2. The Committee shall elect two vice-chairmen for a period of three years.

The vice-chairmen may not represent the same interest as the chairman.

The election shall take place in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

The Committee may, in accordance with the same procedure, elect other officers. In that case, the officers other than the chairman shall include not more than one representative of each interest represented on the Committee.

The officers shall prepare and organize the work of the Committee.

Article 6

1. Only the Commission representatives, the members of the Committee, or persons replacing them in their absence, and persons invited in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 may participate in or attend meetings.

2. Should a member be unable to attend a meeting, the organization or organizations to which a seat is allocated may appoint a person to take his place. This person shall be selected from a list drawn up by mutual agreement between the Commission and the organization or organizations in question and containing a number of names equal to half the total numbers of members representing the organization or organizations in question. This number shall be not less than one and not more than 12.

The secretariat of the Committee must be informed of such replacement of a member at least seven days before a meeting.

3. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, the chairman may, in agreement with the

Commission staff, invite its general secretary or a member of its secretariat to attend the meetings of the Committee as an observer.

Should he be unable to attend, however, the general secretary may have his seat as an observer taken by another person designated by him.

Observers shall not have the right to speak. They may, however, be invited to do so by the chairman in agreement with the Commission staff.

4. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, and when the matters on the agenda are of a highly technical nature outside the normal framework of the deliberations of the Committee, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite one or more experts to take part in the deliberations of the Committee.

The Commission may, on its own initiative, invite any person particularly well qualified in one of the subjects on the agenda to take part in the deliberations of the Committee as an expert.

However, experts shall participate only in the discussion of the matter concerning which they were invited to attend.

Article 7

In agreement with the Commission staff, the Committee may set up working groups to facilitate its work.

Article 8

1. The Committee shall be convened by the Commission and shall meet at Commission headquarters. Meetings of the officers shall be convened by the chairman by arrangement with the Commission.

2. Representatives of the Commission departments concerned shall take part in meetings of the Committee, its officers and working groups.

3. Secretarial services for the Committee, its officers and working groups shall be provided by the Commission.

Article 9

The Committee shall discuss matters on which the Commission has requested an opinion. No vote shall be taken.

The Commission may, when seeking the opinion of the Committee, set a time limit within which such opinion shall be given.

The views expressed by the various interests represented shall be included in a report forwarded to the Commission.

In the event of unanimous agreement being reached in the Committee on the opinion to be given, the Committee shall formulate joint conclusions and attach them to the report.

The outcome of the Committee's discussions shall on request be communicated by the Commission to the Council and to the Management Committees.

Article 10

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 214 of the Treaty, where the Commission informs them that the opinion requested or the question raised is on a matter of a confidential nature, members of the Committee shall be under an obligation not to disclose information which has come to their knowledge through the work of the Committee or of its working groups.

In such cases, only Committee members and representatives of the Commission departments concerned may be present at the meetings.

Article 11

Commission Decision '64/488/EEC is hereby repealed.

Article 12

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1987.

Done at Brussels, 7 January.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESEN

Vice-President

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 January 1987

on the setting-up of an Advisory Committee on Seeds

(87/84/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Whereas the Advisory Committee on Seeds was set up by Commission Decision 72/350/EEC ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Decision 83/77/EEC ⁽²⁾;

Whereas, following the accession of new Member States to the Community, the number of seats on the Committee should be increased and they should be reallocated; whereas the procedure for the replacement of members should also be adjusted;

Whereas the provisions concerning the Advisory Committee on Seeds have been amended several times and have therefore become difficult to apply; whereas they should therefore be consolidated;

Whereas the Commission should seek the views of producers, traders and consumers on matters arising in connection with the operation of the common organization of the market in seeds;

Whereas all the occupations directly involved in the implementation of the market organization in question, and also consumers, must have an opportunity to participate in the drafting of the opinions requested by the Commission;

Whereas the trade associations concerned and the consumer groups in the Member States have set up organizations at Community level which are in a position to represent those concerned in all the Member States,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. There shall be attached to the Commission and Advisory Committee on Seeds, hereinafter called the 'Committee'.

2. The Committee shall be composed of representatives of the following interests: agricultural producers and cooperatives, industries, seed producers, breeders, traders and distributors, agricultural workers and consumers.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 236, 18. 10. 1972, p. 14.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 51, 24. 2. 1983, p. 34.

Article 2

1. The Committee may be consulted by the Commission on any problem concerning the operation of Regulations on the common organization of the market in seeds and in particular on measures to be adopted by the Commission under those Regulations.

2. The chairman of the Committee may indicate to the Commission the desirability of consulting the Committee on any matter within the latter's competence but on which its opinion has not been sought. He shall do so, in particular, at the request of one of the interests represented.

Article 3

1. The Committee shall consist of 42 members.

2. Seats on the Committee shall be apportioned as follows:

- 21 to agricultural producers and cooperatives in the sector,
- 16 to representatives of seed producers, breeders, traders and distributors of whom:
 - one shall represent producers, breeders, traders and distributors of flax seed,
 - two shall represent producers, breeders, traders and distributors of maize seed,
 - 13 shall represent producers, breeders, traders and distributors of fodder plant and other seed,
- one to a representative of industry,
- three to representatives of agricultural workers,
- one to a consumers' representative.

Article 4

1. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Commission on proposals from the trade workers' organizations set up at Community level which are most representative of the interests specified in Article 1 (2) and whose activities come within the scope of the common organization of the market in seeds. Consumers' representatives shall be appointed on proposals from the Consumers' Advisory Committee.

Those bodies shall for each seat to be filled put forward the names of two candidates of different nationality.

2. The term of office for members of the Committee shall be three years. Their appointments may be renewed. Members shall not be remunerated for their services.

After expiry of the three years members of the Committee shall remain in office until they are replaced or until their appointments are renewed.

In the event of the resignation or decease of a member or a request from the body having proposed a member that he be replaced, he shall be replaced in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

3. A list of the members of the Committee shall be published by the Commission, for information purposes, in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 5

1. After consulting the Commission, the Committee shall elect a chairman for a period of three years.

The chairman shall be elected, in the case of the first ballot, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and, in the case of subsequent ballots, by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the Commission shall provide a chairman on a temporary basis.

2. The Committee shall elect two vice-chairmen for a period of three years.

The vice-chairmen may not represent the same interest as the chairman.

The election shall take place in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

The Committee may, in accordance with the same procedure, elect other officers. In that case, the officers other than the chairman shall include not more than one representative of each interest represented on the Committee.

The officers shall prepare and organize the work of the Committee.

Article 6

1. Only the Commission representatives, the members of the Committee, or persons replacing them in their absence, and persons invited in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 may participate in or attend meetings.

2. Should a member be unable to attend a meeting, the organization or organizations to which a seat is allocated

may appoint a person to take his place. This person shall be selected from a list drawn up by mutual agreement between the Commission and the organization or organizations in question and containing a number of names equal to half the total numbers of members representing the organization or organizations in question. This number shall be not less than one and not more than 12.

The secretariat of the Committee must be informed of such replacement of a member at least seven days before a meeting.

3. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite its general secretary or a member of its secretariat to attend the meetings of the Committee as an observer.

Should he be unable to attend, however, the general secretary may have his seat as an observer taken by another person designated by him.

Observers shall not have the right to speak. They may, however, be invited to do so by the chairman in agreement with the Commission staff.

4. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, and when the matters on the agenda are of a highly technical nature outside the normal framework of the deliberations of the Committee, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite one or more experts to take part in the deliberations of the Committee.

The Commission may, on its own initiative, invite any person particularly well qualified in one of the subjects on the agenda to take part in the deliberations of the Committee as an expert.

However, experts shall participate only in the discussion of the matter concerning which they were invited to attend.

