COMMISSION DECISION

of 21 December 1978

on the granting by the Guidance Section of the EAGGF to the Italian Republic of a payment on account in respect of expenditure incurred during 1976/77 on aids for the less-favoured farming areas

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(79/153/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 the measures taken by the Italian Republic to implement Directive 75/268/EEC were 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 Italian Republic in respect of aids granted during 1976/77 for the less-favoured farming areas is complete and has been submitted in due form; whereas the total amount of expenditure for the years 1976/77 comes to Lit 230 430 600 broken down as follows:

— under Title II: —

— under Title IV: Lit 230 430 600;

Whereas the total amount of reimbursement requested comes to Lit 57 607 650;

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 Lit 57 607 650, i.e. Lit 43 205 737;

Whereas Decision 76/627/EEC lays down in Article 2 that application 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;

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 Italian Republic during 1976/77 on aids for the less-favoured farming areas shall be Lit 43 205 737.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 21 December 1978.

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.