COMMISSION DECISION

of 28 March 1985

amending Decision 83/73/EEC 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)

(85/224/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, by Decision 83/73/EEC (3), the Commission made provision for a financial contribution by the Community to measures taken by Greece in a buffer zone in the region of Evros to combat foot-and-mouth disease ; whereas the contribution was restricted to expenditure incurred by Greece in 1983 and 1984 ;

Whereas the situation regarding foot-and-mouth disease in certain regions of south-eastern Europe and the Middle East necessitates the continuation until 1987 of the measures taken by Greece ; whereas the danger of exotic strains of foot-and-mouth disease spreading in Greece and in the other Member States persists ;

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

Article 2 of Decision 83/73/EEC is hereby replaced by the following :

'*Article 2*

The Community shall make a contribution of :

— 100 % of expenditure incurred by Greece in 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987 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, 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987 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 2

This Decision is addressed to the Hellenic Republic.

Done at Brussels, 28 March 1985.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESSEN

Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 78.
(2) OJ No L 186, 8. 7. 1981, p. 22.
(3) OJ No L 47, 19. 2. 1983, p. 28.