COMMISSION DECISION

of 8 November 1999

amending Decision 98/393/EC of 19 May 1998 on financial assistance from the Community for storage in France, Italy and the United Kingdom of antigen for production of foot-and-mouth disease vaccine

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(Only the English text is authentic)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(1999/761/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 14 thereof,

(1) Whereas by virtue of Council Decision 91/666/EEC of 11 December 1991 establishing Community reserves of foot-and-mouth disease vaccines [3], the establishment of antigen banks is part of the Community's action to create Community reserves of foot-and-mouth disease vaccine;

(2) Whereas Article 3 of that Decision designates among others the Institute for Animal Health at Pirbright in the United Kingdom as antigen banks holding Community reserves of foot-and-mouth disease antigen;

(3) Whereas in accordance with Article 4 of Commission Decision 98/393/EC of 19 May 1998 on financial assistance from the Community for storage in France, Italy and the United Kingdom of antigen for production of foot-and-mouth disease vaccine [4] Community assistance shall be paid on the basis of supporting documentation submitted to the Commission before 1 March 1999;

(4) Whereas for technical reasons the Institute for Animal Health in Pirbright has submitted the required supporting documentation on 1 June 1999; whereas therefore in paragraph 2 of this Article the date '1 March 1999' should be modified in order to allow the payment of financial assistance;

(5) 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

In paragraph 2 of Article 4 of Decision 98/393/EC the date '1 March 1999' is replaced by '1 July 1999'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 8 November 1999.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 19.
[2] OJ L 168, 2.7.1994, p. 31.
[3] OJ L 368, 31.12.1991, p. 21.
[4] OJ L 176, 20.6.1998, p. 25.