COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 December 1979

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 1978 on aids for the less-favoured farming areas

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(80/116/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 1978 for the less-favoured farming areas is complete and has been submitted in due form; whereas the total amount of expenditure for the year 1978 comes to Lit 11 367 141 954 broken down as follows:

— under Title II:	Lit 10 129 239 151
— under Title IV:	Lit 1 237 902 803

Whereas the total amount of reimbursement requested comes to Lit 3 553 619 153;

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 3 553 619 153, i.e. Lit 2 665 214 365;

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 1978 on aids for the less-favoured farming areas shall be Lit 2 665 214 365.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1979.

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.