COMMISSION DECISION

of 11 September 1978

on the reimbursement by the Guidance Section of the EAGGF to the United Kingdom of expenditure incurred during 1976 on annuities relating to measures to encourage the cessation of farming and the reallocation of utilized agricultural area for the purpose of structural improvement

(Only the English text is authentic)

(78/778/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/160/EEC of 17 April 1972 concerning measures to encourage the cessation of farming and the reallocation of utilized agricultural area for the purposes of structural improvement [1], as last amended by Directive 73/358/EEC [2], and in particular Article 12 (2) thereof,

Whereas the measures taken by the United Kingdom to implement Directive 72/160/EEC were the subject of a favourable Commission Decision pursuant to Article 9 of the said Directive;

Whereas the United Kingdom has made an application for reimbursement of expenditure incurred on annuities granted during 1976 to encourage the cessation of farming and the reallocation of utilized agricultural area for the purposes of structural improvement;

Whereas the application is complete and has been submitted in due form and in accordance with the provisions of 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 [3], and also with the payments on account which can be agreed;

Whereas an examination of the information provided shows that eligible expenditure of £ 5 541·72 has been incurred under the conditions laid down in Directive 72/160/EEC; whereas the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund should therefore reimburse 25 % thereof, i.e. £ 1 385·43;

Whereas a payment on account of £ 1 039·07 has been granted in application of Article 12 (3) of Directive 72/160/EEC and of Article 4 (1) of Decision 74/581/EEC; whereas a balance of £ 346·36 should therefore be granted to the Member State in question;

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 United Kingdom during 1976 in respect of annuities to encourage the cessation of farming and the reallocation of utilized agricultural area for the purposes of structural improvement shall be £ 1 385·43.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 11 September 1978.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 96, 23. 4. 1972, p. 9.
(2) OJ No L 326, 27. 11. 1973, p. 17.
(3) OJ No L 320, 29. 11. 1974, p. 1.