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COUNCIL DECISION

of 19 December 1972

on intervention by the European Social Fund in favour of persons occupied in the textile industry

(72/429/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to the Council Decision of 1 February 1971¹ on the reform of the European Social Fund, and in particular Article 4 (1) thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas detailed rules for the operations and working methods of the Fund are laid down by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2396/71² of 8 November 1971 implementing the Council Decision of 1 February 1971 on the reform of the European Social Fund;

Whereas the employment situation in certain sectors of the Community textile industry is affected by quantitative or qualitative imbalances which require or may require a considerable number of workers to change their employment, to improve their qualifications, to acquire new ones, or to move their homes;

Whereas this trend will continue in future years and is in danger of becoming more marked following the progressive opening up of markets following the special measures adopted in the context of the commercial policy of the Community;

Whereas the reform of the European Social Fund decided upon by the Council enables assistance to be given in supporting the financial burdens resulting from the initiatives which are being taken or which will be taken in the Member States in order to encourage re-employment and the geographical and occupational mobility of textile workers;

Whereas in the case of self-employed persons in charge of textile undertakings, in particular small craft undertakings, re-direction towards other self-employed activities may be more appropriate to their training, and occupational inclination;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. Operations which are aimed at facilitating the employment and the geographical and occupational mobility of persons occupied in the textile industry, including the processing of chemical fibres, whose activities are directly affected, or are in danger of being affected, by quantitative or qualitative measures for structural adaptation and who are to pursue activities as employed persons either within that industry or outside it, shall be eligible for assistance from the Social Fund pursuant to Article 4 of the Council Decision of 1 February 1971.

2. Operations for the benefit of self-employed persons in charge of textile undertakings, in particular small craft undertakings, who are to pursue activities as self-employed persons, shall also be eligible for assistance from the Fund on the terms laid down in the previous paragraph.

Article 2

Aids included in the list laid down by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2397/71¹ of 8 November 1971 on aids which may qualify for assistance

¹ OJ No L 28, 4.2.1971, p. 15.

² OJ No L 249, 10.11.1971, p. 54.

³ OJ No L 249, 10.11.1971, p. 58.

from the European Social Fund may also receive assistance from the Fund by virtue of this Decision.

Article 3

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

It shall apply to operations of which the draft has received the approval of the Commission, before the expiry of a period of three years after the entry into force of this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 19 December 1972.

For the Council

The President

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