Food aid: apportionment of the quantities of grain provided for under the Food Aid Convention 1995

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OBJECTIVE: to set the quantities of grain to be apportioned between the Member States in accordance with the Food Aid Convention 1995. SUBSTANCE: under this new Convention which has applied provisionally in the Community since 1 July 1995 for a three year period, the Community and its Member States undertake to supply a minimum contribution of 1 755 000 tonnes of grain as food aid each year. This represents an increase of 85 000 tonnes by comparison with the undertaking by the Community and its Member States under the previous Convention and includes the contributions of Austria (20 000 tonnes), Finland (25 000 tonnes) and Sweden (40 000 tonnes) under the previous Convention. In these circumstances and to take account of the points of view expressed by certain Member States (the three new countries, Italy and Spain), the Commission proposes that the contribution of the Member States should be increased by 28 900 tonnes and that the contribution of the Community as such should be increased by 56 100 tonnes. In total the Community operations amount to 983 800 tonnes and national operations to 771 200 tonnes. A proposed breakdown of amounts allocated under national operations is annexed to the proposal, showing the amounts of cereals by country.