COMMISSION DECISION

of 9 October 1978

on the reimbursement by the Guidance Section of the EAGGF to the French Republic 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 purposes of structural improvement

(Only the French text is authentic)

(78/862/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 French Republic to implement Directive 72/160/EEC were the subject of a favourable Commission Decision pursuant to Article 9 of the said Directive;

Whereas the French Republic 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 FF 69 509·02 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. FF 17 377·25;

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 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 FF 17 377·25.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 9 October 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.