COMMISSION DECISION

of 6 December 1996

repealing Decision 96/489/EC on a Community financial contribution to measures to control foot-and-mouth disease in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

(Text with EEA relevance)

(97/2/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, further to the notification by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia of several outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease, it was decided by Commission Decision 96/489/EC [3] to grant Community financial assistance for action to control foot-and-mouth disease in that country;

Whereas this action included the making available of vaccine to the authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia as well as the covering of parts of the costs for vaccination;

Whereas the authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia have taken eradication measures for controlling the disease; whereas these measures included the taking of samples for the confirmation of the presence of the disease;

Whereas the examination of samples in the world Reference Laboratory in Pirbright (United Kingdom) has not been able to confirm the presence of foot-and-mouth disease;

Whereas no new outbreaks have been reported after 2 August 1996;

Whereas the competent authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia have therefore decided not to proceed to a vaccination campaign;

Whereas it is necessary therefore to repeal Decision 96/489/EC;

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

Decision 96/489/EC is herewith repealed.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 6 December 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.
[3] OJ No L 200, 9. 8. 1996, p. 29.