COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 February 1994

concerning the financial aid from the Community for the operations of the Community Reference Laboratory for the epidemiology of zoonoses *(Institut für Veterinärmedizin — Robert von Ostertag-Institut,* Berlin, Germany)

(Only the German text is authentic)

(94/91/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 amended by Commission Decision 93/439/EEC [2], and in particular Article 28 thereof,

Whereas, in accordance with Article 13 of Council Directive 92/117/EEC [3], the *'Institut für Veterinärmedizin (Robert von Ostertag-Institut)'* Berlin, Germany, has been nominated as the reference laboratory for the epidemiology of zoonoses;

Whereas all the functions and duties to be carried out by the reference laboratory have been determined in Annex IV, Chapter II, of Directive 92/117/EEC;

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

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

Whereas in accordance with Article 40 of Council Decision 90/424/EEC, checks provided for in Articles 8 and 9 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 of 21 April 1970 concerning the financing of the common agricultural policy [4], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2048/88 [5], shall apply; whereas certain particular provisions should be made;

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 provided for at Article 13 of Directive 92/117/EEC up to a maximum of ECU 100 000.

Article 2

1. To meet the objectives of Article 1, the Commission shall conclude a contract, in the name of the European 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 at paragraph 1 shall have a duration of one year.

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

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Done at Brussels, 17 February 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 203, 30. 6. 1993, p. 34.
[3] OJ No L 62, 15. 3. 1993, p. 38.
[4] OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 13.
[5] OJ No L 185, 15. 7. 1988, p. 1.