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COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 562/90

of 6 March 1990

fixing the import levies on cereals and on wheat or rye flour, groats and meal

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in cereals⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 201/90⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 13 (5) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1676/85 of 11 June 1985 on the value of the unit of account and the exchange rates to be applied for the purposes of the common agricultural policy⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1636/87⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Having regard to the opinion of the Monetary Committee,

Whereas the import levies on cereals, wheat and rye flour, and wheat groats and meal were fixed by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1915/89⁽⁵⁾ and subsequent amending Regulations;

Whereas, if the levy system is to operate normally, levies should be calculated on the following basis:

- in the case of currencies which are maintained in relation to each other at any given moment within a band of 2,25 %, a rate of exchange based on their central rate, multiplied by the corrective factor provided for in the last paragraph of Article 3 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1676/85,
- for other currencies, an exchange rate based on the arithmetic mean of the spot market rates of each of these currencies recorded for a given period in relation to the Community currencies referred to in the previous indent, and the aforesaid coefficient;

Whereas these exchange rates being those recorded on 5 March 1990;

Whereas the aforesaid corrective factor affects the entire calculation basis for the levies, including the equivalence coefficients;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 486/85⁽⁶⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3530/89⁽⁷⁾, lays down the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the overseas countries and territories; whereas the Council has not yet been able formally to adopt the Regulation intended to replace Regulation (EEC) No 486/85; whereas, in order to avoid discontinuity in the arrangements applying, the application of the arrangements laid down in Regulation (EEC) No 486/85 should be contained as a precaution and without prejudice to the definitive arrangements to be adopted subsequently by the Council;

Whereas it follows from applying the detailed rules contained in Regulation (EEC) No 1915/89 to today's offer prices and quotations known to the Commission that the levies at present in force should be altered to the amounts set out in the Annex hereto,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The import levies to be charged on products listed in Article 1 (a), (b) and (c) of Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 7 March 1990.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 281, 1. 11. 1975, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 22, 27. 1. 1990, p. 7.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 164, 24. 6. 1985, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 153, 13. 6. 1987, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 187, 1. 7. 1989, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 61, 1. 3. 1985, p. 4.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 347, 28. 11. 1989, p. 3.

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

Done at Brussels, 6 March 1990.

For the Commission

Ray MAC SHARRY

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 6 March 1990 fixing the import levies on cereals and on wheat or rye flour, groats and meal

(ECU/tonne)

CN code	Levies	
	Portugal	Third country
0709 90 60	35,37	135,56 ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾
0712 90 19	35,37	135,56 ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾
1001 10 10	43,59	186,10 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽³⁾
1001 10 90	43,59	186,10 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽³⁾
1001 90 91	36,15	141,71
1001 90 99	36,15	141,71
1002 00 00	61,28	131,51 ⁽⁶⁾
1003 00 10	52,45	117,93
1003 00 90	52,45	117,93
1004 00 10	43,85	122,91
1004 00 90	43,85	122,91
1005 10 90	35,37	135,56 ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾
1005 90 00	35,37	135,56 ⁽²⁾ ⁽³⁾
1007 00 90	52,45	143,87 ⁽⁴⁾
1008 10 00	52,45	29,21
1008 20 00	52,45	87,38 ⁽⁴⁾
1008 30 00	52,45	0,00 ⁽⁵⁾
1008 90 10	⁽⁷⁾	⁽⁷⁾
1008 90 90	52,45	0,00
1101 00 00	64,78	212,57
1102 10 00	99,96	198,62
1103 11 10	82,30	303,19
1103 11 90	68,70	228,31

⁽¹⁾ Where durum wheat originating in Morocco is transported directly from that country to the Community, the levy is reduced by ECU 0,60/tonne.

⁽²⁾ In accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 486/85 the levies are not applied to products imported directly into the French overseas departments, originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the 'overseas countries and territories'.

⁽³⁾ Where maize originating in the ACP or OCT is imported into the Community the levy is reduced by ECU 1,81/tonne.

⁽⁴⁾ Where millet and sorghum originating in the ACP or OCT is imported into the Community the levy is reduced by 50 %.

⁽⁵⁾ Where durum wheat and canary seed produced in Turkey are transported directly from that country to the Community, the levy is reduced by ECU 0,60/tonne.

⁽⁶⁾ The import levy charged on rye produced in Turkey and transported directly from that country to the Community is laid down in Council Regulation (EEC) No 1180/77 (OJ No L 142, 9. 6. 1977, p. 10) and Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2622/71 (OJ No L 271, 10. 12. 1971, p. 22).

