COMMISSION DECISION

of 23 December 1977

on the granting by the Guidance Section of the EAGGF to Ireland 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)

(78/99/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 Ireland 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 Ireland 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 £ 4 981 968·64 (11 956 715·17 u.a.) broken down as follows:

	Ordinary farming areas	Less-favoured farming areas (Title III)
under Article 8	£ 4 816 910·22	£ 7 161·00
under Article 10	£ 30 977·42	—
under Article 11	£ 126 920·00	—
under Article 12	—	—
under Article 13 of Directive 72/159/EEC	—	—

(1) OJ No L 96, 23. 4. 1972, p. 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.

Whereas the total amount of reimbursement comes to £ 1 179 675·79 (2 831 219·63 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 Fund for the said period; whereas on the basis of the information provided for the payment on account a sum of £ 1 029 036·81 (2 469 686·37 u.a.) should therefore be taken into consideration, 75 % of which comes to £ 771 777·61 (1 852 264·78 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 Ireland during 1976 in respect of aid and premiums relating to the modernization of farms, including those in the less-favoured farming areas, shall be £ 771 777·61 (1 852 264·78 u.a.).

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 23 December 1977.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President