COMMISSION DECISION

of 2 April 1997

on financial assistance for the Community reference laboratory for bivalve mollusc diseases

(Only the French text is authentic)

(97/260/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 28 (2) thereof,

Whereas in Annex A to Council Directive 95/70/EC of 22 December 1995 introducing minimum Community measures for control of certain diseases affecting bivalve molluscs [3], Ifremer at La Tremblade in France is designated Community reference laboratory for bivalve mollusc diseases;

Whereas its functions and duties are set out in Annex B to Directive 95/70/EC; whereas Community aid must be conditional on accomplishment of these;

Whereas financial aid should be given to this Community reference laboratory to assist it in the execution of these functions and duties;

Whereas for budget reasons Community financial aid is granted for a period of one year;

Whereas for supervisory purposes Articles 8 and 9 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 of 21 April 1970 on financing of the common agricultural policy [4], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1287/95 [5], should apply;

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 financial aid to France for discharge of the functions and duties, as set out in Annex B to Directive 95/70/EC, of the Community reference laboratory for bivalve mollusc diseases.

Article 2

The Ifremer laboratory at La Tremblade in France shall discharge the functions and duties referred to in Article 1.

Article 3

The aid is set at a maximum of ECU 90 000 for the period 1 January to 31 December 1997.

Article 4

The aid shall be paid as follows:

— 70 % in advance on request from France,

— the balance following presentation of supporting technical (report) and financial documents by France. These documents must be presented before 1 March 1998.

Article 5

Articles 8 and 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 shall apply *mutatis mutandis.*

Article 6

This Decision is addressed to France.

Done at Brussels, 2 April 1997.

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.
[3] OJ No L 332, 30. 12. 1995, p. 33.
[4] OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 13.
[5] OJ No L 125, 8. 6. 1995, p. 1.