COMMISSION DECISION

of 18 March 1994

on financial contribution from the Community for the eradication of classical swine fever in Belgium

(Only the French and Dutch texts are authentic)

(94/190/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 94/77/EC [2], and in particular Articles 3 and 4 thereof,

Whereas outbreaks of classical swine fever have occurred in Belgium in October, November and December 1993; whereas the appearance of this disease is a serious danger to the Community's porcine population and, in order to 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 classical swine fever was officially confirmed, the Belgian authorities took appropriate measures which included the measures listed in Article 3 (2) of Decision 90/424/EEC; whereas such measures were notified by the Belgian authorities;

Whereas the conditions for Community assistance have been 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

For outbreaks of classical swine fever which have occurred during the months of October, November and December 1993 Belgium may obtain Community financial assistance. The contribution by the Community shall be:

— 50 % of the costs incurred by Belgium in compensating owners for the slaughter and for destruction, as appropriate, of pigs and pig products,

— 50 % of the costs incurred by Belgium for the cleaning, disinsectization and disinfection of holdings and equipment,

— 50 % of the costs incurred by Belgium in compensating owners for the destruction of contaminated feedingstuffs and contaminated equipment.

Article 2

The Community financial contribution shall be granted after supporting documents have been submitted.

Article 3

The Community shall follow developments in the situation regarding the disease and, if necessary, evolution, shall adopt a new Decision in accordance with the provisions laid down in Article 3 (4) of Decision 90/424/EEC.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium.

Done at Brussels, 18 March 1994.

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 36, 8. 2. 1994, p. 15.