Article 7

In agreement with the Commission staff, the Committee may set up working groups to facilitate its work.

Article 8

1. The Committee shall be convened by the Commission and shall meet at Commission headquarters. Meetings of the officers shall be convened by the chairman by arrangement with the Commission.

2. Representative of the Commission departments concerned shall take part in meetings of the Committee, its officers and working groups.

3. Secretarial services for the Committee, its officers and working groups shall be provided by the Commission.

Article 9

The Committee shall discuss matters on which the Commission has requested an opinion. No vote shall be taken.

The Commission may, when seeking the opinion of the Committee, set a time limit within which such opinion shall be given.

The views expressed by the various interests represented shall be included in a report forwarded to the Commission.

In the event of unanimous agreement being reached in the Committee on the opinion to be given, the Committee shall formulate joint conclusions and attach them to the report.

The outcome of the Committee's discussions shall on request be communicated by the Commission to the Council and to the Management Committees.

Article 10

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 214 of the Treaty, where the Commission informs them that the

opinion requested or the question raised is on a matter of a confidential nature, members of the Committee shall be under an obligation not to disclose information which has come to their knowledge through the work of the Committee or of its working groups.

In such cases, only Committee members and representatives of the Commission departments concerned may be present at meetings.

Article 11

Commission Decision 72/350/EEC is hereby repealed.

Article 12

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1987.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 1987.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESSEN

Vice-President

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 January 1987

on the setting-up of an Advisory Committee on Social Questions affecting Farmers and the Members of their Families

(87/85/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Whereas the Advisory Committee on Social Questions affecting Farmers and the Members of their Families was set up by Commission Decision 64/18/EEC ⁽¹⁾, replaced by Commission Decision 76/410/EEC ⁽²⁾, as last amended by Decision 83/77/EEC ⁽³⁾;

Whereas, following the accession of new Member States to the Community, the number of seats on the Committee should be increased and they should be reallocated; whereas the procedure for the replacement of members should also be adjusted;

Whereas the provisions concerning the Advisory Committee on Social Questions affecting Farmers and the Members of their Families have been amended several times and have therefore become difficult to apply; whereas they should therefore be consolidated;

Whereas the Commission should seek the views of producers, traders and rural families on social questions affecting agriculture;

Whereas representatives of the various interests directly concerned by the abovementioned questions must have an opportunity to participate in the drafting of the opinions requested by the Commission;

Whereas the trade associations concerned and the associations of rural families in the Member States have set up organizations at Community level which are in a position to represent those concerned in all the Member States,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. There shall be attached to the Commission an Advisory Committee on Social Questions affecting Farmers and the Members of their Families (hereinafter called 'the Committee').

2. The Committee shall be composed of representatives of the following interests: farmers, paid agricultural workers and rural families.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 2, 10. 1. 1964, p. 25/64.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 106, 23. 4. 1976, p. 36.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 51, 24. 2. 1983, p. 34.

Article 2

1. The Committee may be consulted by the Commission on any social questions affecting farmers and members of their families working on the holding, all such questions being considered both in themselves and in relation to their repercussions on the agricultural population as a whole.

2. At the request on one of the interests referred to in Article 1 (2), the Committee may on its own initiative and in regard to a matter within its terms of reference forward opinions and reports to the Commission.

Article 3

1. The Committee shall consist of 32 members.

2. Seats on the Committee shall be apportioned as follows:

- 22 to farmers' representatives, including four to representatives of young farmers,
- seven to representatives of paid agricultural workers,
- three to representatives of rural families.

Article 4

1. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Commission on proposals from the following organizations set up at Community level: Committee of Agricultural Organizations in the EEC (COPA), European Federation of Agricultural Workers' Unions within the Community (EFA), Committee of Family Organizations for the European Communities (COFACE).

For each seat to be filled, these bodies shall put forward the names of two candidates of different nationality.

2. The term of office for members of the Committee shall be three years. Their appointments may be renewed. Members shall not be remunerated for their services.

After the expiry of the three years members of the Committee shall remain in office until they are replaced or until their appointments are renewed.

In the event of the resignation or decease of a member or a request from the body having proposed a member that he be replaced, he shall be replaced in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

3. A list of the members of the Committee shall be published by the Commission, for information purposes, in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 5

1. After consulting the Commission, the Committee shall elect a chairman for a period of three years.

The chairman shall be elected, in the case of the first ballot, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and, in the case of subsequent ballots, by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the Commission shall provide a chairman on a temporary basis.

2. The Committee shall elect two vice-chairmen for a period of three years. The vice-chairmen may not represent the same interest as the chairman.

The election shall take place in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

The officers shall prepare and organize the work of the Committee.

Article 6

1. Only the Commission representatives, the members of the Committee, or persons replacing them in their absence, and persons invited in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 may participate in or attend meetings.

2. Should a member be unable to attend a meeting, the organization or organizations to which a seat is allocated may appoint a person to take his place. This person shall be selected from a list drawn up by mutual agreement between the Commission and the organization or organizations in question and containing a number of names equal to half the total number of members representing the organization or organizations in question.

This number shall be not less than one and not more than 12.

The secretariat of the Committee must be informed of such replacement of a member at least seven days before a meeting.

3. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite its general secretary or a member of its secretariat to attend the meetings of the Committee as an observer. Should he be unable to attend, however, the general secretary may have his seat as an observer taken by another person designated by him.

Observers shall not have the right to speak. They may, however, be invited to do so by the chairman in agreement with the Commission staff.

4. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, and when the matters on the agenda are of a highly technical nature outside the normal framework of the deliberations of the Committee, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite one or more experts to take part in the deliberations of the Committee.

The Commission may, on its own initiative, invite any person particularly well qualified in one of the subjects on the agenda to take part in the deliberations of the Committee as an expert.

However, experts shall participate only in the discussion of the matter concerning which they were invited to attend.

Article 7

In agreement with the Commission staff, the Committee may set up working to facilitate its work.

Article 8

1. The Committee shall be convened by the Commission and shall meet at the Commission headquarters. Meetings of the officers shall be convened by the chairman by arrangement with the Commission.

2. Representatives of the Commission departments concerned shall take part in meetings of the Committee, its officers and working parties.

3. Secretarial services for the Committee and its working parties shall be provided by the Commission.

Article 9

No vote shall be taken on the matters discussed by the Committee.

The Commission may, when seeking the opinion of the Committee, set a time limit within which such opinion must be given.

The views expressed by the various interests represented shall be included in a summary record forwarded to the Commission.

In the event of unanimous agreement being reached in the Committee on the opinion to be given, the Committee shall formulate joint conclusions and attach them to the summary record.

Article 10

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 214 of the Treaty, where the Commission informs them that the opinions requested or the question raised is on a matter of a confidential nature, members of the Committee shall be under an obligation not to disclose information which has

come to their knowledge through the work of the Committee or of its working parties.

In such cases, only Committee members and representatives of the Commission departments concerned may be present at the meetings.

Article 11

Commission Decision 76/410/EEC is hereby repealed.

Article 12

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1987.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 1987.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESEN

Vice-President

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 January 1987

amending Decision 81/195/EEC setting up within the Advisory Committee on Seeds, a Special
Section on the Approximation of Laws

(87/86/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,Whereas the Special Section on the Approximation of Laws
was set up within the Advisory Committee on Seeds by
Commission Decision 81/195/EEC (1);Whereas the procedure for the replacement of members
should be adjusted,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*Article 5 of Decision 81/195/EEC is replaced by the
following:*'Article 5*

1. The term of office of a permanent member of the
Section shall be three years. It shall be renewable.
Members shall not be remunerated for their services.

After expiry of the three-year period, permanent
members of the Section shall remain in office until they
are replaced or until their appointments are renewed.