⁽⁷⁾ The levy applicable to rye shall be charged on imports of the product falling within CN code 1008 90 10 (triticale).

COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 563/90

of 6 March 1990

fixing the premiums to be added to the import levies on cereals, flour and malt

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in cereals⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 201/90⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 15 (6) thereof,Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1676/85 of 11 June 1985 on the value of the unit of account and the exchange rates to be applied for the purposes of the common agricultural policy⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1636/87⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Having regard to the opinion of the Monetary Committee,

Whereas the premiums to be added to the levies on cereals and malt were fixed by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1916/89⁽⁵⁾ and subsequent amending Regulations;

Whereas, if the levy system is to operate normally, levies should be calculated on the following basis:

- in the case of currencies which are maintained in relation to each other at any given moment within a band of 2,25 %, a rate of exchange based on their central rate, multiplied by the corrective factor provided for in the last paragraph of Article 3 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1676/85,

- for other currencies, an exchange rate based on the arithmetic mean of the spot market rates of each of these currencies recorded for a given period in relation to the Community currencies referred to in the previous indent, and the aforesaid coefficient;

Whereas these exchange rates being those recorded on 5 March 1990;

Whereas, on the basis of today's cif prices and cif forward delivery prices, the premiums at present in force, which are to be added to the levies, should be altered to the amounts set out in the Annex hereto,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The premiums referred to in Article 15 of Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 to be added to the import levies fixed in advance in respect of cereals and malt coming from Portugal shall be zero.
2. The premiums referred to in Article 15 of Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 to be added to the import levies fixed in advance in respect of cereals and malt coming from third countries shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 7 March 1990.

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

Done at Brussels, 6 March 1990.

For the Commission

Ray MAC SHARRY

Member of the Commission⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 281, 11. 11. 1975, p. 1.⁽²⁾ OJ No L 22, 27. 1. 1990, p. 7.⁽³⁾ OJ No L 164, 24. 6. 1985, p. 1.⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 153, 13. 6. 1987, p. 1.⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 187, 1. 7. 1989, p. 4.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 6 March 1990 fixing the premiums to be added to the import levies on cereals, flour and malt

A. Cereals and flour

CN code	(ECU/tonne)			
	Current 3	1st period 4	2nd period 5	3rd period 6
0709 90 60	0	0	0	0
0712 90 19	0	0	0	0
1001 10 10	0	0	0	0
1001 10 90	0	0	0	0
1001 90 91	0	0	0	0
1001 90 99	0	0	0	0
1002 00 00	0	0	0	0
1003 00 10	0	0	0	5,87
1003 00 90	0	0	0	5,87
1004 00 10	0	0	0	0
1004 00 90	0	0	0	0
1005 10 90	0	0	0	0
1005 90 00	0	0	0	0
1007 00 90	0	0	0	0
1008 10 00	0	0	0	0
1008 20 00	0	0	0	0
1008 30 00	0	0	0	0
1008 90 90	0	0	0	0
1101 00 00	0	0	0	0

B. Malt

CN code	(ECU/tonne)				
	Current 3	1st period 4	2nd period 5	3rd period 6	4th period 7
1107 10 11	0	0	0	0	0
1107 10 19	0	0	0	0	0
1107 10 91	0	0	0	10,45	10,45
1107 10 99	0	0	0	7,81	7,81
1107 20 00	0	0	0	9,10	9,10

COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 564/90**of 6 March 1990****fixing the import levies on white sugar and raw sugar**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81 of 30 June 1981 on the common organization of the markets in the sugar sector ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1069/89 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 16 (8) thereof,Whereas the import levies on white sugar and raw sugar were fixed by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1920/89 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 561/90 ⁽⁴⁾;

Whereas it follows from applying the detailed rules contained in Regulation (EEC) No 1920/89 to the information known to the Commission that the levies at present in force should be altered to the amounts set out in the Annex hereto,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The import levies referred to in Article 16 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81 shall be, in respect of white sugar and standard quality raw sugar, as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 7 March 1990.

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

Done at Brussels, 6 March 1990.

