COUNCIL DECISION

of 14 May 1973

adopting a research programme for the European Economic Community in the field of standards and reference substances (certified reference substances)

(73/125/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, in particular Article 235 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Having regard to the Council Resolution of 17 December 1970 on the procedure for adopting research and training programmes;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 3 (a) and (h) of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, the activities of the Community shall include the elimination, between the Member States, of quantitative restrictions on the import and export of goods and of all other measures having equivalant effect, together with the approximation of the laws of the Member States to the extent required for the proper functioning of the common market;

Whereas the research projects which are the subject of this Decision therefore appear necessary in order to achieve certain Community objectives in the context of the functioning of the common market;

Whereas the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community made no provision for the powers required for these purposes;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

A research programme for the European Economic Community in respect of standards and reference substances (certified reference substances) as set out in the Annex to this Decision is hereby adopted for a period of four years beginning on 1 January 1973. This Annex forms an integral part of this Decision.

Article 2

The upper limit for expenditure commitments and for staff necessary for the implementation of this programme shall be 5·40 million units of account, and 62 staff, the unit of account being defined in the Financial Regulation on the establishment and implementation of the budget of the European Communities and the responsibility of authorizing and accounting officers.

Article 3

The Commission shall ensure that this programme is carried out and, to this end, shall request the assistance of the Joint Research Centre. It shall submit an annual report to the Council on the subject.

Article 4

The programme defined in the Annex shall be subject to review at the beginning of the second year, in accordance with the appropriate procedures, and in the light of the decisions of the Paris Summit Conference.

Article 5

The information resulting from the implementation of the parts of the programme defined in the Annex will be disseminated in accordance with the conditions and within the limits which will be fixed at a later date.

Done at Brussels, 14 May 1973.

For the Council

The President

R. VAN ELSLANDE

ANNEX

DIRECT ACTION
NON-NUCLEAR PROJECTS

Standards and reference substances (certified reference substances)

Joint programme

A maximum of 5·4 million units of account shall be allocated to this objective, the number of staff being fixed at 62 (including a programme staff of 34).

The objective shall include:

— technical assistance tasks for the secretariat of the project: inquiry on the needs of and the situation in the Community in this field, dissemination of information and processing of data;

— experimental work (chemical analysis, physical and technological properties of reference substances) in laboratories participating in the project;

— technical assistance to the Commission (elimination of technical obstacles, Common Customs Tariff, etc).

The experimental work will be carried out, for the time being, by the Ispra establishment.