2. In the event of the resignation or decease of a
member or a request from the body having proposed a
member that he be replaced, he shall be replaced in
accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 4.

3. A list of the permanent members shall be published
by the Commission for information purposes in the
Official Journal of the European Communities.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1987.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 1987.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESEN
Vice-President

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 January 1987

on the setting-up of an Advisory Committee on Oils and Fats

(87/87/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Whereas the Advisory Committee on Oils and Fats was set up by Commission Decision 67/388/EEC ⁽¹⁾, replaced by Commission Decision 73/421/EEC ⁽²⁾, as last amended by Decision 83/77/EEC ⁽³⁾;

Whereas following the accession of new Member States to the Community, the number of seats on the Committee should be increased and they should be reallocated; whereas the procedure for the replacement of members should also be adjusted;

Whereas the provisions concerning the Advisory Committee on Oils and Fats have been amended several times and have therefore become difficult to apply; whereas they should therefore be consolidated;

Whereas the Commission should seek the views of producers, traders and consumers on matters arising in connection with the operation of the common organization of the market in oils and fats;

Whereas all the occupations directly involved in the implementation of the market organization in question, and also consumers, must have an opportunity to participate in the drafting of the opinions requested by the Commission;

Whereas the trade associations concerned and the consumer groups in the Member States have set up organizations at Community level which are in a position to represent those concerned in all the Member States,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. There shall be attached to the Commission an Advisory Committee on Oils and Fats, hereinafter called the 'Committee'.

2. The Committee shall be composed of representatives of the following interests: agricultural producers, cooperatives, the oil-seed processing and vegetable-oil using industries, traders in olive oil and oil seeds, agricultural

workers and workers in the food and feed manufacturing industries and consumers.

3. The Committee shall consist of two separate Sections, composed of members of the Committee:

- the Olive and Olive Products Section,
- the Oil Seed and Oil Seed Products Section.

Article 2

1. The Committee or either of its separate Sections may be consulted by the Commission on any problem concerning the operation of Regulations on the common organization of the market in oils and fats, and in particular on measures to be adopted by the Commission under those Regulations.

2. The chairman of the Committee may indicate to the Commission the desirability of consulting the Committee or the separate Sections on any matter within the latter's competence on which its opinion has not been sought. He shall do so, in particular, at the request of one of the interests represented.

Article 3

1. The Committee shall consist of 68 members.

2. Seats on the Committee shall be apportioned as follows:

(a) Olive and Olive Products Section:

- 12 to agricultural producers and cooperatives in the sector,
- four to representatives of the olive-oil producing industries,
- three to representatives of the olive-oil trade,
- three to representatives of agricultural workers and of workers in the olive-oil industry,
- two to consumers' representatives;

(b) Oil Seed and Oil Seed Products Section:

- 22 to agricultural producers and cooperatives in the sector,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 119, 20. 6. 1967, p. 2343/67.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 355, 24. 12. 1973, p. 40.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 51, 24. 2. 1983, p. 34.

- 10 to representatives of the oil-seed processing and vegetable-oil using industries, of whom:
 - six shall represent industries producing oils other than olive oil,
 - one shall represent the margarine industry,
 - one shall represent industries using edible oils,
 - one shall represent industries using oils for industrial purposes,
 - one shall represent industries using oil cake,
 - three to representatives of the oil-seed trade.
- three to representatives of agricultural workers and of workers in the food and feed manufacturing industries,
- six to consumers' representatives.

Article 4

1. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Commission on proposals from the trade workers' organizations set up at Community level which are most representative of the interests specified in Article 1 (2) and whose activities come within the scope of the common organization of the market in oils and fats; consumers' representatives shall be appointed on proposals from the Consumers' Advisory Committee.

Those bodies shall for each seat to be filled put forward the names of two candidates of different nationality.

2. The term of office for members of the Committee shall be three years. Their appointments may be renewed. Members shall not be remunerated for their services.

After expiry of the three years members of the Committee shall remain in office until their appointments are renewed.

In the event of the resignation or decease of a member or a request from the body having proposed a member that he be replaced, he shall be replaced in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

3. A list of the members of the Committee shall be published by the Commission, for information purposes, in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 5

After consulting the Commission, each Section shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman for a period of three years.

The vice-chairman may not represent the same interest as the chairman.

Election shall be, in the case of the first ballot, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and, in the case of subsequent ballots, by a simple majority of the members

present. In the event of a tie, the Commission shall provide a chairman on a temporary basis.

The chairmen of the two Sections shall alternately chair the Committee for half of its term of office.

The Committee or Section may, in accordance with the same procedure, elect other officers. In that case, the officers other than the chairman shall include not more than one representative of each interest represented on the Committee or Section.

The officers shall prepare and organize the work of the Committee or Sections.

Article 6

1. Only the Commission representatives, the members of the Committee or Sections, or persons replacing them in their absence, and persons invited in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 may participate in or attend meetings.

2. Should a member be unable to attend a meeting, the organization or organizations to which a seat is allocated may appoint a person to take his place. This person shall be selected from a list drawn up by mutual agreement between the Commission and the organization or organizations in question and containing a number of names equal to half the total numbers of members representing the organization or organizations in question.

This number shall be not less than one and not more than 12.

The secretariat of the Committee must be informed of such replacement of a member at least seven days before a meeting.

3. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite its general secretary or a member of its secretariat to attend the meetings of the Committee or Sections as an observer.

Should he be unable to attend, however, the general secretary may have his seat as an observer taken by another person designated by him.

Observers shall not have the right to speak. They may, however, be invited to do so by the chairman in agreement with the Commission staff.

4. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, and when the matters on the agenda are of a highly technical nature outside the normal framework of the deliberations of the Committee or Section, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite one or more experts to take part in the deliberations of the Committee or Section.

The Commission may, on its own initiative, invite any person particularly well qualified in one of the subjects on the agenda to take part in the deliberations of the Committee or Sections as an expert.

However, experts shall participate only in the discussion of the matter concerning which they were invited to attend.

Article 7

In agreement with the Commission staff, the Committee or Sections may set up working groups to facilitate their work.

Article 8

1. The Committee and its Sections shall be convened by the Commission and shall meet at Commission headquarters. Meetings of the officers shall be convened by the chairman by arrangement with the Commission.
2. Representatives of the Commission departments concerned shall take part in meetings of the Committee, its Sections, its officers and the working groups.
3. Secretarial services for the Committee, its Sections, its officers and the working groups shall be provided by the Commission.

Article 9

The Committee and the Sections shall discuss matters on which the Commission has requested an opinion. No vote shall be taken.

The Commission may, when seeking the opinion of the Committee or of either of its Sections, set a time limit within which such opinion shall be given.

The views expressed by the various interests represented shall be included in a report forwarded to the Commission.

In the event of unanimous agreement being reached in the Committee or in the Section concerned on the opinion to be given, the Committee or the Section, as the case may be, shall formulate joint conclusions and attach them to the report.

The outcome of discussions in the Committee or the Sections shall on request be communicated by the Commission to the Council and to the Management Committees.

Article 10

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 214 of the Treaty, where the Commission informs them that the opinion requested or the question raised is on a matter of a confidential nature, members of the Committee shall be under an obligation not to disclose information which has come to their knowledge through the work of the Committee or its Sections or of the working groups.

In such cases, only Committee members and representatives of the Commission departments concerned may be present at meetings.

Article 11

Commission Decision 73/421/EEC is hereby repealed.

