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A.F.H.C. ADV. ADM. ECHOLON
ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 15.

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CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE (ITALIAN MAINLAND).

1. ESTABLISHMENT.

To ensure the necessary co-ordination and control of civilian supply and economic matters in occupied or controlled territory of the Italian Mainland a Central Economic Committee has been established at NAPLES, in accordance with Adm. Memo No. 32, dated 19 Dec. 45, issued by Allied Force Headquarters.

2. CONSTITUTION.

(a) The Central Economic Committee will be constituted as follows :-

Chairman - Major-General Sir Brian H. Robertson Rt.,
D/C.A.O.

Deputy Chairman - Brigadier-General A.I. Hamblan,
D.D./C.A.O.

Members - Senior Rep ACC/AMC.
Senior Rep AMC 15 Army Gp.
Deputy (M), Adv. Adm. Echelon AFHQ, or his rep.
Lt.-col. A.I. Henderson, A.U.S.
Lt.-col. Merrill, AMC 15 Army Gp.

(b) Lt.-col. A.I. Henderson has been appointed Chief Executive Officer to the Committee, with the title of Food Controller for the mainland of ITALY.

(c) A Secretariat for the Committee is being provided under arrangements IAGs (Adv) FLAKO.

3. FUNCTIONS.

The functions of the Central Economic Committee will be as follows :-

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D.D./C.A.O.

Members - Senior Brig ACC/AMG.
Senior Rep AMG 15 Army Gp.
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- (c) To co-ordinate the work of the AGO/AMG representatives on committees and sub-committees of the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board.
- (d) To make necessary arrangements for the receipt, warehousing and distribution of supplies imported for the civilian population.
- (e) To establish the prices at which supplies imported for the civilian population will be sold, and to establish uniform or standard prices for such other essential commodities or services as may be considered necessary.

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- (f) To establish such uniform or standard wage or civilian employment as may be considered necessary.
- (g) To co-ordinate requests for transportation of civilian supplies by facilities under the control of the allied military services. The internal transportation sub-commission will exercise such functions as may be delegated to it by the Central Economic Committee and shall be subject to its authority insofar as matters outside the jurisdiction of the ACC are concerned.
- (h) To co-ordinate the use of motor and sea transportation under control of ACC/AMG in the transportation of civilian supplies, including the requisitioning and pooling of civilian motor transport if this should be necessary.

METHOD OF PROCEDURE.

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- (a) The Central Economic Committee will meet at periodic intervals in R.F.L.S. at I.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon AFHQ to discuss all matters within the scope of its terms of reference and to authorize the issue of the necessary directives and instructions to implement its agreed policy. Such directives and instructions will be signed by the Chief Executive Officer on behalf of the Committee.
- (b) Communications on matters of policy between the Committee and areas and regions will be through normal channels, but direct communications with ACC/AMG areas and regions is authorized in cases of non-policy matters, where speed is essential.
- (c) The Central Economic Committee will operate through the various ACC/AMG organizations responsible in Italy; these organizations being represented on the Committee. Within its terms of reference the decisions of the Central Economic Committee will be binding upon all ACC/AMG organizations on the Italian mainland and will be enforced by them.
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5. PROVISION OF PERSONNEL AND TRANSPORT.

Such personnel and transport as may be required for the staff and Secretariat of the Central Economic Committee will be made available by Allied Central Commission, HQ AMG and AMG 15 Army Group, at the request of the Committee.

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Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

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CIVIL FOOD CONTROLLER (ITALIAN MAINLAND)

1. Paragraph 3 of Section II, Administrative Memorandum Number 92, this headquarters, cs, is rescinded.

2. Lieutenant Colonel Alexander I. Henderson, AUS, is appointed additional Vice-Chairman for food control and Civil Food Controller for the mainland of Italy, vice Colonel E. E. Hume, GSC, relieved.

(AG 322-1 (Central Economic Committee) MGS-AGM)

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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/s/ T. J. DAVIS

T. J. DAVIS

Brigadier General, United States Army
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PREPONDERANT FACTOR IN SHAPING THE ECONOMIC LIFE OF ITALY THE
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD HAVE REPRESENTATION ON THAT COMMITTEE
IT IS NOT CONSIDERED ADEQUATE FOR THE ACC REPRESENTATIVE TO
PRESENT THE NEEDS, DESIRES AND RIGHTS OF THE ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT IN MATTERS OF THE SCOPE ON WHICH DECISIONS ARE
RENDERED BY THE CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. IT IS REQUESTED
THAT STUDY BE GIVEN THIS PROPOSAL AND ADVICE FORWARDED

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AS A RESULT OF CONVERSATIONS WITH GEN ROBERTSON HERE IN CONNECTION WITH ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM 92 SUBMIT (A) CONSIDERED REQUIREMENTS IN PERSONNEL, VEHICLES AND OTHER ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT FOR CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE (B) STATEMENTS OF EXISTING PERSONNEL, AND VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT ALREADY IN POSSESSION INCLUDING LOCAL REQUISITIONS. PARA. REQUIREMENTS WILL HAVE TO BE MET FROM EXISTING AUTHORISATION AND MUST BE KEPT TO MINIMUM.

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