COMMISSION DECISION

of 22 April 1993

concerning the specific financial contribution by the Community towards the eradication of foot-and-mouth disease in Italy

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(93/230/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], as last amended by Directive 92/117/EEC [2], and in particular Article 11 thereof,

Whereas outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease occurred in certain regions of Italy in February and March 1993;

Whereas the appearance of this disease is a serious danger to the Community's livestock and, in order to help eradicate the disease as rapidly as possible, the Community has the possibility of making good the losses so caused;

Whereas, as soon as the presence of foot-and-mouth disease was officially confirmed the Italian authorities took appropriate measures which include the measures as listed in Article 3 (2) of Decision 90/424/EEC and the appropriate provisions of Council Directive 85/511/EEC of 18 November 1985 introducing Community measures for the control of foot-and-mouth disease [3], as amended by Commission Decision 92/380/EEC [4]; whereas such measures were notified by the Italian authorities;

Whereas the conditions for Community financial assistance have been met;

Whereas Article 15 of Decision 90/424/EEC establishing the financial rules applicable for the measures provided for in Article 11;

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

For the eradication of foot-and-mouth disease during the months of February and March 1993, Italy may obtain Community financial assistance. The financial contribution by the Community shall be 70 % of the cost of:

(a) compensating owners for:

— the slaughter and destruction of animals,

— the destruction of milk,

— the cleaning and disinfection of holdings,

— the destruction of contaminated feedingstuffs and, where it cannot be disinfected, contaminated equipment;

(b) where applicable, the transport of carcases to processing plants.

Article 2

1. The payments relating to compensation to owners shall be made within 90 days of the declaration of the outbreak.

2. The expenses shall be declared at the rate of 70 % in accordance with Article 3 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2776/88 [5].

3. Information relating to the measures applied shall be sent by Italy no later than two months from the date of notification of the Decision.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Italy.

Done at Brussels, 22 April 1993.

For the Commission

René STEICHEN

Member of the Commission

---

[1] OJ No L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 19.
[2] OJ No L 62, 15. 3. 1993, p. 38.
[3] OJ No L 315, 26. 11. 1985, p. 11.
[4] OJ No L 198, 17. 7. 1992, p. 54.
[5] OJ No L 249, 8. 9. 1988, p. 9.