COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 July 1991

approving measures to set up pilot projects for the control of rabies with a view to its eradication or prevention presented by the Kingdom of Belgium

(Only the Dutch and French texts are authentic)

(91/428/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 89/455/EEC of 24 July 1989 introducing Community measures to set up pilot projects for the control of rabies with a view to its eradication or prevention [1], and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Whereas, conforming to Article 1 of Decision 89/455/EEC Belgium shall set up large-scale pilot projects in accordance with Article 3 for the eradication or prevention of rabies in the wild life of the Community using vaccines for the oral immunization of foxes;

Whereas the pilot projects as presented by Belgium include the adjacent border areas of France, Luxembourg, Germany and the Netherlands;

Whereas the pilot project is part of a cross border cooperation with France, Luxembourg, Germany and the Netherlands;

Whereas by letter dated 26 March 1991 Belgium notified the Commission of pilot projects for the control of rabies with a view to its eradication or prevention;

Whereas, after examination the pilot project was found to comply with Decision 89/455/EEC; whereas the conditions for financial participation by the Community are therefore met;

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 pilot projects for the eradication and prevention of rabies, presented by Belgium are hereby approved.

Article 2

Belgium shall bring into force by 1 April 1991 the laws, regulations and administrative provisions for implementing the pilot projects referred to in Article 1.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium.

Done at Brussels, 26 July 1991.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ No L 223, 2. 8. 1989, p. 19.