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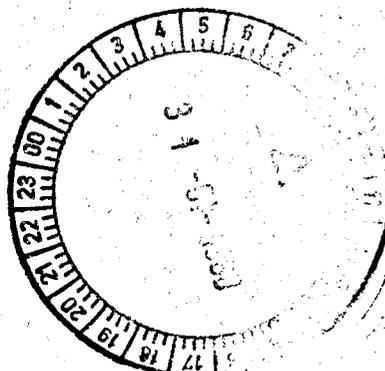
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Proposal for a
COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

derogating in favour of the French Republic
Directive 73/403/EEC on the synchronisation
of general population censuses

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)



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REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

1. Council Directive of 22 November 1973 on the synchronisation of general population censuses stipulates that Member states shall conduct a general population on a date between 1 March and 31 May 1981.
2. In a memorandum dated 11 July 1979 the Permanent Representation for France conveyed a request from the French Government for a derogation from this Directive for the following reasons:

'When the Directive was being prepared, France accepted the proposed period taking account, in particular, of the electoral timetable. However, the timing of the presidential elections has been altered by the death of Mr. George Pompidou. The first round of the next presidential election is scheduled to take place in the latter half of April 1981. The coincidence of this election and the census would lead to the risk of the two operations being linked in the mind of the public and would, in addition, impose a heavy and in many cases excessive workload on local administrations.

The French Government therefore considers that the census should take place in France outside the period 1 March to 31 May 1981. It should be postponed to March 1982, which is the most suitable date in the following year'.

3. The Commission accepts that the above reasons constitute valid grounds for a postponement of the French population census. It must, however, point out that postponement will have a number of consequences detracting from the value of the forthcoming Community census. In particular, the availability of the overall results will be delayed while inter-country comparisons will be less exact than had all the national censuses taken place within the same short interval. In addition, the important psychological advantage of a simultaneous Community-wide exercise will be lost.

4. The Commission agrees with the view of the French Government that, if the census is to be postponed, this should be for a period of one year rather than to a later date in 1981. This is because seasonal factors, notably in respect of employment and place of residence, have a major influence on census results.

Proposal for a
COUNCIL DIRECTIVE (EEC)

derogating in favour of the French Republic Directive 73/403/EEC on the
synchronisation of general population censuses

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⁽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 which
are detrimental to the good conduct of the census in the French Republic
between the said dates,

Whereas it is now proposed to hold the said general population census in
the French Republic between 1 March and 31 May 1982,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE

Article 1

By way of derogation from Article 1 of Directive
73/403/EEC, the French Republic shall conduct the general population census
on a date between 1 March and 31 May 1982.

Article 2

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

(1) OJ No L 347, 17.12.1973, p. 50.