COMMISSION DECISION

of 27 July 1994

approving the programme for the eradication of Brucella melitensis presented by Italy and fixing the level of the Community's financial contribution

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(94/520/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Council Decision 90/424/EEC of 26 June 1990 on expenditure in the veterinary field [1], as last amended by Decision 94/370/EC [2] and in particular Article 24 thereof,

Whereas Council Decision 90/424/EEC provides for the possibility of financial participation by the Community in the eradication and surveillance of Brucella melitensis;

Whereas by letter dated 9 June 1994, Italy has submitted a programme for the eradication of Brucella melitensis;

Whereas after examination of the programme it was found to comply with all Community criteria relating to the eradication of the disease in conformity with Council Decision 90/638/EEC on laying down Community criteria for the eradication and monitoring of certain animal diseases [3], as last amended by Council Directive 92/65/EEC [4];

Whereas in the light of the importance of the programme for the achievement of Community objectives in the field of animal health, it is appropriate to fix the financial participation of the Community at ECU 40 per sheep slaughtered by Italy up to a maximum of ECU 1 400 000;

Whereas a financial contribution from the Community shall be granted in so far as the actions provided for are carried out and provided that the authorities furnish all the necessary information within the time limits provided for;

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 programme for the eradication of Brucella melitensis presented by Italy is hereby approved for the period from 1 August 1994 to 31 December 1994.

Article 2

Italy shall bring into force by 1 August 1994 the laws, regulations and administrative provisions for implementing the programme referred to in Article 1.

Article 3

1. Financial participation by the Community shall be ECU 40 per sheep or goat slaughtered by way of compensation for owners for the slaughter of animals because of Brucella melitensis up to a maximum of ECU 1 400 000.

2. The financial contribution of the Community shall be granted subject to:

— forwarding a report to the Commission every three months on the progress of the programme and the costs incurred,

— forwarding a final report on the technical execution of the programme accompanied by justifying eivdence as to the costs incurred by 1 July 1995 at the latest.

3. The financial contribution of the Community shall be paid in ecus at the rate applying on the first working day of the month when the request of payment is made as published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 27 July 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 168, 2. 7. 1994, p. 31.
(3) OJ No L 347, 12. 12. 1990, p. 27.
(4) OJ No L 268, 14. 9. 1992, p. 54.