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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 November 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)

(93/663/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 90/424/EEC of 26 June 1990 on expenditure in the veterinary field [1], as last amended by Commission Decision 93/439/EEC [2], and in particular Article 11 thereof,

Whereas outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease have 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 last amended by Commission Decision 92/380/EEC [4];

whereas such measures were notified by the Italian authorities;

Whereas the Commission, by Decision 93/230/EEC [5], made a financial contribution to the eradication of foot-and-mouth disease in Italy;

Whereas it is appropriate to continue this financial contribution for a further limited period;

Whereas the conditions for Community financial assistance have been met;

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

Whereas additional measures are necessary to ensure the eradication of this disease from the Community;

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 occurring during the period from 1 April to 15 November 1993, Italy may obtain Community financial assistance. The financial contribution by the Community shall be 70 % of the cost of:

[1] OJ No L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 19.
[2] OJ No L 203, 13. 8. 1993, p. 34.
[3] OJ No L 315, 26. 11. 1985, p. 11.
[4] OJ No L 198, 17. 7. 1992, p. 54.
[5] OJ No L 97, 23. 4. 1993, p. 35.

(a) compensating owners for:

— the slaughter and destruction of animals,

— the destruction of milk,

— the clearing 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;

(b) the serological testing described in Article 3 (3) and other tests as agreed with the Commission.

Article 2

1. The payments relating to compensation to owners shall be made within 120 days of the notification of this Decision. The period may be extended by a further 120 days in the case of legal enquiries into the circumstances of the outbreaks.

2. The cost referred to in Article 1 shall be declared at the rate of 70 % in accordance with Article 3 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2776/88 [1].

3. Information relating to the measures applied shall be sent by Italy no later than 120 days from the declaration of the outbreak.

Article 3

1. Biungulate animals originating in a holding in the area listed in Annex I shall not be permitted to move outside the area listed in Annex I.

2. Movements of biungulate animals within the area listed in Annex I shall not be allowed unless:

(a) all animals in the herd of origin are subjected to a clinical examination by an authorized veterinarian within 10 days prior to movement;

(b) the animals to be moved are permanently identified; and

(c) any serology in the herd required by point 3 shall have been completed.

3. All herds located within the area listed in Annex I containing biungulate animals (except pigs) aged between nine months and two years shall be sampled in accordance with Annex II and subjected to a serological test for antibodies to foot-and-mouth disease. This sampling shall be completed by 30 November 1993. Results and progress reports shall be sent monthly to the Commission.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 1993.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ No L 249, 8. 9. 1988, p. 9.

ANNEX I

The Province of Caserta.

ANNEX II

Herd size (all biungulates)	Number of biungulates aged between nine months and two years to be samples (*)
Up to 5	All
5 to 10	5
10 +	6

(*) If the number of animals available for sampling is less than indicated below, all animals in its age group should be sampled.