For the Commission

Ray MAC SHARRY

Member of the Commission⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 177, 1. 7. 1981, p. 4.⁽²⁾ OJ No L 114, 27. 4. 1989, p. 1.⁽³⁾ OJ No L 187, 1. 7. 1989, p. 13.⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 57, 6. 3. 1990, p. 14.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 6 March 1990 fixing the import levies on white sugar and raw sugar

(ECU/100 kg)

CN code	Levy
1701 11 10	29,56 ⁽¹⁾
1701 11 90	29,56 ⁽¹⁾
1701 12 10	29,56 ⁽¹⁾
1701 12 90	29,56 ⁽¹⁾
1701 91 00	33,64
1701 99 10	33,64
1701 99 90	33,64 ⁽²⁾

⁽¹⁾ Applicable to raw sugar with a yield of 92 % ; if the yield is other than 92 %, the levy applicable is calculated in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 837/68 (OJ No L 151, 30. 6. 1968, p. 42).

⁽²⁾ In accordance with Article 16 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81 this amount is also applicable to sugar obtained from white and raw sugar containing added substances other than flavouring or colouring matter.

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 22 February 1990

providing medium-term financial assistance for Hungary

(90/83/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 235 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission⁽¹⁾, submitted following consultation with the Monetary Committee,

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

Whereas the European Council of 8 and 9 December 1989 referred to the need to grant Hungary, after agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), an adjustment loan of an amount of US \$ 1 000 million; whereas this amount is the equivalent of ECU 870 million;

Whereas the people of Hungary have close historic relationships with the people of the Community, and whereas that country is undertaking fundamental political and economic reforms and has decided to adopt a market economy model;

Whereas the said reforms will strengthen mutual confidence and bring Hungary closer to the Community;

Whereas the granting of the medium-term loan is an appropriate measure to facilitate the adjustment of the Hungarian economy in order to reap the full benefits of an economy based on market principles; whereas the terms and conditions of the loan should emphasise necessary structural adjustment, with due regard for social stability, as well as being consistent with the terms and conditions put forward by the IMF, whereas an agreement with

the IMF on a stabilisation programme is necessary and should be concluded quickly; whereas assurances should be secured that Hungary has negotiated satisfactory terms with its private creditors to ensure their continued participation;

Whereas the economic reforms will contribute to mutually beneficial economic and commercial relationships between Hungary and the Community; whereas these relationships will promote, throughout the Community, a harmonious development of economic activities;

Whereas examination by the Commission, in collaboration with the Monetary Committee, has shown a marked deterioration in Hungary's economic situation;

Whereas the Hungarian Government has applied to the Community for a medium-term loan;

Whereas it is appropriate to associate other G24 countries with this loan operation;

Whereas this action is urgent and the first tranche should consequently be implemented rapidly;

Whereas the Treaty does not provide, for the adoption of this Decision, powers other than those of Article 235,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Community shall grant to Hungary a medium-term loan facility of a maximum amount of ECU 870 million in principal, with a maximum duration of five years, in order to permit that country to overcome the difficulties of structural adjustment of its economy.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 20, 27. 1. 1990, p. 9.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 38, 19. 2. 1990.

This loan will be managed by the Commission in full consultation with the Monetary Committee, in a manner consistent with any agreement reached between the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Hungary.

Article 2

The Commission is empowered to negotiate with the Hungarian authorities, after consultation with the Monetary Committee, the terms and conditions of the loan in order to facilitate structural adjustment and the evolution of Hungary's economy towards a market-oriented system in a stable macroeconomic and social environment. These terms and conditions shall be consistent with the agreement referred to in the second paragraph of Article 1.

The Commission shall verify at regular intervals, in collaboration with the Monetary Committee, that the economic policy in Hungary accords with the objectives of this loan and that its conditions are being fulfilled.

Article 3

The loan shall be made available to Hungary in tranches. Each tranche shall be released to the National Bank of Hungary.

Article 4

As a first tranche, the Commission is empowered to borrow, on behalf of the European Economic Community, an amount of ECU 350 million in principal.

The proceeds of these borrowings shall be on-lent to Hungary as soon as a 'stand-by arrangement' has been concluded between Hungary and the IMF.

Article 5

The release of, and the procedural arrangements for, the subsequent tranches, including the question of the guarantee, shall be decided upon at a later stage.

