COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 28 July 1982

relating to the organization by the Member States of surveys on the earnings of permanent and seasonal workers employed in agriculture

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 213 thereof,

Having regard to the draft Directive submitted by the Commission,

Whereas, in order to carry out the tasks assigned to it under the Treaty, in particular those set out in Articles 2, 39, 117, 118, 119 and 122 thereof, the Commission needs to know the situation and trends in earnings in the Member States;

Whereas such statistical data as do exist within the Member States on the earnings of agricultural workers do not at present permit valid comparisons to be made; whereas it is, consequently, necessary to conduct a specific Community survey based on uniform definitions and characteristics;

Whereas the Commission needs regular, comprehensive data on earnings; whereas it is therefore necessary to include all categories of agricultural workers of both sexes in the surveys;

Whereas, however, since the number of agricultural workers in certain categories is relatively insignificant in several Member States, it is desirable to adopt a selective approach;

Whereas provision should be made for an exception for the Federal Republic of Germany as regards agricultural workers receiving benefits in kind, in view of the insignificance of the number of such workers in the Federal Republic of Germany for the purposes of this Directive;

Whereas it is possible and also more economical to carry out such surveys by random sampling; whereas, in order to obtain results of uniform accuracy, it is necessary to provide for a fixed margin of error of observation, which should be as low as possible;

Whereas it is necessary to define the arrangements for granting a Community financial contribution until 1986 to Member States for the purpose of conducting the surveys,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

1. Member States shall undertake in 1984, and every two years thereafter, a survey of the actual earnings of permanent full-time and/or seasonal male and female workers employed in agriculture. The categories of workers to be covered by this survey in each Member State are set out in Annex I.

2. Member States may, however, carry out the survey for the first time in 1982.

3. Furthermore, Member States may, in agreement with the Commission, include in the survey permanent part-time workers, having regard to their relative importance.

4. Definitions of the various categories of workers referred to in paragraphs 1 to 3 are given in Annex II.

Article 2

The survey shall be conducted on the basis of statistical data relating to the months of September, October or November in the case of permanent workers, and to months designated by the Commission, in cooperation with the national statistical authorities of the Member States, in the case of seasonal workers.

Article 3

The survey shall, within the terms laid down in Article 1, cover all holdings which employ permanent and/or seasonal workers and which engage in activities specified and defined under Class 01 of the General Nomenclature of Economic Activities in the European Communities (NACE), with the