Article 12

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1987.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 1987.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESEN

Vice-President

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 January 1987

on the setting-up of an Advisory Committee on Milk and Milk Products

(87/88/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Whereas the Advisory Committee on Milk and Milk Products was set up by Commission Decision 64/435/EEC ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Decision 83/77/EEC ⁽²⁾;

Whereas, following the accession of new Member States to the Community, the number of seats on the Committee should be increased and they should be reallocated; whereas the procedure for the replacement of members should also be adjusted;

Whereas the provisions concerning the Advisory Committee on Milk and Milk Products have been amended several times and have therefore become difficult to apply; whereas they should therefore be consolidated;

Whereas the Commission should seek the views of producers, traders and consumers on matters arising in connection with the operation of the common organization of the market in Milk and Milk Products;

Whereas all the occupations directly involved in the implementation of the market organization in question, and also consumers, must have an opportunity to participate in the drafting of the opinions requested by the Commission;

Whereas the trade associations concerned and the consumer groups in the Member States have set up organizations at Community level which are in a position to represent those concerned in all the Member States,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. There shall be attached to the Commission an Advisory Committee on Milk and Milk Products, hereinafter called the 'Committee'.

2. The Committee shall be composed of representatives of the following interests: producers, cooperatives, the processing and food-manufacturing, industries, traders in

agricultural produce and foodstuffs, agricultural workers and workers in the processing and food-manufacturing industries and consumers.

Article 2

1. The Committee may be consulted by the Commission on any problem concerning the operation of Regulations on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products and in particular on measures to be adopted by the Commission under those Regulations.

2. The chairman of the Committee may indicate to the Commission the desirability of consulting the Committee on any matter within the latter's competence but on which its opinion has not been sought. He shall do so, in particular, at the request of one of the interests represented.

Article 3

1. The Committee shall consist of 52 members.
2. Seats on the Committee shall be apportioned as follows:
 - 26 to agricultural producers and cooperatives in the sector,
 - five to representatives of the milk and milk product processing industries,
 - four to representatives of the milk and milk product using industries,
 - six to representatives of the milk and milk products trade,
 - five to representatives of agricultural workers and of workers in the processing and food-manufacturing industries,
 - six to consumers' representatives.

Article 4

1. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Commission on proposals from the trade workers' organizations set up at Community level which are most representative of the interests specified in Article 1 (2) and whose activities come within the scope of the common organization of the market in milk and milk products; consumers' representatives shall be appointed on proposals from the Consumers' Advisory Committee.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 122, 29. 7. 1964, p. 2049/64.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 51, 24. 2. 1983, p. 34.

Those bodies shall for each seat to be filled put forward the names of two candidates of different nationality.

2. The term of office for members of the Committee shall be three years. Their appointments may be renewed. Members shall not be remunerated for their services.

After expiry of the three years members of the Committee shall remain in office until they are replaced or until their appointments are renewed.

In the event of the resignation or decease of a member or a request from the body having proposed a member that he be replaced, he shall be replaced in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

3. A list of the members of the Committee shall be published by the Commission, for information purposes, in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 5

1. After consulting the Commission, the Committee shall elect a chairman for a period of three years.

The chairman shall be elected, in the case of the first ballot, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and, in the case of subsequent ballots, by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the Commission shall provide a chairman on a temporary basis.

2. The Committee shall elect two vice-chairmen for a period of three years.

The vice-chairmen may not represent the same interest as the chairman.

The election shall take place in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

The Committee may, in accordance with the same procedure, elect other officers. In that case, the officers other than the chairman shall include not more than one representative of each interest represented on the Committee.

The officers shall prepare and organize the work of the Committee.

Article 6

1. Only the Commission representatives, the members of the Committee, or persons replacing them in their absence, and persons invited in accordance with paragraph 3 and 4 may participate in or attend meetings.

2. Should a member be unable to attend a meeting, the organization or organizations to which a seat is allocated may appoint a person to take his place. This person shall be

selected from a list drawn up by mutual agreement between the Commission and the organization or organizations in question and containing a number of names equal to half the total numbers of members representing the organization or organizations in question. This number shall be not less than one and not more than 12.

The secretariat of the Committee must be informed of such replacement of a member at least seven days before a meeting.

3. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite its general secretary or a member of its secretariat to attend the meetings of the Committee as an observer.

Should he be unable to attend, however, the general secretary may have his seat as an observer taken by another person designated by him.

Observers shall not have the right to speak. They may, however, be invited to do so by the chairman in agreement with the Commission staff.

4. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, and when the matters on the agenda are of a highly technical nature outside the normal framework of the deliberations of the Committee, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite one or more experts to take part in the deliberations of the Committee.

The Commission may, on its own initiative, invite any person particularly well qualified in one of the subjects on the agenda to take part in the deliberations of the Committee as an expert.

However, experts shall participate only in the discussion of the matter concerning which they were invited to attend.

Article 7

In agreement with the Commission staff, the Committee may set up working groups to facilitate its work.

Article 8

1. The Committee shall be convened by the Commission and shall meet at Commission headquarters. Meetings of the officers shall be convened by the chairman by arrangement with the Commission.

2. Representatives of the Commission departments concerned shall take part in meetings of the Committee, its officers and working groups.

3. Secretariat services for the Committee, its officers and working groups shall be provided by the Commission.

Article 9

The Committee shall discuss matters on which the Commission has requested an opinion. No vote shall be taken.

The Commission may, when seeking the opinion of the Committee, set a time limit within which such opinion shall be given.

The views expressed by the various interests represented shall be included in a report forwarded to the Commission.

In the event of unanimous agreement being reached in the Committee on the opinion to be given, the Committee shall formulate joint conclusions and attach them to the report.

The outcome of the Committee's discussions shall on request be communicated by the Commission to the Council and to the Management Committees.

Article 10

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 214 of the Treaty, where the Commission informs them that the

opinion requested or the question raised is on a matter of a confidential nature, members of the Committee shall be under an obligation not to disclose information which has come to their knowledge through the work of the Committee or of its working groups.

In such cases, only Committee members and representatives of the Commission departments concerned may be present at meetings.

Article 11

Commission Decision 64/435/EEC is hereby repealed.

Article 12

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1987.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 1987.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESEN

Vice-President

COMMISSION DECISION
of 7 January 1987
on the setting-up of an Advisory Veterinary Committee
(87/89/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Whereas the Advisory Veterinary Committee was set up by Commission Decision 76/559/EEC ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Decision 81/156/EEC ⁽²⁾;

Whereas the procedure for the replacement of members should be adjusted and account taken of a change in the representation of industry;

Whereas the provisions relating to the Advisory Veterinary Committee have been amended and should therefore be consolidated;

Whereas the Commission should seek the views of producers, traders and consumers on matters arising in connection with the harmonization of veterinary legislation;

Whereas all the occupations directly involved in the implementation of the harmonization of veterinary legislation, and also consumers, must have an opportunity to participate in the drafting of the opinions requested by the Commission;

Whereas the agricultural, industrial, commercial, workers' and veterinarians' associations and the consumer groups in the Member States have set up organizations at Community level,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. There is hereby established by the Commission an Advisory Veterinary Committee, hereinafter called 'the Committee'.

2. The Committee shall consist of representatives of organizations concerned with agriculture, industry, commerce, workers, consumers and the Veterinary Federation of the European Community.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 171, 30. 6. 1976, p. 37.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 72, 18. 3. 1981, p. 21.

Article 2

1. The Committee may be consulted by the Commission on any problems concerning the harmonization of veterinary legislation.

2. The chairman of the Committee may indicate to the Commission the desirability of its consulting the Committee on any matter within the latter's competence on which its opinion has not been sought.

The chairman shall so act at the request of any one of the interest groups represented on the Committee.

Article 3

1. The Committee shall consist of 14 permanent members and a maximum of 24 non-permanent members.

2. The permanent members shall be responsible for coordinating work within their group.

3. Seats for permanent members shall be allocated as follows:

- two to agricultural producers,
- two to agricultural cooperatives,
- two to industry,
- two to commerce,
- two to workers,
- two to consumers.

4. In addition, two of the seats for permanent members shall be allocated to representatives of the professional organization of veterinarians set up at Community level.

