COMMISSION DECISION

of 14 June 1996

on a Community financial contribution to measures to control foot-and-mouth disease in Albania

(Text with EEA relevance)

(96/368/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 13 thereof,

Whereas foot-and-mouth disease has broken out in Albania; whereas the outbreaks, in the Korce region, constitute a direct threat to the Community and in particular to Greece;

Whereas a joint Community/FAO inspection team visited Albania in order to examine the situation; whereas the inspection team concluded that the Albanian authorities should be given financial assistance in controlling the disease;

Whereas the doses of vaccine required adequately to protect the animals concerned should be made available to the Albanian authorities;

Whereas the Community should cover part of the costs of vaccination;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are to be implemented in cooperation with the FAO European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease; whereas the costs of carrying out vaccination will in the first instance be covered by Fund No 911100/MTF/INT/003/EEC;

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

1. The Commission, in cooperation with the FAO European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease, shall take the necessary steps to make available to the Albanian authorities:

— an initial both of 200 000 doses of vaccine to protect animals of susceptible species (cattle, pigs, sheep and goats) against the virus identified in Albania,

— a second batch of 400 000 doses of the vaccine referred to in the first indent.

2. The Community shall cover the total cost of the measures referred to in paragraph 1 (up to a maximum of ECU 600 000).

Article 2

1. The Community shall cover 50 % of the cost of vaccination measures carried out by the Albanian authorities under the control of the FAO European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease and the Community.

2. The measures referred to in paragraph 1 shall include, *inter alia,* the purchase and supply of:

— the material necessary for vaccination (syringes, material for the cold chain, protective clothing, etc.),

— disinfectants,

— marks for animals.

3. For the purposes of this Article, the Commission shall reimburse Fund No 911100/MTF/INT/003/EEC for the expenditure incurred in carrying out the vaccination measures referred to in paragraph 1 (up to a maximum of ECU 10 000).

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 14 June 1996.

For the Commission

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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.