COMMISSION DECISION

of 21 December 1978

on the reimbursement by the Guidance Section of the EAGGF to Ireland of expenditure incurred during 1976 on aids for the less-favoured farming areas

(Only the English text is authentic)

(79/155/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 (2) thereof,

Whereas the measures taken by Ireland 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 Ireland has made an application for reimbursement of expenditure incurred during 1976 on aids for the less-favoured farming areas; whereas this application is complete and has been submitted in due form in accordance with the requirements of 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);

Whereas the rate of reimbursement applicable to Ireland for eligible expenditure in respect of compensatory allowances referred to under Title II was increased from 25 % to 35 % with effect from 1 January 1976;

Whereas an examination of the information provided shows that eligible expenditure of £ 12 747 322·16 broken down as follows:

— under Title II: £ 12 747 322·16

— under Title IV: —

has been incurred under the conditions laid down in Directive 75/268/EEC; whereas the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund should therefore reimburse:

35 % of £ 7 102 620·90 (under the 1976 schemes), i.e. £ 2 485 917·34 and

25 % of £ 5 644 701·26 (under the 1975 schemes), i.e. £ 1 411 175·32

making a total of £ 3 897 092·66;

Whereas a payment on account of £ 2 922 819·50 has been granted in application of Article 13 of Directive 75/268/EEC and of Article 5 (1) of Decision 76/627/EEC; whereas a balance of £ 974 273·16 should therefore be paid to the Member State;

Whereas Decision 76/627/EEC 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;

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 Ireland during 1976 on aids for the less-favoured farming areas shall be £ 3 897 092·66.

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(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.

The balance of the contribution, i.e. £ 974 273·16 shall be paid to Ireland.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 21 December 1978.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President