COMMISSION DECISION

of 6 March 1995

on a special financial contribution from the Community for the eradication of swine vesicular disease in Belgium

(Only the French and Dutch texts are authentic)

(95/61/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 94/370/EEC [2], and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Whereas outbreaks of swine vesicular disease occurred in Belgium in 1992 and 1993; whereas the appearance of this disease is a serious danger to the Community's pig population and, in order to eradicate the disease as rapidly as possible, the Community has the possibility of making good the losses caused;

Whereas, as soon as the presence of swine vesicular disease was officially confirmed, the Belgian authorities took appropriate measures which included the measures listed in Article 3 (2) of Decision 90/424/EEC; whereas these 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 swine vesicular disease which occurred in 1992 and 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 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

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

2. Belgium must submit the documents referred to in paragraph 1 not later than six months after the notification of this Decision.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium.

Done at Brussels, 6 March 1995.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

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.