Article 6

1. The borrowing and lending operations referred to in Article 4 shall be carried out using the same value date and must not involve the Community in the transformation of maturities, in any exchange or interest-rate risk, or in any other commercial risk.
2. The Commission shall take the necessary steps, if Hungary so decides, to include in the loan conditions, and also to exercise, an early repayment clause.
3. At the request of Hungary, and where circumstances permit an improvement in the interest rate on the loans, the Commission may refinance all or part of its initial borrowings or restructure the corresponding financial conditions. Refinancing or restructuring operations shall be carried out in accordance with the conditions set out in paragraph 1 and shall not have the effect of extending the average duration of the borrowing concerned or increasing the amount, expressed at the current exchange rate, of capital outstanding at the date of the refinancing or restructuring.
4. All related costs incurred by the Community in concluding and carrying out the operation under this Decision shall be borne by Hungary.
5. The Monetary Committee shall be kept informed of developments in the operations referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3.

Article 7

At least once a year, the Commission shall address to the European Parliament and to the Council a report, which will include an evaluation, on the implementation of this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 22 February 1990.

For the Council

The President

D. J. O'MALLEY

COUNCIL DECISION

of 26 February 1990

adopting a specific Community research and technological development programme in the field of competitiveness of agriculture and management of agricultural resources (1989-1993)

(90/84/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 130 q (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

In cooperation with the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

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

Whereas Article 130 k of the Treaty stipulates that the framework programme shall be implemented through specific programmes developed within each of the activities;

Whereas, by Decision 87/516/Euratom, EEC ⁽⁴⁾, as amended by Decision 88/193/Euratom, EEC ⁽⁵⁾, the Council adopted a framework programme for Community activities in the field of research and technological development (1987-1991) providing for activities to be implemented to ensure the exploitation and optimum use of biological resources;

Whereas that Decision provides that Community action is justified where it contributes, *inter alia*, to the strengthening of the economic and social cohesion of the Community and the promotion of its overall harmonious development while being consistent with scientific and technical excellence in research; whereas it is intended that the specific research and technological development programme in the field of competitiveness of agriculture and management of agricultural resources should contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the common agricultural policy;

Whereas the framework programme provides for a specific research and technological development programme in the field of competitiveness of agriculture and management of agricultural resources with the purpose of increasing the efficiency of human and financial resources devoted to agriculture and of providing a response to the economic, social, environmental and regional challenges arising from the way farming activi-

ties are changing in the socio-economic framework of rural areas;

Whereas the Community must endeavour to overcome the problems of agricultural surpluses, adjust production in line with market demand, maintain agricultural incomes at a reasonable level and rationalize and modernize agricultural structures and ensure the competitiveness of European Community agriculture on the world market while at the same time protecting and improving the environment;

Whereas those endeavours must be directed towards the promotion and development of products which are in deficit in the Community, the improvement of the quality of agricultural products to give higher added value;

Whereas numerous regions in the Community lag behind others in development and whereas there is therefore a need to define all the available opportunities for reducing the economic and social disparities between the regions with a slower rate of development and the economically more developed regions of the Community, in particular in those areas where the disparities are most acute;

Whereas one of the major problems facing agricultural research will be containing the rapidly escalating costs of agricultural inputs, *inter alia*, by developing new production, processing and conservation systems aimed at reducing costs;

Whereas the elaboration of long-term schemes in resource management can result in new ways of managing land and water to the advantage of agriculture, the environment and the countryside;

Whereas the development of methods and services to disseminate agricultural research results will facilitate adaptation to changes and development in the common agricultural policy;

Whereas the programme will be implemented and developed in close coordination with the activities of the framework programme, in particular the ECLAIR and FLAIR Programmes,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

A specific Community research and technological development programme in the field of competitiveness of agriculture and management of agricultural resources, as

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 146, 13. 6. 1989, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 158, 26. 6. 1989, p. 90 and Decision of 14 February 1990 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 56, 6. 3. 1989, p. 22.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 302, 24. 10. 1987, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 89, 6. 4. 1988, p. 35.

defined in Annex I, is hereby adopted for a period of five years beginning on 26 February 1989.

Article 2

The funds estimated as necessary for the execution of the programme amount to ECU 55 million, including expenditure on a staff of sixteen.

An indicative allocation of these funds is set out in Annex II.

Article 3

Detailed rules for the implementation of the programme are set out in Annex I.

Article 4

1. In the third year of the programme's implementation, the Commission shall review it and send a report on the results of its review to the European Parliament and Council; this report shall be accompanied, where necessary, by proposals for amendment or extension of the programme.

2. At the end of the programme, an evaluation of the results shall be conducted by the Commission, which shall report thereon to the European Parliament and the Council.

3. The abovementioned reports shall be established having regard to the objectives set out in Annex I to this Decision and in accordance with Article 2 (2) of Decision 87/516/Euratom, EEC.

