COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 July 1993

concerning financial aid from the Community for the operations of the Community Reference Laboratory for the residues Bundesgesundheitsamt, Berlin, Germany

(93/460/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 92/119/EEC [2], and in particular Article 28 thereof,

Whereas, by Article 1 (b) of Council Decision 91/664/EEC of 11 December 1991 [3], designating the Community Reference Laboratories for testing certain substances for residues, the 'Bundesgesundheitsamt, Berlin, Germany' has been nominated as the Reference Laboratory for the residues included in Annex I, Group A III (b) of Directive 86/469/EEC [4], and the residues of Beta-agonists and sulphonamides;

Whereas all the functions to be carried out by the Reference Laboratory have been determined in Article 1 of Council Decision 89/187/EEC of 6 March 1989 determining the powers and conditions of operation of the Community Reference Laboratories provided by Directive 86/469/EEC concerning the examination of animals and fresh meat for the presence of residues [5];

Whereas, therefore, provisions should be made for Community financial aid to the Community Reference Laboratory to enable it to carry out the functions provided for in that Decision;

Whereas, in the first instance, Community financial aid should be provided for a period of one year; whereas this will be reviewed with a view to extension prior to expiry of the initial period;

Whereas a contract shall be made between the European Economic Community and each laboratory designated as a Community Reference Laboratory for testing certain substances for residues;

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 Community shall provide financial assistance to the Reference Laboratory 'Bundesgesundheitsamt, Berlin, (Germany)', provided for in Article 1 of Council Decision 91/664/EEC up to a maximum of ECU 400 000.

Article 2

1. To meet the objectives of Article 1, the Commission shall conclude a contract, in the name of the Economic Community, with the Reference Laboratory.

2. The Director-General of Directorate-General for Agriculture shall be authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the Commission of the European Communities.

3. The contract referred to in Article 1 shall have a duration of one year.

4. The financial aid provided for in Article 1 shall be paid to the Reference Labocratory in accordance with the terms of the contract provided for in paragraph 1.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 July 1993.

For the Commission

René STEICHEN

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 19.
[2] OJ No L 62, 15. 3. 1993, p. 69.
[3] OJ No L 368, 31. 12. 1991, p. 17.
[4] OJ No L 275, 26. 9. 1986, p. 36.
[5] OJ No L 66, 10. 3. 1989, p. 37.