COMMISSION DECISION

of 15 January 1997

concerning a specific financial contribution by the Community relating to diagnostic and management measures for the eradication of foot-and-mouth-disease in Greece

(Only the Greek text is authentic)

(97/87/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 Council Decision 94/370/EC [2] and, in particular, Article 3 (3) and Article 11 (4) thereof,

Whereas outbreaks of foot-and-mouth-disease have occurred in Greece in 1994 and 1996;

Whereas in 1994 and in 1996 the foot-and-mouth-disease virus was introduced into Greece from abroad;

Whereas the appearance of this disease is a serious danger to the Community's livestock; whereas the Community has the possibility to provide financial assistance to Member States in order rapidly to eradicate this disease;

Whereas it is is necessary that Greece has a high level of preparedness for the eradication of foot-and-mouth-disease and in particular in areas considered to be at high risk;

Whereas in the light of the importance of a high level of preparedness at all levels engaged in disease eradication it is appropriate to provide financial assistance to cover costs incurred by Greece up to a maximum of ECU 170 000;

Whereas a financial contribution from the Community shall be granted in so far as the actions provided for are carried out and provided that the authorities furnish all the necessary information within the time limits provided for;

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 [3], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2048/88 [4], 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

1. With the view to ensuring that Greece can provide a high level of preparedness for eradication of foot-and-mouth-disease in areas considered at risk, the Community shall provide financial assistance for:

— purchase and instalment of equipment for diagnostic work in the national foot-and-mouth disease laboratory as shown in section A of the Annex,

— purchase and instalment of equipment as shown in section B of the Annex for recording of epidemiological data and for the establishment of a network providing a direct link between district veterinary services of Rodopi and Evros, the national foot-and-mouth disease laboratory and the national disease crisis centre,

— training and conduct of simulation exercise as shown in section C of the Annex.

2. The financial assistance from the Community for measures referred to in paragraph 1 shall be 70 % of the costs incurred by Greece.

3. The purchase and instalment of equipment referred to in paragraph 1 shall be carried out before 30 June 1997; the training and simulation exercise shall be completed by 31 December 1997.

Article 2

The Community financial contribution shall be a maximum of ECU 170 000.

Article 3

The Community financial assistance shall be granted after the supporting technical and financial documents have been submitted to the European Commission.

The documents must be presented before 1 March 1998.

Article 4

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

[1] OJ No L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 19.
[2] OJ No L 168, 2. 7. 1994, p. 31.
[3] OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 13.
[4] OJ No L 185, 15. 7. 1988, p. 1.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Hellenic Republic.,

Done at Brussels, 15 January 1997.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

PREPAREDNESS FOR ERADICATION OF FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

Section A

Laboratory equipment (estimates)

(in drachmas)

1. Washing machine ultra sound 14 litre	900 000
2. Centrifuge apparatus	800 000
3. Vertical ultra low temperature freezer	3 850 000
4. Deep freezer (– 40 °C)	1 000 000
5. Vacuum pump for pipetting	500 000
6. Two personal computers and one plate reader	1 300 000
7. Incubator 37 °C	1 000 000
8. Six pipettes	1 200 000
9. Glassware and plastics	600 000
10. Safety clothing for laboratory work	800 000
11. Laminar air, flow, work station	1 800 000
12. Precision balance	650 000
13. Laboratory pH Meter	250 000
14. Magnetic stirrer heating plate	130 000
15. Shaking water bath	1 000 000
16. Handy wash (Microplate washer)	600 000
17. Fire boy	250 000
18. Double distillation water purification system	4 000 000
19. Stirrer (vortex)	90 000
20. Tissue emulsifier (stomacher)	1 300 000
21. Incubator-sterilizer	600 000
22. Lyophiliser	3 500 000
23. Water bath with thermostat and circulator	1 000 000
24. Floor standing autoclave	2 000 000
25. Binocular microscope with camera	1 500 000
26. PCR apparatus	10 000 000
27. Miscellaneous	10 000 000
Total Maximum	50 620 000

Section B

Equipment for recording and transfer of equidemiological data (estimates)

(in drachmas)

PC hardware	12 units × 450 000	5 400 000
Printers	12 units × 250 000	3 000 000
Modems	12 units × 250 000	3 000 000
Software		2 000 000
Telefax		300 000
Miscellaneous		2 000 000
	Total maximum	15 700 000

Section C

Training (estimates)

(in drachmas)

Training of staff in use of computer network	1 500 000
Training of field staff in epidemiology	1 500 000
Training of laboratory staff	2 000 000
Foot and Mouth Disease Simulation exercise	500 000
Miscellaneous	1 000 000
Total maximum	6 500 000

Grand Total (A + B + C) **72 820 000**