COMMISSION DECISION

of 9 February 1983

on the establishment of a buffer zone in the region of Evros (Greece) and a financial contribution by the Community to measures to combat foot-and-mouth disease in that region

(Only the Greek text is authentic)

(83/73/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 77/97/EEC of 21 December 1976 on the financing by the Community of certain emergency measures in the field of animal health (1), as last amended by Decision 81/477/EEC (2), and in particular Article 2 thereof,

Whereas epizootics of foot-and-mouth disease caused by viruses exotic to the Community have in recent years broken out in certain regions of south-eastern Europe ; whereas the danger such viruses represent for livestock in the Community and in Greece in particular has not yet been averted ;

Whereas Greece has adopted measures designed to prevent exotic strains of foot-and-mouth disease spreading to its territory, in particular by setting up a buffer zone along its frontier with Turkey ; whereas the purpose of this zone is to protect the livestock of Greece and the other Member States against the disease ; whereas it should therefore be approved ;

Whereas the conditions for a financial contribution by the Community are met ; whereas in order to be completely effective this contribution should amount to the maximum authorized by Decision 77/97/EEC ;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The establishment by Greece of a vaccination buffer zone along its frontier with Turkey, in the region of Evros, in order to provide protection against exotic strains of foot-and-mouth disease, is hereby approved.

Article 2

The Community shall make a contribution of :

— 100 % of expenditure incurred by Greece in 1983 and 1984 in buying foot-and-mouth vaccine to be used in the buffer zone referred to in Article 1,

— 50 % of expenditure incurred by Greece in 1983 and 1984 in carrying out foot-and-mouth disease vaccination in the buffer zone referred to in Article 1.

This contribution shall be granted after submission of documentary evidence and a detailed report on the vaccination campaign.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Hellenic Republic.

Done at Brussels, 9 February 1983.

For the Commission

Poul DALSAGER

Member of the Commission

(1) OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 78.
(2) OJ No L 186, 8. 7. 1981, p. 22.