5. The interested groups listed in paragraph 3 may each appoint a maximum of four non-permanent members.

Article 4

1. The permanent members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Commission upon proposals from the following bodies:

- for seats allocated under Article 3 (3):

Agricultural producers:

the Committee of Agricultural Organization in the European Economic Community (COPA);

Agricultural cooperatives:

the General Committee on Agricultural Cooperation of the European Economic Community (COGECA);

Industry:

Confederation des Industries Agro-alimentaires de la Communauté Européenne (CIAA);

Commerce:

the most representative professional organization set up at Community level;

Workers:

the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC);

Consumers:

the Consumers' Consultative Committee set up by Commission Decision 73/306/EEC ⁽¹⁾;

— for seats allocated under Article 3 (4):

the Federation of Veterinarians of the European Economic Community.

2. The said bodies shall put forward two candidates of different nationality, who must be nationals of a Member State of the Community, in respect of each seat to be filled.

3. The bodies referred to in the first indent of paragraph 1 shall propose to the Commission by letter addressed at least eight days before each meeting to the department of the Commission responsible for the provision of secretarial services pursuant to Article 9 (3) their other representatives on the committee.

Article 5

1. The term of office of a permanent member shall be three years and shall be renewable. Members shall not be remunerated for their services.

After expiry of the three-year period, permanent members of the Committee shall remain in office until they are replaced or until their appointments are renewed.

In the event of the resignation or decease of a member or a request from the body having proposed a member that he be replaced, he shall be replaced in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 4.

2. A list of the permanent members shall be published by the Commission, for information purposes, in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 6

1. The permanent members shall elect from among their number for a term of three years a chairman of the Committee and two vice-chairmen.

2. On a first ballot this election shall require a two-thirds majority of the permanent members present and on subsequent ballots a simple majority of the permanent members present.

3. The vice-chairmen shall be elected from the representatives of an interest group or the organization referred to in the last indent of Article 4 (1), other than that to which the chairman belongs.

The Committee may, under the same procedure, appoint other officers of the Committee. In that event in addition to the chairman, the officers shall not include more than one representative from each of the interest groups represented on the Committee.

The officers shall prepare and organize the work of the Committee.

Article 7

The chairman may invite any person with special qualifications in one of the items on the agenda to take part in an expert capacity in the proceedings of the Committee and of its working groups.

Such experts shall take part only in the discussion of the item for which they are invited.

Article 8

The Committee may set up working groups.

The function of working groups shall be to report to the Committee on subjects decided by it.

Article 9

1. The Committee shall be convened by the Commission and shall meet at Commission headquarters. The officers of the Committee shall be convened by the chairman in agreement with the Commission.

2. Representatives of the Commission departments concerned shall take part in meetings of the Committee, of the officers and of working groups.

3. The Commission shall provide secretarial services for the Committee and its working groups.

4. Upon proposals from the bodies referred to in Article 4 (1), and for the term of office of the permanent members of the Committee, the Commission may designate observers responsible for maintaining administrative contacts with the department responsible for the provision of secretariat services.

5. The observers may attend meetings of the Committee and the working groups; they shall not take part in the discussions.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 283, 10. 10. 1973, p. 18.

Article 10

The Committee shall discuss matters on which the Commission has requested an opinion. No vote shall be taken.

The Commission may, when seeking the opinion of the Committee, set a time limit within which such opinion shall be given.

The views expressed by the various interest groups represented shall be recorded in a report, which shall be forwarded to the Commission.

In the event of unanimous agreement being reached in the Committee on the opinion to be given, the Committee shall formulate joint conclusions which shall be annexed to the report.

The outcome of the Committee's discussions shall be communicated by the Commission to the Council and to the Standing Veterinary Committee, at the request of the latter.

Article 11

Without prejudice to Article 214 of the Treaty, where the Commission informs participants at Committee meetings

that the opinion requested or the question raised is on a matter of a confidential nature, such persons shall be under an obligation not to disclose information which has come to their knowledge through the work of the Committee or of its working groups.

Article 12

Commission Decision 76/559/EEC is hereby repealed.

Article 13

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1987.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 1987.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESEN
Vice-President

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 January 1987

on the setting-up of an Advisory Committee on Flax and Hemp

(87/90/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Whereas the Advisory Committee on Flax and Hemp was set up by Commission Decision 71/32/EEC ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Decision 83/77/EEC ⁽²⁾;

Whereas, following the accession of new Member States to the Community, the number of seats on the Committee should be increased and they should be reallocated; whereas the procedure for the replacement of members should also be adjusted;

Whereas the provisions concerning the Advisory Committee on Flax and Hemp have been amended several times and have therefore become difficult to apply; whereas they should therefore be consolidated;

Whereas the Commission should seek the views of producers, traders and consumers on matters arising in connection with the operation of the common organization of the market in flax and hemp;

Whereas all the occupations directly involved in the implementation of the market organization in question, and also consumers, must have an opportunity to participate in the drafting of the opinions requested by the Commission;

Whereas the trade associations concerned and the consumer groups in the Member States have set up organizations at Community level which are in a position to represent those concerned in all the Member States,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. There shall be attached to the Commission an Advisory Committee on Flax and Hemp, hereinafter called the 'Committee'.

2. The Committee shall be composed of representatives of the following interests: growers, cooperatives, the flax and hemp industry, traders, workers in the relevant agricultural and industrial sectors and consumers.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 14, 18. 1. 1971, p. 11.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 51, 24. 2. 1983, p. 34.

Article 2

1. The Committee may be consulted by the Commission on any problem concerning the operation of Regulations on the common organization of the market in flax and hemp and in particular on measures to be adopted under those Regulations.

2. The chairman of the Committee may indicate to the Commission the desirability of consulting the Committee on any matter within the latter's competence on which its opinion has not been sought. He shall do so, in particular, at the request of one of the interests represented.

3. In respect of problems relating to the provisions referred to in Article 6 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1308/70 ⁽¹⁾ the Commission may, acting through the joint working party provided for in Article 5 of this Decision, consult only the representatives of flax and hemp growers and the representatives of the flax retting and scutching industries and the hemp-using industries.

Article 3

1. The Committee shall consist of 40 members.

2. Seats on the Committee shall be apportioned as follows:

- 20 to agricultural producers and cooperatives in the sector,
- four to representatives of the retting and scutching industry,
- six to representatives of the flax- and hemp-using industries, of whom:
 - three shall represent the flax and hemp spinning industry,
 - one shall present the flax-using industries other than the spinning industry,
 - one shall represent the hemp-using industries other than the spinning industry,
 - one shall represent the linseed oil industry,
- two to a representative of the flax and hemp trade,
- four to representatives of agricultural and industrial workers in this sector,
- four to consumers' representatives.

Article 4

1. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Commission on proposals from the trade workers'

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 146, 4. 7. 1970, p. 1.

organizations set up at Community level which are most representative of the interests specified in Article 1 (2) and whose activities come within the scope of the common organization of the market in flax and hemp; consumers' representatives shall be appointed on proposals from the Consumers' Advisory Committee.

Those bodies shall for each seat to be filled put forward the names of two candidates of different nationality.

2. The term of office for members of the Committee shall be three years. Their appointments may be renewed. Members shall not be remunerated for their services.

After expiry of the three years members of the Committee shall remain in office until they are replaced or until their appointments are renewed.

In the event of the resignation or decease of a member or a request from the body having proposed a member that he be replaced, he shall be replaced in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

3. A list of the members of the Committee shall be published by the Commission, for information purposes, in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 5

1. There shall be set up under the auspices of the Committee a joint working party consisting of five growers' representatives and five representatives of the flax and hemp industry, appointed by the Commission on proposals from the trade organizations concerned in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 4.

