COMMISSION DECISION

of 6 December 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 for the less-favoured farming areas

(Only the English text is authentic)

(78/17/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 some of the measures taken by the United Kingdom 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 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 the United Kingdom in respect of aids granted during 1976 for 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 £ 51 185 573·40 (122 845 277·88 u.a.) broken down as follows:

under Title II	Directive	£ 51 184 503·40
under Title IV	75/268/EEC	£ 1 070·00

Whereas the total amount of reimbursement requested comes to £ 12 796 393·35 (30 711 319·47 u.a.); whereas only a portion of this amount, namely £ 12 723 487·68 (30 536 346 u.a.) relates to the measures which have been the subject of a favourable Commission Decision;

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 £ 12 723 487·68 (30 536 346 u.a.), i.e. £ 9 542 615·76 (22 902 259·50 u.a.);

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 payment on account by the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund towards the expenditure incurred by the United Kingdom during 1976 on aids for the less-favoured farming areas shall be £ 9 542 615·76 (22 902 259·50 u.a.).

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

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. 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.