COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 October 1980

on the reimbursement by the EAGGF, Guidance Section, to the French Republic of expenditure incurred during 1979 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 French text is authentic)

(80/1027/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 purpose of structural improvement (1), as last amended by Directive 73/358/EEC (2), and in particular Article 12 (3) 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 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), as last amended by Commission Decision 80/427/EEC of 28 March 1980 (4), lays down in Article 4 (1) that the Commission, acting on the basis of the particulars contained in the applications for reimbursement, is to reimburse up to the full amount requested ;

Whereas the application for reimbursement lodged by the French Republic in respect of expenditure incurred during 1979 on measures to encourage the cessation of farming and the reallocation of utilized agricultural area for the purpose of structural improvement is complete and has been submitted in due form in accordance with the provisions of Decision 74/581/EEC ; whereas the total amount of expenditure declared eligible for the year 1979 comes to FF 1 013 642 ;

Whereas the total amount of the reimbursement requested comes to FF 253 410·50 ;

Whereas there are no immediate objections to the application as regards the accuracy of the particulars which it contains or compliance of the expenditure incurred with the provisions in force ; whereas, therefore, the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guidance Section, should reimburse 25 % of the declared expenditure, i.e. a total of FF 253 410·50 (as requested) ;

Whereas Commission Decision 74/581/EEC lays down in Article 4 (2) that where an examination of the application for reimbursement shows that the amount specified is not that which is actually due, the situation is to be regularized in accordance with the procedure laid down in the same Article of the said Decision ;

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 contribution by the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guidance Section towards the expenditure incurred by the French Republic during 1979 on annuities to encourage the cessation of farming and the reallocation of utilized agricultural area for the purpose of structural improvement is hereby fixed at FF 253 410·50.

Article 2

The amount referred to in Article 1 shall be paid provided that a thorough examination of the application for reimbursement does not give rise to any change in the amount for reimbursement.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 20 October 1980.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 96, 23. 4. 1972, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 326, 27. 11. 1973, p. 17.
(3) OJ No L 320, 29. 11. 1974, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 102, 19. 4. 1980, p. 24.