COMMISSION DECISION

of 22 December 1976

on the granting by the Guidance Section of the EAGGF to Ireland of a payment on account in respect of expenditure incurred during 1975 on aids for the less-favoured farming areas

(Only the English text is authentic)

(77/48/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 75/268/EEC of 28 April 1975 on mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas (1), as last amended by Directive 76/400/EEC (2), and in particular Article 13 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/159/EEC of 17 April 1972 on the modernization of farms (3), as last amended by Directive 76/837/EEC (4), and in particular Article 21 (3) thereof,

Whereas the measures taken by Ireland to implement Directive 75/268/EEC were the subject of a favourable Commission Decision pursuant to Article 13 of the said Directive and to Article 18 of Directive 72/159/EEC;

Whereas Commission Decision 76/627/EEC of 25 June 1976 concerning applications for reimbursement in respect of aid granted by Member States pursuant to Directive 75/268/EEC (5), lays down in Article 5 (1) that the Commission, acting on the basis of particulars contained in the application for reimbursement, shall make a payment on account of 75 % of the amount requested;

Whereas the application for reimbursement lodged by Ireland in respect of aids granted during 1975 for the less-favoured farming areas is complete and has been submitted in due form; whereas the total amount of expenditure for the year 1975 comes to £ 6 442 494·70 (15 461 974·91 u.a.) broken down as follows:

under Title II	Directive 75/268/EEC	£ 6 442 494·70
under Title IV		—

Whereas the total amount of reimbursement requested comes to £ 1 610 623·67 (3 865 493·72 u.a.);

Whereas the making of a payment on account for the period in question shall not prejudice the final decision on the contribution from the Fund for the said period; whereas the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund should therefore make a payment on account of 75 % of the sum of £ 1 610 623·67 (3 865 493·72 u.a.) i.e. £ 1 207 967·75 (2 899 120·28 u.a.);

Whereas Decision 76/627/EEC lays down in Article 2 that applications for reimbursement concerning Title III of Directive 75/268/EEC shall be submitted along with applications for reimbursement of expenditure on Directive 72/159/EEC;

Whereas the Fund Committee has been consulted on the financial aspects and in particular as to the funds available,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The payment on account by the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund towards the expenditure incurred by Ireland during 1975 on aids for the less-favoured farming areas shall be £ 1 207 967·75 (2 899 120·28 u.a.).

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 22 December 1976.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

(1) OJ No L 128, 19. 5. 1975, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 108, 26. 4. 1976, p. 21.
(3) OJ No L 96, 23. 4. 1972, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 302, 4. 11. 1976, p. 19.
(5) OJ No L 222, 14. 8. 1976, p. 37.