# COMMISSION DECISION

**of 6 December 1977**

**on the reimbursement by the Guidance Section of the EAGGF to the French Republic of expenditure incurred during 1975 on aids for the less-favoured farming areas**

**(Only the French text is authentic)**

(78/13/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 (2) thereof,

Whereas the measures taken by the French Republic to implement Directive 75/268/EEC have been 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 the French Republic has made an application for reimbursement of expenditure incurred during 1975 on aids for the less-favoured farming areas; whereas this application is complete and has been submitted in due form in accordance with the requirements of Commission Decision 76/627/EEC of 25 June 1976 concerning applications for reimbursement in respect of aid granted by the Member States pursuant to Directive 75/268/EEC (5);

Whereas an examination of the information provided shows that eligible expenditure of FF 304 992 832 (54 912 207·18 u.a.) broken down as follows:

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| under Title II | (Directive 75/268/EEC) | FF 304 992 832 |
| under Title IV | (Directive 75/268/EEC) | — |

has been incurred under the conditions laid down in Directive 75/268/EEC; whereas the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund should therefore reimburse 25 % thereof, i.e. FF 76 248 208 (13 728 051·80 u.a.);

Whereas a payment on account of FF 57 186 156 (10 296 038·85 u.a.) has been granted in application of Article 13 of Directive 75/268/EEC and of Article 5 (1) of Decision 76/627/EEC; whereas a balance of FF 19 062 052 (3 432 012·95 u.a.) should therefore be granted to the Member State;

Whereas Article 2 of Decision 76/627/EEC provides that applications for reimbursement concerning Title III of Directive 75/268/EEC shall be submitted at the same time as applications for reimbursement of expenditure under Directive 72/159/EEC;

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 final contribution by the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund towards the expenditure incurred by the French Republic during 1975 in respect of aids for the less-favoured farming areas shall be FF 76 248 208 (13 728 051·80 u.a.).

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 6 December 1977.

*For the Commission*

Finn GUNDELACH

*Vice-President*

(1) OJ No L 128, 19. 5. 1975, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 108, 26. 4. 1976, p. 2.
(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.