COUNCIL DECISION

of 18 June 1973

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

(73/175/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 [1] 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 especially the elimination, as between the Member States, of quantitative restrictions on the import and export of goods and of all other measures having equivalent 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 functioning of the common market;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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. The Annex forms an integral part of this Decision.

Article 2

The maximum expenditure commitment and staff necessary for the implementation of this programme shall be 0·8 million units of account, and 9 staff, the unit of account being defined in Article 10 of the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973 [2] applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.

Article 3

The Commission shall be responsible for the implementation of this programme and, to that end, shall avail itself of the facilities 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, and subsequently each 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 Luxembourg, 18 June 1973.

For the Council

The President

A. LAVENS

[1] OJ No L 16, 20. 1. 1971, p. 13.

[2] OJ No L 116, 1. 5. 1973, p. 1.

ANNEX

DIRECT PROJECT

NON-NUCLEAR PROJECTS

Standards and reference substances

(certified reference substances)

JOINT PROGRAMME

A maximum of 0·8 million units of account, and a staff of 9 (including a programme staff of 5), shall be allocated to this objective.

The objective, which shall complete the programme adopted by the Council on 14 May 1973 [1] in the same field, shall include:

— technical assistance for Community projects within the framework of the elimination of technical barriers and the management of the Common Customs Tariff;

— experimental work on reference substances and methods (physical and technological properties).

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

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[1] OJ No L 153, 9. 6. 1973, p. 9.