COMMISSION DECISION

of 18 March 1998

amending Decision 92/486/EEC as regards the form of collaboration between the ANIMO host centre and the Member States

(Text with EEA relevance)

(98/222/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/425/EEC of 26 June 1990 concerning veterinary and zootechnical checks applicable in intra-Community trade in certain live animals and products with a view to the completion of the internal market [1], as last amended by Decision 92/118/EEC [2], and in particular Article 20(3) thereof,

Whereas, as a result of the work carried out at Community level in the course of studies and seminars, the structure of the ANIMO network should be revised so that a veterinary system integrating the various computer applications can be introduced;

Whereas Commission Decision 92/486/EEC of 25 September 1992 establishing the form of collaboration between the ANIMO host centre and the Member States [3], as last amended by Decision 97/395/EC [4], should be amended to introduce a transition period; whereas certain deadlines should also be set for the review of the current system;

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 92/486/EEC is amended as follows:

1. In Article 2a, a new paragraph 3 is added:

'3. For the period 1 April 1998 to 31 March 1999, the coordination authorities provided for in Article 1 shall ensure that the contracts referred to in that Article are extended for one year.

The following charges shall apply in respect of this paragraph:

ECU 386 per unit (central unit, local unit, border inspection post) for all the ANIMO units listed in Decision 96/295/EC, as last amended by Decision 98/167/EC (*).

(*) OJ L 62 of 3. 3. 1998, p. 33.'

2. The following Article 5a is added:

'Article 5a

This Decision will be reviewed before:

— 1 October 1998 to consider the issue of direct connections between national servers,

— 31 January 1999 to consider how the structure of the ANIMO network has developed.'

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 April 1998.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 18 March 1998.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

(1) OJ L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 29.
(2) OJ L 62, 15. 3. 1993, p. 49.
(3) OJ L 291, 7. 10. 1992, p. 20.
(4) OJ L 164, 21. 6. 1997, p. 25.