Members of the working party need not be members of the Committee.

2. Seats on the joint working party shall be apportioned as follows:

- (a) three to flax growers' representatives;
three to representatives of the flax retting and scutching industries;
- (b) two hemp growers' representatives;
two to representatives of the hemp-using industries.

The respective representatives of the flax sector and the hemp sector may hold separate meetings.

3. In the event of a member of the joint working party being unable to attend a meeting, and in this event only, another person may attend in his stead. The trade organization which proposed the absent member may propose a substitute for him to the chairman.

4. The chairman of the joint working party may indicate to the Commission the desirability of consulting the working party on any matter within Article 2 (3) on which it has not been consulted. He shall do so, in particular, at the request of either of the two sides represented on the working party.

Article 6

1. After consulting the Commission, the Committee shall elect a chairman for a period of three years.

The chairman shall be elected, in the case of the first ballot, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and, in the case of subsequent ballots, by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the Commission shall provide a chairman on a temporary basis.

2. The Committee shall elect two vice-chairmen for a period of three years. The vice-chairmen may not represent the same interest as the chairman.

The election shall take place in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

The Committee may, in accordance with the same procedure, elect other officers. In that case, the officers other than the chairman shall include not more than one representative of each interest represented on the Committee.

The officers shall prepare and organize the work of the Committee.

3. The joint working party shall elect from among its members a chairman and a vice-chairman for a period of one year. The election shall take place in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

The vice-chairman may not represent the same interest as the chairman. They shall be chosen alternately from among the two interests represented.

Article 7

1. Only the Commission representatives, the members of the Committees or persons replacing them in their absence, and persons invited in accordance with paragraphs 3, 4 and 7 may participate in or attend meetings.

2. Only the Commission representatives, the members of the joint working party or persons replacing them in their absence, the chairman of the Committee and persons invited in accordance with paragraphs 5 and 7 may participate in or attend meetings of the joint working party.

3. Should a Committee member be unable to attend a meeting, the organization or organizations to which a seat is allocated may appoint a person to take his place. This person shall be selected from a list drawn up by mutual agreement between the Commission and the organization or organizations in question and containing a number of names equal to half the total number of members representing the organization or organizations in question.

This number shall be not less than one and not more than 12.

The secretariat of the Committee must be informed of such replacement of a member at least seven days before a meeting.

4. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite its general secretary or a member of its secretariat to attend the meetings of the Committee as an observer.

Should he be unable to attend, however, the general secretary may have his seat as an observer taken by another person designated by him.

5. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated in the joint working party, the chairman of the joint working party may invite its general secretary or a member of its secretariat to attend the meetings of the joint working party as an observer.

Should he be unable to attend, however, the general secretary may have his seat as an observer taken by another person designated by him.

6. Observers shall not have the right to speak. They may, however, be invited to do so by the chairman in agreement with the Commission staff.

7. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, and when the matters on the agenda are of a highly technical nature outside the normal framework of the deliberations of the Committee or joint working party the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite one or more experts to take part in the deliberations of the Committee or joint working party.

The Commission may, on its own initiative, invite any person particularly well qualified in one of the subjects on the agenda to take part in the deliberations of the Committee or joint working party as an expert.

However, experts shall participate only in the discussion of the matter concerning which they were invited to attend.

Article 8

In agreement with the Commission staff, the Committee or joint working party may set up working groups to facilitate its work.

Article 9

1. The Committee and the joint working party shall be convened by the Commission and shall meet at Commission headquarters. Meetings of the officers shall be convened by the chairman by arrangement with the Commission.

2. Representatives of the Commission departments concerned shall take part in meetings of the Committee, its officers, the joint working party and its working groups.

3. Secretarial services for the Committee, its officers, the joint working party and the working groups shall be provided by the Commission.

Article 10

The Committee shall discuss matters on which the Commission has requested an opinion. No vote shall be taken.

The Commission may, when seeking the opinion of the Committee, set a time limit within which such opinion shall be given.

The views expressed by the various interests represented shall be included in a report forwarded to the Commission.

In the event of unanimous agreement being reached in the Committee on the opinion to be given, the Committee shall formulate joint conclusions and attach them to the report.

The outcome of the Committee's discussions shall, on request, be communicated by the Commission to the Council and to the Management Committee.

Article 11

The chairman of the joint working party shall report to the Committee on the work of the working party.

Article 12

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 214 of the Treaty, where the Commission informs them that the opinion requested or the question raised is on a matter of a confidential nature, members of the Committee and members of the joint working party, or those attending in their stead pursuant to Article 5 (3), shall be under an obligation not to disclose information which has come to their knowledge through the work of the Committee, the joint working party or the working groups.

In such cases, only members of the Committee, members of the joint working party, and those attending in their stead as mentioned above and representatives of the Commission departments concerned may be present at meetings.

Article 13

Commission Decision 71/32/EEC is hereby repealed.

Article 14

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1987.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 1987.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESEN
Vice-President

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 January 1987

on the setting-up of an Advisory Committee on Beef and Veal

(87/91/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Article 2

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Whereas the Advisory Committee on Beef and Veal was set up by Commission Decision 64/434/EEC ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Decision 83/77/EEC ⁽²⁾;

Whereas, following the accession of new Member States to the Community, the number of seats on the Committee should be increased and they should be reallocated; whereas the procedure for the replacement of members should also be adjusted;

Whereas the provisions concerning the Advisory Committee on Beef and Veal have been amended several times and have therefore become difficult to apply; whereas they should therefore be consolidated;

Whereas the Commission should seek the views of producers, traders and consumers on matters arising in connection with the operation of the common organization of the market in beef and veal;

Whereas all the occupations directly involved in the implementation of the market organization in question, and also consumers, must have an opportunity to participate in the drafting of the opinions requested by the Commission;

Whereas the trade associations concerned and the consumer groups in the Member States have set up organizations at Community level which are in a position to represent those concerned in all the Member States,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. There shall be attached to the Commission an Advisory Committee on Beef and Veal, hereinafter called the 'Committee'.

2. The Committee shall be composed of representatives of the following interests: farmers, cooperatives, the processing and food-manufacturing industries, traders in agricultural produce and foodstuffs, agricultural workers and workers in the processing and food-manufacturing industries and consumers.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 122, 29. 7. 1964, p. 2047/64.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 51, 24. 2. 1983, p. 34.

1. The Committee may be consulted by the Commission on any problem concerning the operation of Regulations on the common organization of the market in beef and veal and in particular on measures to be adopted by the Commission under those Regulations.

2. The chairman of the Committee may indicate to the Commission the desirability of consulting the Committee on any matter within the latter's competence on which its opinion has not been sought. He shall do so, in particular, at the request of one of the interests represented.

Article 3

1. The Committee shall consist of 50 members.

2. Seats on the Committee shall be apportioned as follows:

- 25 to agricultural producers and cooperatives in the sector,
- four to representatives of the meat and animal fat processing industries,
- three to representatives of the livestock trade,
- three to representatives of the wholesale meat trade,
- three to butchers/traders in preserved meats (including one to supermarkets),
- six to representatives of agricultural workers and of workers in the processing and food-manufacturing industries,
- six to consumers' representatives.

Article 4

1. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Commission on proposals from the trade workers' organizations set up at Community level which are most representative of the interests specified in Article 1 (2) and whose activities come within the scope of the common organization of the market in beef and veal; consumers' representatives shall be appointed on proposals from the Consumers' Advisory Committee.

Those bodies shall for each seat to be filled put forward the names of two candidates of different nationality.

2. The term of office for members of the Committee shall be three years. Their appointments may be renewed. Members shall not be remunerated for their services.

After expiry of the three years members of the Committee shall remain in office until they are replaced or until their appointments are renewed.

