COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 September 1975

on a request for payment from the Guidance Section of the EAGGF for the structures survey for 1975 as part of the programme of surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings

(75/588/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to the Council Directive of 20 January 1975 [1] on the organization of a structures survey for 1975 as part of the programme of surveys on the structures of agricultural holdings, and in particular Article 9 (8) thereof;

Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 thereof, the Member States shall submit to the Statistical Office of the European Communities the information on the characteristics of the holdings in the manner and within the time limit laid down in Article 7 (1) (f) thereof;

Whereas the information which should be given in the requests for payment submitted to the Commission should be specified;

Whereas the verification that the survey is in accordance with the requirements of the said Directive cannot be carried out until after the submission of the information to the Statistical Office of the European Communities; whereas the payments on account provided for in Article 9 (7) thereof should be limited;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the Opinion of the Fund Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. Requests by Member States for payment of expenses incurred in the course of the structures survey for 1975 as part of the programme of surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings prescribed by the Council Directive of 20 January 1975 shall contain the following information:

(a) in the case of the first request for a payment on account:

— the period of time during which the whole survey is being carried out;

— the total number of agricultural holdings which it is expected to cover;

— confirmation that:

questionnaires have been drawn up which include the items set out in the list of characteristics provided for in Article 5 of the Directive;

— where necessary, the sampling plan has been submitted to the Commission;

— the amount of expenses incurred in drawing up the above documents together with supporting vouchers and proof of payment;

— the amount of payment which is being requested;

(b) in the case of subsequent payments on account and the final request for payment and also when the first request for a payment on account is based on the number of agricultural holdings which have already been surveyed:

— the number of agricultural holdings for which information has already been collected;

— the number of agricultural holdings for which the results have already been submitted to the Statistical Office of the European Communities;

— confirmation that the surveys completed have obtained the information required by Article 5 and that the conditions of Article 7 have been or will be fulfilled;

— the amount of the payment requested (in total or payment on account).

Where the first request for a payment on account is based on the number of agricultural holdings which have already been surveyed, such request shall, in addition, contain information as to the period of time during which the whole survey is being carried out and the total number of agricultural holdings which it is expected to cover.

2. Requests for payment shall be submitted in triplicate.

Article 2

1. The payment on account referred to in Article 1 (1) (a) shall be based on expenses actually incurred, and may not exceed 50 % of the eligible expenses in respect of the minimum number of surveys mentioned in Article 6 (1) of the Directive.

[1] OJ No L 42, 15. 2. 1975, p. 21.

2. The payments on account referred to in Article 1 (1) (b) may not exceed 12 units of account in respect of 80 % of the number of agricultural holdings already surveyed, including the payments made under paragraph 1 above.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 September 1975.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission