COUNCIL DECISION

of 18 June 1973

adopting a research programme for the European Economic Community in the field of reference substances and methods (Community Bureau of Reference)

(73/179/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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

Having regard to the Proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

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 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 European Economic Community research programme to be carried out by the Community Bureau of Reference (CBR) in the field of reference substances and methods, as set out in the Annex to this Decision is hereby adopted for a period of three years beginning on 1 January 1973. The Annex shall form an integral part of this Decision.

Article 2

The maximum expenditure commitment and staff necessary for the implementation of this programme shall be 1·9 million units of account and six staff, the unit of account being defined in Article 10 of the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973 [1] applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.

Article 3

The Commission shall be responsible for the implementation of this programme. 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

Knowledge gained from the implementation of those parts of the programme defined in the Annex shall be disseminated in accordance with conditions and within limits to be fixed at a later date.

Done at Luxembourg, 18 June 1973.

For the Council

The President

A. LAVENS

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

ANNEX

INDIRECT PROJECT

NON-NUCLEAR PROJECTS

Reference substances and methods

(Community Bureau of Reference)

JOINT PROGRAMME

A maximum of 1·9 million units of account and a staff of six shall be allocated to this objective.

The aim of the Community programme shall be to strengthen, coordinate, harmonize and supplement national efforts in the field of reference substances and methods of measurement.

The objective shall **include:**

(a) the activities of a Secretariat;

(b) — identification of materials;

— inventory and definition of requirements for new certified reference substances (CRS);

— technical specification of CRS;

— perfecting and preparation of CRS;

— arrangements for comparative surveys;

— European certification of technical characteristics of CRS;

— approval of laboratories.

Surveys and laboratory work shall be carried out under contract.