COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 17 May 1977

amending Directive 72/159/EEC on the modernization of farms

(77/390/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament [1],

Whereas under Article 14 (2) (a) of Council Directive 72/159/EEC of 17 April 1972 on the modernization of farms [2], as amended by Council Directive 76/837/EEC [3], Member States may, during a period of five years from the time when the Directive takes effect, grant temporary aids to farmers who are not capable of attaining the level of earned income laid down under Article 4 of that Directive and who are not yet eligible for the annuities provided for in Article 2 (1) of Council Directive 72/160/EEC of 17 April 1972 concerning measures to encourage the cessation of farming and the reallocation of utilized agricultural area for the purposes of structural improvement [4];

Whereas this period of five years expired on 17 April 1977;

Whereas, pending the re-examination of Directive 72/159/EEC provided for in Article 16 of that Directive, it would seem appropriate to authorize the Member States to continue to apply until 31 December 1977 the measures in force on 15 March 1977 under Article 14 (2) (a),

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

The period laid down in Article 14 (2) (a) of Directive 72/159/EEC shall be extended until 31 December 1977 as regards the measures under that Article in force in the Member States on 15 March 1977.

Article 2

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 May 1977.

For the Council

The President

J. SILKIN

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(1) OJ No C 133, 6. 6. 1977, p. 43.
(2) OJ No L 96, 23. 4. 1972, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 302, 4. 11. 1976, p. 19.
(4) OJ No L 96, 23. 4. 1972, p. 9.