Article 5

The Commission shall be responsible for implementing the programme.

The Commission shall be assisted by a Committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission.

Article 6

The representative of the Commission shall submit to the Committee a draft of measures to be taken. The Committee shall deliver its opinion on the draft within a time limit which the Chairman may lay down according

to the urgency of the matter. The opinion shall be delivered by the majority laid down in Article 148 (2) of the Treaty in the case of decisions which the Council is required to adopt on a proposal from the Commission. The votes of the representatives of the Member States within the Committee shall be weighted in the manner set out in that Article. The Chairman shall not vote.

The Commission shall adopt measures, which shall apply immediately. However, if these measures are not in accordance with the opinion of the Committee, they shall be communicated by the Commission to the Council forthwith. In that event, the Commission may defer application of the measures which it has decided for a period of not more than one month from the date of such communication.

The Council, acting by a qualified majority, may take a different decision within the time limit referred to in the second paragraph.

Article 7

The procedures laid down in Article 6 shall apply in particular to:

- the contents of invitations to tender,
- the assessment of the proposed projects and the estimated amount of the Community's contribution to them,
- departures from the general rules governing Community participation set out in Annex I,
- any adaptation of the indicative allocation of funds set out in Annex II,
- the measures to be undertaken to evaluate the programme,
- arrangements for the dissemination, protection and exploitation of the results of research carried out under the programme.

Article 8

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 February 1990.

For the Council

The President

M. SMITH

*ANNEX I***SPECIFIC COMMUNITY RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN THE FIELD OF COMPETITIVENESS OF AGRICULTURE AND MANAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES**

(1989-1993)

OBJECTIVES

The research programme, in particular through the development and use of technology, will be directed towards the following objectives :

1. helping farmers to adapt to the new situation created by over-production and a restrictive policy on prices and markets ;
2. maintaining incomes from holdings and encouraging structural reform whilst controlling output and reducing production costs ;
3. caring for and improving the agriculture situation, in line with the market situation, in all regions which have been slow to develop and where agricultural structures are inadequate, thereby contributing towards greater economic and social cohesion in the Community ;
4. conserving natural resources and preserving the countryside by ensuring that the application of the technologies to be developed and of changes in production systems will improve the environment ;
5. developing agricultural information services and infrastructures to improve the dissemination of research results within and between Member States.

CONTENT

The research activities have been divided into four sectors :

1. Conversion, diversification, including extensification of production, cost reduction and protection of the rural environment :

- introduction of improved crop varieties and new varieties of out-of-season products and by-products, in particular to increase their added value,
- alternative livestock production systems, involving in particular goats, sheep, suckler cows, equidae and game, with the aim of avoiding surpluses,
- improvement of the profitability of farm woodland, development of integrated forestry-livestock systems and identification of potential alternative undergrowth crops,
- improved integrated biological control, reduction and improvement of the use of fertilizers, fungicides, weedkillers and pesticides in production systems,
- development of alternative farming practices, particularly organic farming with the aim of conserving natural resources and the countryside,
- measures to support the development of the common agricultural structures policy by providing the basic data necessary for its conception, evaluation and management,
- definition of the options for alternative use of land withdrawn from agricultural production in environmentally sensitive areas by recourse to land and water management systems.

2. Product quality, new uses for traditional agricultural products and plant and animal health aspects :

- definition, assessment and determination of quality in agricultural products where market opportunities might exist, especially where there are possibilities for higher added value,
- pre and post-harvesting techniques, including transfer and storage, to improve quality,
- effects of residues, toxins and other noxious substances occurring in agricultural products,
- pre-packaging preparation and packaging methods for agricultural products to ensure better quality and environmental safety,
- detecting and controlling crop and animal diseases that threaten the Community and improving the welfare of farm animals,
- new uses for traditional products and ways of improving their quality.

3. Socio-economic aspects and specific activities for all regions lagging behind in development :

- assessment of the structural, social and economic consequences of applying Community policies in these regions,
- investigation of constraints on development in these regions and orientation of subsequent research and development activities,
- specific regional problems arising from conversion, diversification and extensification of crop and animal production,
- specific regional problems arising from conversion into woodland and forest production,
- specific regional measures to overcome the problems posed by the unsatisfactory composition, excess and/or shortage of water,
- measures to improve agricultural mechanization in specific regions,
- integrated rural development.

