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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 31 October 1995

on financial assistance from the Community for storage in Italy of antigen for production of foot-and-mouth disease vaccine

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(95/476/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 Decision 94/370/EC [2], and in particular Article 14 thereof,

Whereas, by virtue of Council Decision 91/666/EEC of 11 December 1991 establishing Community reserves of foot-and-mouth disease vaccines [3], establishment of antigen banks is part of the Community's action to create Community reserves of foot-and-mouth vaccine;

Whereas Article 3 of that Decision designated the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale at Brescia in Italy as an antigen bank holding Community reserves;

Whereas the function and duties of these antigen banks are specified in Article 4 of that Decision; whereas Community assistance must be conditional on accomplishment of these;

Whereas Community financial assistance should be granted to these banks to enable them to carry out the said functions and duties;

Whereas for budgetary reasons the Community assistance should be granted for a period of one year;

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 grant Italy financial assistance for the stocking of antigen for production of foot-and-mouth disease vaccine.

Article 2

The Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale at Brescia in Italy shall hold the stock of antigen to which Article 1 relates. The provisions of Article 4 of Council Decision 91/666/EEC shall apply.

Article 3

The Community's financial assistance shall be a maximum of ECU 70 000 for the period 1 August 1995 to 31 July 1996.

[1] OJ No L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 19.
[2] OJ No L 168, 2. 7. 1994, p. 31.
[3] OJ No L 368, 31. 12. 1991, p. 21.

Article 4

The Community's financial assistance shall be paid as follows :

— 70 % by way of an advance at Italy's request,

— the balance following presentation of supporting documents which demonstrate the effective completion of the task.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 31 October 1995.

For the Commission

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