COMMISSION DECISION

of 8 February 1984

on the clearance of the accounts presented by Ireland in respect of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guarantee Section, expenditure for 1979

(Only the English text is authentic)

(84/209/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 of 21 April 1970 on the financing of the common agricultural policy (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3509/80 (2), and in particular Article 5 (2) thereof,

After consulting the Fund Committee,

Whereas, under Article 5 (2) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70, the Commission, on the basis of the annual accounts presented by the Member States, clears the accounts of the departments and agencies referred to in Article 4 of that Regulation;

Whereas Ireland has transmitted to the Commission the documents required to clear the accounts for 1979; whereas the latter has carried out on-the-spot inspections as provided for in Article 9 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70;

Whereas Article 8 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1723/72 of 26 July 1972 on the clearance of the accounts of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guarantee Section (3), provides that the Decision to clear the accounts must include the determination of the amount of expenditure incurred in each Member State during the financial year in question recognized as chargeable to the Fund, Guarantee Section, and also the determination of the amount of the Community's financial resources still available in each Member State;

Whereas under Articles 2 and 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70, only refunds on exports to non-member countries and intervention intended to stabilize agricultural markets, respectively granted or undertaken according to Community rules within the framework of the common organization of agricultural markets, may be financed; whereas the inspections carried out show that a part of the expenditure declared amounting to £ Irl 114 031,23 does not satisfy the requirements of these provisions and therefore cannot be financed; whereas the Member State has been fully informed of this deduction and has had an opportunity to state its views thereon;

Whereas under Council Regulation (EEC) No 1078/77 of 17 May 1977 introducing a system of premiums for the non-marketing of milk and milk products and for the conversion of dairy herds (4), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1365/80 (5), 60 % of expenditure on those measures is borne by the Guarantee Section of the EAGGF and 40 % by the Guidance Section; whereas the said measures rank as intervention within the meaning of Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 and constitute a 'common measure' within the meaning of Article 6 (1) of that Regulation; whereas the relevant Guidance Section expenditure items must therefore be included when the accounts for guarantee expenditure financed by the EAGGF are cleared,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The expenditure by Ireland recognized as chargeable to the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guarantee Section, in respect of the 1979 financial year amounts, in accordance with Annex I, to £ Irl 395 728 406,43.

2. The expenditure recognized as chargeable to the EAGGF pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1078/77

(1) OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 13.
(2) OJ No L 367, 31. 12. 1980, p. 87.
(3) OJ No L 186, 16. 8. 1972, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 131, 26. 5. 1977, p. 1.
(5) OJ No L 140, 5. 6. 1980, p. 18.

amounts, in accordance with Annex II, to £ Irl 1 823 397,24.

Article 2

The financial resources available at the end of 1979 amount, in accordance with Annex I, to a negative balance of £ Irl 11 890 380,60 and, in accordance with Annex II, to a negative balance of £ Irl 99 477,46.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 8 February 1984.

For the Commission

Poul DALSAGER

Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

Clearance of the accounts concerning the expenditure financed by the EAGGF, Guarantee Section, for 1979

		(£ Irl)	
1.	Funds available after clearance of the accounts for 1978		3 538 025,83
2.	Advances received for 1979		380 300 000,00
3.	Total funds available to cover expenditure for 1979		383 838 025,83
4.	Expenditure recognized for 1979 (1):		
	(a) Expenditure declared	395 842 437,66	
	(b) Expenditure disallowed	114 031,23	
	— of which definitive decision deferred to 1980	—	
	(c) Expenditure recognized		395 728 406,43
5.	Funds available after clearance of accounts for 1979		– 11 890 380,60

(1) Excluding expenditure on measures under Regulation (EEC) No 1078/77.

ANNEX II

Clearance of the accounts concerning the expenditure financed by the EAGGF under Regulation (EEC) No 1078/77 for 1979

		(£ Irl)	
1.	Funds available after clearance of the accounts for 1978		142 919,78
2.	Advances received for 1979		1 581 000,00
3.	Total funds available to cover expenditure for 1979		1 723 919,78
4.	Expenditure incurred in 1979 chargeable to the EAGGF of which		1 823 397,24
	(a) Guarantee Section	1 094 038,34	
	(b) Guidance Section	729 358,90	
5.	Funds available after clearance of the accounts for 1979		– 99 477,46