4. Methods and services to disseminate agricultural research information, particularly information gleaned from this programme :

- integration of Community Agricultural Research Information Systems to improve access and to disseminate their results, and development of services to meet the requirements of the common agricultural policy and the needs of rural society,
- development of agricultural information technology to avoid duplication, improve the quality of agricultural research in the Community and increase its added value,
- application of computers and computer modelling to agricultural production systems to improve the identification of research areas and the information requirements of Community programmes.

IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

The programme shall consist of activities implemented by means of shared-cost research contracts awarded following a selection procedure based on invitations to tender published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*. Participants may be public or private bodies such as research institutions and universities, industrial and agricultural enterprises, natural persons, associations or cooperatives, or combinations thereof established in the Community.

For shared-cost contracts, the Community contribution shall not normally exceed 50% of the total expenditure. Alternatively in respect of universities and research establishments carrying out projects under this programme, the Community may bear up to 100% of the additional expenditure involved. Contracts should normally be carried out by participants from more than one Member State.

The programme shall also comprise coordinated activities and training and mobility grants. Meetings, seminars, workshops and grants shall be publicized in order to promote participation and to ensure the widest possible dissemination of results within the Community.

In implementing the programme, the Commission shall ensure close coordination with other Community research activities, in particular, the ongoing programmes involving agriculture, biotechnology and the environment.

EVALUATION

The Commission communication to the Council concerning a Community plan of action relating to the evaluation of Community research and development activities for the year 1987-1991 ⁽¹⁾ states that the objectives of each research programme have to be set out in a testable form.

The overall objective of this programme is to strengthen the competitiveness of agriculture and the management of agricultural resources. The programme responds to the needs of the common agricultural policy and of rural society. The programme aims to achieve greater economic and social cohesion and the protection of the environment.

The specific objectives are defined at the beginning of this Annex.

After the second year of implementation, the programme will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria :

1. whether new research has been conducted in selected agricultural production systems to improve the outlets, and whether there are indications that the results of this research have any benefits ;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 14, 20. 1. 1987, p. 5.

2. whether new research on quality has resulted in superior products, healthier crops and animals ;
3. whether, for regions lagging behind in development, additional research has identified the constraints, how to begin to overcome the difficulties and how some specific actions might improve the economic and social cohesion of these regions ;
4. whether, in addition to the better use of the Inventory of Agricultural Research Products (AGREP) and EUR-AGRIS network, development has taken place to assist the use of the new technology to improve the dissemination of the results of agricultural research, particularly those gleaned from this programme ;
5. whether the coordination activities are consistent with the objectives of the programme, whether they add to its utility and impact, and to the value of the important national research programmes in the Member States, whether they are being widely promoted and appropriately monitored ;
6. whether the work has been complementary and coordinated with other Community actions.

At the end of the programme, the evaluation will be carried out on the basis of the abovementioned and following criteria :

1. whether the results obtained from this specific Community research programme might contribute solutions to some major problems encountered by the common agricultural policy ;
2. whether in exploiting biological resources for the use of Community agriculture, the competitiveness of Community agriculture is enhanced, resources are well-managed, harmful effects on health and the environment are reduced and greater attention is accorded to protection and enhancement of nature and rural society ;
3. whether the programme has produced added value attributable to the multinational character of the shared-cost and coordinated actions and has enabled duplication of research to be avoided ;
4. whether the applicable results have been examined in terms of their ecological, structural, social and economic consequences ;
5. whether the dissemination of results has contributed to the transfer of research methodologies and activities to regions in which the research was not conducted ;
6. whether adequate consideration has been given to all the selection criteria set out in Annex III to Decision 87/516/Euratom, EEC.

ANNEX II

INDICATIVE INTERNAL ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

	(%)
I. Contract activities	
1. Conversion, diversification, including extensification of production, cost reduction and protection of the rural environment	34,0
2. Product quality, plant and animal health aspects and new uses for traditional products	20,9
3. Socio-economic aspects and specific activities for regions lagging behind in development	18,3
4. Improvement in the dissemination and application of results, particularly those gleaned from this agricultural research programme	5,3
II. Coordinated activities	
Operating costs for meetings, seminars, publications, dissemination of results, the permanent inventory of agricultural research and programme assessment	16,2
III. Training and mobility grants	5,3
	<u>100,0 ⁽¹⁾</u>

⁽¹⁾ Including approximately 9% for staff costs, to be allocated on a proportional basis between the various scientific activities envisaged.