COMMISSION DECISION

of 3 November 1977

on the granting by the Guidance Section of the EAGGF to the United Kingdom of a payment on account in respect of expenditure incurred during 1976 on aids and premiums relating to the modernization of farms including those in the less-favoured farming areas

(Only the English text is authentic)

(77/695/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/159/EEC of 17 April 1972 on the modernization of farms (1), as last amended by Directive 77/390/EEC (2), and in particular Article 21 (3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 75/268/EEC of 28 April 1975 on mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas (3), as last amended by Directive 76/400/EEC (4), and in particular Article 13 thereof,

Whereas the measures taken by the United Kingdom to implement Directives 72/159/EEC and 75/268/EEC were the subject of favourable Commission Decisions pursuant to Article 18 of Directive 72/159/EEC and to Article 13 of Directive 75/268/EEC;

Whereas Commission Decision 76/627/EEC of 25 June 1976 concerning applications for reimbursement in respect of aids granted by the Member States pursuant to Directive 75/268/EEC (5), 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, under the provisions laid down in Commission Decision 74/581/EEC of 16 October 1974 concerning applications for reimbursement in respect of aid granted by the Member States pursuant to Directives 72/159/EEC, 72/160/EEC and 72/161/EEC (6) and also with the payments on account which can be agreed;

Whereas Commission Decision 74/581/EEC lays down in Article 4 (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 the United Kingdom in respect of aids granted during 1976 for the modernization of farms, including those in the less-favoured farming areas, is complete and has been submitted in due form; whereas the total amount of expenditure for the year 1976 comes to £ 3 472 431·29 (8 333 828·43 u.a.) broken down as follows:

	Ordinary farming areas	Less-favoured farming areas (Title III)
under Article 8	£ 1 986 594·04	£ 154 789·82
under Article 10	£ 1 301 960·51	
under Article 11	£ 27 982·24	
under Article 12	£ 1 104·68	
under Article 13 of Directive 72/159/EEC		

Whereas the total amount of reimbursement comes to £ 822 983·39 (1 975 158·56 u.a.);

Whereas the making of a payment on account for the period in question does not prejudice the final decision on the contribution from the EAGGF 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 £ 822 983·39 (1 975 158·56 u.a.), i.e. £ 617 237·54 (1 481 368·92 u.a.);

Whereas the EAGGF 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 the United

(1) OJ No L 96, 23. 4. 1972, s. 1.
(2) OJ No L 145, 13. 6. 1977, p. 43.
(3) OJ No L 128, 19. 5. 1975, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 108, 26. 4. 1976, p. 21.
(5) OJ No L 222, 14. 8. 1976, p. 37.
(6) OJ No L 320, 29. 11. 1974, p. 1.

Kingdom during 1976 in respect of aid and premiums relating to the modernization of farms, including those in the less-favoured farming areas, shall be £ 617 237·54 (1 481 368·92 u.a.).

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 3 November 1977.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President