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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 10 June 1981

derogating in favour of the Italian Republic from Directive 73/403/EEC on the synchronization of general population censuses

(81/421/EEC)

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 proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Council Directive 73/403/EEC of 22 November 1973 on the synchronization of general population censuses [1] stipulates that Member States shall conduct a general population census on a date between 1 March and 31 May 1981 ;

Whereas serious administrative difficulties, which could not have been foreseen at the time when the Directive was adopted, have arisen in the Italian Republic and prevent the proper conduct of the census during that period ;

Whereas it is proposed to conduct the said general population census in the Italian Republic between 1 September and 31 December 1981,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE :

Article 1

By way of derogation from Article 1 of Directive 73/403/EEC, the Italian Republic shall conduct the general population census during the period between 1 September and 31 December 1981.

Article 2

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Luxembourg, 10 June 1981.

For the Council

The President

W. ALBEDA

[1] OJ No L 347, 17. 12. 1973, p. 50.