COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 December 1996

on special financial contributions from the Community for the eradication of Newcastle disease in Portugal

(Only the Portuguese text is authentic)

(97/22/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 Articles 3 (3) and 4 (2) thereof,

Whereas outbreaks of Newcastle disease occurred in Portugal in 1995; whereas the appearance of this disease is a serious danger to the Community's poultry and, in order to help eradicate the disease as rapidly as possible, the Community has the possibility of compensating for the losses suffered;

Whereas, as soon as the presence of Newcastle disease was officially confirmed the Portuguese authorities took appropriate measures which included the measures as listed in Article 3 (2) of Decision 90/424/EEC; whereas such measures were notified by the Portuguese authorities;

Whereas the conditions for Community financial 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

Portugal may obtain Community financial assistance for outbreaks of Newcastle disease with occurred during 1995. The financial contribution by the Community shall be:

— 50 % of the costs incurred by Portugal in compensating owners for the slaughter, destruction of poultry and poultry products as appropriate,

— 50 % of the costs incurred by Portugal for the cleaning and disinfection of holdings and equipment,

— 50 % of the costs incurred by Portugal 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. The documents referred to in paragraph 1 shall be sent by Portugal no later than six months from the notification of this Decision.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Portuguese Republic.

Done at Brussels, 17 December 1996.

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.