

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 10 July 1975

on the reform of agricultural structures to be effected in Ireland in implementation  
of Title I of Directive No 72/161/EEC

(Only the English text is authentic)

(75/481/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN  
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the  
European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Directive No 72/161/  
EEC <sup>(1)</sup> of 17 April 1972 concerning the provision of  
socio-economic guidance for and the acquisition of  
occupational skills by persons engaged in agriculture,  
and in particular Article 11 (3) thereof;

Whereas on 10 June 1975 the Irish Government,  
under Article 10 (4) of Directive No 72/161/EEC,  
forwarded its scheme for the provision of  
socio-economic guidance for the agricultural  
population;

Whereas, under Article 11 (3) of Directive No 72/  
161/EEC, the Commission must decide whether,  
having regard to the objectives of the Directive and  
to the need for a proper connection between the  
various measures, the provisions forwarded comply  
with the Directive and thus satisfy the conditions for  
financial contribution by the Community;

Whereas it is a basic aim of Title I of Directive No  
72/161/EEC to enable persons engaged in  
agriculture, and in particular those persons who  
must fundamentally alter the nature of their activity,  
to take decisions on their future occupations and  
those of their children with full knowledge of the  
opportunities available and of the consequences of  
their choice;

Whereas, to that end, the Member States are  
therefore required:

— under Articles 2 (a) and 3 of Directive No 72/  
161/EEC, to create and develop services  
providing socio-economic guidance, such services

to be either public or expressly appointed and  
approved for that purpose by Member States, or  
to create and develop within services already  
existing special departments for the provision of  
such guidance,

— under Articles 2 (b) and 4, to introduce  
appropriate basic and advanced training  
programmes for socio-economic counsellors and  
to bear the cost of training such counsellors;

Whereas, under the first indent of Article 12 (2) of  
Directive No 72/161/EEC, the Guidance Section of  
the EAGGF is to refund to Member States 25 % of  
a standard amount of 7 500 units of account in  
respect of each counsellor beginning his duties for  
the first time and providing socio-economic guidance  
within the meaning of Article 3 of the Directive;

Whereas, under the second indent of Article 12 (2) of  
Directive No 72/161/EEC, the Guidance Section of  
the EAGGF is to refund to Member States 25 % of  
the cost of training within the meaning of Article 4  
of the Directive up to an overall amount of 4 500  
units of account for each counsellor trained who  
provides socio-economic guidance within the  
meaning of Article 3 of this Directive;

Whereas the provisions as to the number, activity  
and training of the socio-economic specialists set out  
in the provisions notified by Ireland conform with  
the objectives of Title I of Directive No 72/161/EEC;

Whereas the EAGGF Committee has been consulted  
on the financial aspects;

Whereas the provisions of this Decision are in  
accordance with the Opinion of the Standing  
Committee on Agricultural Structure,

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 96, 23. 4. 1972, p. 15.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 2*

*Article 1*

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

The scheme for the provision of socio-economic guidance for the agricultural population in Ireland as notified by the Irish Government on 10 June 1975 satisfies the conditions for financial contribution from the Community to common measures as referred to in Article 8 of Directive No 72/161/EEC.

Done at Brussels, 10 July 1975.

*For the Commission*

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