In the event of the resignation or decease of a member or a request from the body having proposed a member that he be replaced, he shall be replaced in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

3. A list of the members of the Committee shall be published by the Commission, for information purposes, in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 5

1. After consulting the Commission, the Committee shall elect a chairman for a period of three years.

The chairman shall be elected, in the case of the first ballot, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and, in the case of subsequent ballots, by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the Commission shall provide a chairman on a temporary basis.

2. The Committee shall elect two vice-chairmen for a period of three years.

The vice-chairmen may not represent the same interest as the chairman.

The election shall take place in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

The Committee may, in accordance with the same procedure, elect other officers. In that case, the officers other than the chairman shall include not more than one representative of each interest represented on the Committee.

The officers shall prepare and organize the work of the Committee.

Article 6

1. Only the Commission representatives, the members of the Committee, or persons replacing them in their absence, and persons invited in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 may participate in or attend meetings.

2. Should a member be unable to attend a meeting, the organization or organizations to which a seat is allocated may appoint a person to take his place. This person shall be selected from a list drawn up by mutual agreement between the Commission and the organization or organizations in question and containing a number of names equal to half the total numbers of members representing the organization

or organizations in question. This number shall be not less than one and not more than 12.

The secretariat of the Committee must be informed of such replacement of a member at least seven days before a meeting.

3. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite its general secretary or a member of its secretariat to attend the meetings of the Committee as an observer.

Should he be unable to attend, however, the general secretary may have his seat as an observer taken by another person designated by him.

Observers shall not have the right to speak. They may, however, be invited to do so by the chairman in agreement with the Commission staff.

4. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, and when the matters on the agenda are of a highly technical nature outside the normal framework of the deliberations of the Committee, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite one or more experts to take part in the deliberations of the Committee.

The Commission may, on its own initiative, invite any person particularly well qualified in one of the subjects on the agenda to take part in the deliberations of the Committee as an expert.

However, experts shall participate only in the discussion of the matter concerning which they were invited to attend.

Article 7

In agreement with the Commission staff, the Committee may set up working groups to facilitate its work.

Article 8

1. The Committee shall be convened by the Commission and shall meet at Commission headquarters. Meetings of the officers shall be convened by the chairman by arrangement with the Commission.

2. Representatives of the Commission departments concerned shall take part in meetings of the Committee, its officers and working groups.

3. Secretarial services for the Committee, its officers and working groups shall be provided by the Commission.

Article 9

The Committee shall discuss matters on which the Commission has requested an opinion. No vote shall be taken.

The Commission may, when seeking the opinion of the Committee, set a time limit within which such opinion shall be given.

The views expressed by the various interests represented shall be included in a report forwarded to the Commission.

In the event of unanimous agreement being reached in the Committee on the opinion to be given, the Committee shall formulate joint conclusions and attach them to the report.

The outcome of the Committee's discussions shall on request be communicated by the Commission to the Council and to the Management Committees.

Article 10

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 214 of the Treaty, where the Commission informs them that the opinion requested or the question raised is on a matter of a confidential nature, members of the Committee shall be

under an obligation not to disclose information which has come to their knowledge through the work of the Committee or of its working groups.

In such cases, only Committee members and representatives of the Commission departments concerned may be present at meetings.

Article 11

Commission Decision 64/434/EEC is hereby repealed.

Article 12

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1987.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 1987.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESEN
Vice-President

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 January 1987

setting up the special Silkworm Section of the Advisory Committee on Flax and Hemp

(87/92/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Whereas the special Silkworm Section of the Advisory Committee on Flax and Hemp was set up by Commission Decision 74/72/EEC ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Decision 83/77/EEC ⁽²⁾;

Whereas, following the accession of new Member States to the Community, the number of seats on the Section should be increased and they should be reallocated; whereas the procedure for the replacement of members should also be adjusted;

Whereas the provisions concerning the special Silkworm Section of the Advisory Committee on Flax and Hemp have been amended several times and have therefore become difficult to apply; whereas they should therefore be consolidated;

Whereas the Commission should seek the views of producers, traders and consumers on matters arising in connection with the operation of the common organization of the market in silkworms;

Whereas Article 7 of Decision 74/72/EEC, repealed by Decision 83/77/EEC, should be reinstated;

Whereas all the occupations directly involved in the implementation of the market organization in question, and also consumers, must have an opportunity to participate in the drafting of the opinions requested by the Commission;

Whereas the trade associations concerned and the consumer groups in the Member States have set up organizations at Community level which are in a position to represent those concerned in all the Member States,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. There shall be attached to the Commission a special Silkworm Section of the Advisory Committee on Flax and Hem, hereinafter called the 'Section'.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 52, 23. 2. 1974, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 51, 24. 2. 1983, p. 34.

2. The Section shall be composed of representatives of the following interests: silkworm rearers and cooperatives, the silk industry, the silk trade, workers in the sectors concerned and consumers.

Article 2

1. The Section may be consulted by the Commission on any problem concerning the operation of the Regulation laying down special measures to encourage silkworm rearing and in particular on measures to be adopted by the Commission under that Regulation.

2. The Chairman of the Section may indicate to the Commission the desirability of consulting the Section on any matter within the latter's competence on which its opinion has not been sought. He shall do so, in particular, at the request of one of the interests represented.

Article 3

1. The Committee shall consist of 14 members.

2. Seats on the Committee shall be apportioned as follows:

- seven to agricultural producers and cooperatives in the sector,
- two to representative of the silk industry,
- one to a representative of the silk trade,
- two to representatives of agricultural workers and of workers in the silk industry,
- two to consumers' representatives.

Article 4

1. Members of the Section shall be appointed by the Commission on proposals from the trade workers' organizations set up at Community level which are most representative of the interests specified in Article 1 (2) and whose activities come within the scope of the special measures to encourage silkworm rearing. Consumers' representatives shall be appointed on proposals from the Consumers' Advisory Committee.

Those bodies shall for each seat to be filled put forward the names of two candidates of different nationality.

2. The term of office for members of the Section shall be three years. Their appointments may be renewed. Members shall not be remunerated for their services.

After expiry of the three years members of the Section shall remain in office until they are replaced or until their appointments are renewed.

In the event of the resignation or decease of a member or a request from the body having proposed a member that he be replaced, he shall be replaced in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

3. A list of the members of the Section shall be published by the Commission, for information purposes, in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 5

1. After consulting the Commission, the Section shall elect a chairman for a period of three years.

The chairman shall be elected, in the case of the first ballot, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and, in the case of subsequent ballots, by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the Commission shall provide a chairman on a temporary basis.

2. The Section shall elect two vice-chairmen for a period of three years.

The vice-chairmen may not represent the same interest as the chairman.

The election shall take place in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

The Section may, in accordance with the same procedure, elect other officers. In that case, the officers other than the chairman shall include not more than one representative of each interest represented on the Section.

The officers shall prepare and organize the work of the Section.

Article 6

1. Only the Commission representatives, the members of the Sections, or persons replacing them in their absence, and persons invited in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 may participate in or attend meetings.

2. Should a member be unable to attend a meeting, the organization or organizations to which a seat is allocated may appoint a person to take his place. This person shall be selected from a list drawn up by mutual agreement between

the Commission and the organization or organizations in question and containing a number of names equal to half the total numbers of members representing the organization or organizations in question. The number shall be not less than one and not more than 12.

The secretariat of the Section must be informed of such replacement of a member at least seven days before a meeting.

3. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite its general secretary or a member of its secretariat to attend the meetings of the Section as an observer.

Should he be unable to attend, however, the general secretary may have his seat as an observer taken by another person designated by him.

Observers shall not have the right to speak. They may, however, be invited to do so by the chairman in agreement with the Commission staff.

4. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, and when the matters on the agenda are of a highly technical nature outside the normal framework of the deliberations of the Section, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite one or more experts to take part in the deliberations of the Section.

