COMMISSION DECISION

of 3 June 1991

determining the arrangements for defraying the measures for vaccination against African horse sickness in Spain

(Only the Spanish text is authentic)

(91/331/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 90/424/EEC of 26 June 1990 on expenditure in the veterinary field [1] and in particular Article 43 (1) thereof,

Whereas cases of African horse sickness have been occurring in Spain from September 1989 onwards; whereas recourse to vaccination against African horse sickness by the Spanish authorities must be considered as a necessary means of combating this disease;

Whereas, in the circumstances, the Community should make a financial contribution to the vaccination measures carried out by the Spanish authorities;

Whereas under the arrangements introduced by Decision 90/424/EEC and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 43 (1) thereof, the Community's financial contribution must be limited to the vaccination operations carried out between 1 September 1989 and 31 August 1990;

Whereas the Spanish authorities should send to the Commission full details relating to the vaccination operations during the period in question;

Whereas it seems reasonable for the Community to bear 100 % of the cost of supply of the vaccine and 50 % of the costs incurred in carrying out the vaccination;

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

Spain may obtain a financial contribution from the Community for the vaccination measures against African horse sickness carried out between 1 September 1989 and 31 August 1990.

Article 2

Spain shall send to the Commission full details relating to the vaccination operations carried out between 1 September 1989 and 31 August 1990 and in particular:

— rules governing the vaccination programme,

— the national and regional authorities responsible for its implementation,

— the rules to counter the risk of the spread of the disease,

— the measures taken in particular as regards identification and registration of holdings with a view to ensuring that all the equidae have in fact been vaccinated.

Article 3

The financial contribution by the Community is hereby fixed at:

— 100 % of the costs incurred by Spain for the supply of vaccine,

— 50 % of the costs incurred by Spain in carrying out the vaccination in question.

Article 4

1. The Community's financial contribution shall be granted after:

— the Commission has received the information referred to in Article 2,

— the supporting documents have been supplied.

2. The elements referred to in paragraph 1 shall be sent by Spain no later than six months from the notification of this Decision.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Spain.

Done at Brussels, 3 June 1991.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ No L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 19.