COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 December 1980

on the reimbursement by the EAGGF, Guidance Section, to the French Republic of expenditure incurred during 1978 on aids for the less-favoured farming areas

(Only the French text is authentic)

(80/1241/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 80/666/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 80/370/EEC (4), and in particular Article 21 (3) thereof,

Whereas the measures taken by the French Republic to implement 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 the French Republic has made an application for reimbursement of expenditure incurred during 1978 on aids for the less-favoured farming areas and 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), as last amended by Commission Decision 80/427/EEC of 28 March 1980 (6) ;

Whereas an examination of the information provided shows that eligible expenditure of FF 384 092 783 broken down as follows :

— under Title II : FF 384 092 783

— under Title IV : —

has been incurred under the conditions laid down in Directive 75/268/EEC ; whereas the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guidance Section, should therefore reimburse 25 % thereof i. e. FF 96 023 195·75 ;

Whereas a payment on account of FF 73 079 961·50 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 FF 22 943 234·25 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 European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guidance Section, towards the expenditure incurred by the French Republic during 1978 on aids for the less-favoured farming areas shall be FF 96 023 195·75.

The balance of the contribution, i. e. FF 22 943 234·25 shall be paid to the French Republic.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 17 December 1980.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 128, 19. 5. 1975, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 180, 14. 7. 1980, p. 34.
(3) OJ No L 96, 23. 4. 1972, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 90, 3. 4. 1980, p. 43.
(5) OJ No L 222, 14. 8. 1976, p. 37.
(6) OJ No L 102, 19. 4. 1980, p. 24.