The Commission may, on its own initiative, invite any person particularly well qualified in one of the subjects on the agenda to take part in the deliberations of the Section as an expert.

However, experts shall participate only in the discussion of the matter concerning which they were invited to attend.

Article 7

1. The Section shall be convened by the Commission and shall meet at Commission headquarters.

2. Representatives of the Commission departments concerned shall take part in meetings of the Section.

3. Secretarial services for the Section shall be provided by the Commission.

Article 7a

In agreement with the Commission staff, the Section may set up working groups to facilitate its work.

Article 8

The Section shall discuss matters on which the Commission has requested an opinion. No vote shall be taken.

The Commission may, when seeking the opinion of the Section, set a time limit within which such opinion shall be given.

The views expressed by the various interests represented shall be included in a report forwarded to the Commission.

In the event of unanimous agreement being reached in the Section on the opinion to be given, the Section shall formulate joint conclusions and attach them to the report.

The outcome of the Section discussions shall, on request, be communicated by the Commission to the Council and to the Management Committees.

Article 9

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 214 of the Treaty, where the Commission informs them that the opinion requested or the question raised is on a matter of a confidential nature, members of the Section shall be under an

obligation not to disclose information which has come to their knowledge through the work of the Section.

In such cases, only members of the Section and representatives of the Commission departments concerned may be present at meetings.

Article 10

Commission Decision 74/72/EEC is hereby repealed.

Article 11

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1987.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 1987.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESEN

Vice-President

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 January 1987

on the setting-up of an Advisory Committee on Sheepmeat and Goatmeat

(87/93/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Whereas the Advisory Committee on Sheepmeat and Goatmeat was set up by Commission Decision 81/376/EEC ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Decision 83/77/EEC ⁽²⁾;

Whereas, following the accession of new Member States to the Community, the number of seats on the Committee should be increased and they should be reallocated; whereas the procedure for the replacement of members should also be adjusted;

Whereas the provisions concerning the Advisory Committee on Sheepmeat and Goatmeat have been amended several times and have therefore become difficult to apply, whereas they should therefore be consolidated;

Whereas the Commission should seek the views of producers, traders and consumers on matters arising in connection with the operation of the common organization of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat;

Whereas all the occupations directly involved in the implementation of the market organization in question, and also consumers, must have an opportunity to participate in the drafting of the opinions requested by the Commission;

Whereas the trade associations concerned and the consumer groups in the Member States have set up organizations at Community level which are in a position to represent those concerned in all the Member States,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. There shall be attached to the Commission an Advisory Committee on Sheepmeat and Goatmeat, hereinafter called 'the Committee'.

2. The Committee shall be composed of representatives of the following interests: farmers, cooperatives, the processing and food-manufacturing industries, traders in

agricultural produce and foodstuffs, agricultural workers and workers in the processing and food-manufacturing industries and consumers.

Article 2

1. The Committee may be consulted by the Commission on any problem concerning the operation of the Regulations on the common organization of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat and in particular on measures to be adopted by the Commission under those Regulations.

2. - The chairman of the Committee may indicate to the Commission the desirability of consulting the Committee on any matter within the latter's competence on which its opinion has not been sought.

He shall do so in particular at the request of any of the interests represented.

Article 3

1. The Committee shall consist of 30 members.

2. Seats on the Committee shall be apportioned as follows:

- 15 to agricultural producers and cooperatives in the sector,
- one to the meat industry,
- two to the livestock trade,
- two to the wholesale meat trade,
- two to the meat distribution trade,
- four to agricultural workers and workers in the processing and food-manufacturing industries,
- four to consumers.

Article 4

1. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Commission on proposals from the professional organizations set up at Community level which are most representative of the interests specified in Article 1 (2) and whose activities come within the scope of the common organization of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat. However, consumers' representatives shall be appointed on proposals from the Consumers' Advisory Committee.

For each seat to be filled, those bodies shall put forward the names of two candidates of different nationality.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 145, 3. 6. 1981, p. 26.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 51, 24. 2. 1983, p. 34.

2. The term of office for members of the Committee shall be three years. Their appointments may be renewed. Members shall not be remunerated for their services.

After expiry of the three years members of the Committee shall remain in office until they are replaced or until their appointments are renewed.

In the event of the resignation or decease of a member or a request from the body having proposed a member that he be replaced, he shall be replaced in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

3. A list of the members of the Committee shall be published by the Commission, for information purposes, in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 5

1. After consulting the Commission, the Committee shall elect a chairman for a period of three years.

The chairman shall be elected, in the case of the first ballot, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and, in the case of subsequent ballots, by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the Commission shall provide a chairman on a temporary basis.

2. The Committee shall elect two vice-chairmen for a period of three years.

The vice-chairmen may not represent the same interest as the chairman.

The election shall take place in accordance with the procedure laid down in paragraph 1.

The Committee may, in accordance with the same procedure, elect other officers. In that case, the officers other than the chairman shall include not more than one representative of each interest represented on the Committee.

The officers shall prepare and organize the work of the Committee.

Article 6

1. Only the Commission representatives, the members of the Committee, or persons replacing them in their absence, and persons invited in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 may participate in or attend meetings.

2. Should a member be unable to attend a meeting, the organization or organizations to which a seat is allocated may appoint a person to take his place. This person shall be selected from a list drawn up by mutual agreement between the Commission and the organization or organizations in question and containing a number of names equal to half the total numbers of members representing the organization or

organizations in question. This number shall be not less than one and not more than 12.

The secretariat of the Committee must be informed of such replacement of a member at least seven days before a meeting.

3. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite its general secretary or a member of its secretariat to attend the meetings of the Committee as an observer.

Should he be unable to attend, however, the general secretary may have his seat as an observer taken by another person designated by him.

Observers shall not have the right to speak. They may, however, be invited to do so by the chairman in agreement with the Commission staff.

4. At the request of an organization to which one or more seats are allocated, and when the matters on the agenda are of a highly technical nature outside the normal framework of the deliberations of the Committee, the chairman may, in agreement with the Commission staff, invite one or more experts to take part in the deliberations of the Committee.

The Commission may, on its own initiative, invite any person particularly well qualified in one of the subjects on the agenda to take part in the deliberations of the Committee as an expert.

However, experts shall participate only in the discussion of the matter concerning which they were invited to attend.

Article 7

In agreement with the Commission staff, the Committee may set up working groups to facilitate its work.

Article 8

1. The Committee shall be convened by the Commission and shall meet at the place where the Commission has its seat. Meetings of the officers shall be convened by the chairman by arrangement with the Commission.

2. Representatives of the Commission departments concerned shall take part in meetings of the Committee, its officers and working parties.

3. Secretarial services for the Committee, its officers and working parties shall be provided by the Commission.

Article 9

The Committee shall discuss matters on which the Commission has requested an opinion. No vote shall be taken at the outcome of such discussions. The Commission

may, when seeking the opinion of the Committee, set a time limit within which such opinion shall be given.

The views expressed by the various interests represented shall be included in a report forwarded to the Commission.

In the event of unanimous agreement being reached in the Committee on the opinion to be given, the Committee shall formulate joint conclusions and attach them to the report. The outcome of the Committee's discussions shall on request be communicated by the Commission to the Council or to the Management Committees, at the request of the latter.

Article 10

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 214 of the Treaty, where the Commission informs them that the opinion requested or the question raised is on a matter of a confidential nature, members of the Committee shall be under an obligation not to disclose information which has

come to their knowledge through the work of the Committee or of its working parties.

In such cases, only Committee members and representatives of the Commission departments concerned may be present at meetings.

Article 11

Commission Decision 81/376/EEC is hereby repealed.

Article 12

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1987.

Done at Brussels, 7 January 1987.

For the Commission

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