COMMISSION DECISION

of 22 August 2002

approving the programmes for the implementation of Member States' surveys for avian influenza in poultry and wild birds

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(2002/673/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 2001/572/EC [2], and in particular Article 20 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Council Decision 90/424/EEC provides for financial aid from the Community for the undertaking of technical and scientific measures necessary for the development of Community veterinary legislation and for veterinary education or training.

(2) By Commission Decision 2002/…/EC [3] Member States agreed to carry out a survey for avian influenza in poultry and wild birds. These surveys shall investigate the presence of infections in poultry, which could lead to a review of current legislation and contribute to the knowledge of the possible threats for animals and humans from the wildlife.

(3) That Decision set the Community's financial contribution to these surveys at the rate of 50 % of the costs incurred by the Member States for the sampling and analysing of samples up to a maximum of EUR 500 000 for all Member States in total.

(4) Programmes submitted by the Member States have been studied by the Commission and shall be approved individually by the Community granting financial participation to each approved programme.

(5) Furthermore, it seems appropriate to lay down standard forms for reporting the results of the surveys and for the financial claim for co-financing of the costs incurred by Member States for the implementation of the programme.

(6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The programmes for the implementation of surveys for avian influenza in poultry and birds are hereby approved for the Member States listed in Annex I for the period as specified.

2. Financial participation by the Community shall be granted at the rate of 50 % of the costs for sampling and analysing of samples by each Member State up to a maximum laid down in Annex I.

3. The Community shall pay the financial contribution for the programmes referred to under paragraph 1 provided that by 30 September 2003 at the latest, the Member State concerned:

(a) provides satisfactory evidence to the Commission that it has brought into force the laws, regulations or administrative provisions necessary to implement the programme,

(b) forwards a final report on the technical execution of the programme and the results attained specified in Annexes II, III and IV accompanied by justifying evidence as to the costs incurred during the period of the programme as laid down in Annex V,

(c) provides satisfactory evidence to the Commission that it has implemented the programme efficiently in accordance with the guidelines set out in the Annex to Decision 2002/649/EC.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22 August 2002.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 19.
[2] OJ L 203, 28.7.2001, p. 16.
[3] OJ L 213, 9.8.2002, p. 38.

ANNEX I

List of Member States, for which programmes for avian influenza surveys in poultry and wild birds are approved

Member States	Period	Maximum amount
Italy — 1 (1)	1. August 2002 to 30. June 2003	EUR 31 800

(1) In Italy the regions Lombardy and Veneto.

ANNEX II

FINAL REPORT ON DATA ON POULTRY HOLDINGS [a]

(except ducks and geese)

Serological investigation according to guidelines point A.1.

Member State: ..... *Date:* ..... *Reporting period from:* ..... *to:* .....

Region [b]	Total number of poultry holdings [c]	Total number of poultry holdings sampled	Total number of positive holdings	Number of virological positive holdings for subtype H 5	Number of virological positive holdings for subtype H 7	Total number of 'backyard holdings'	Total number of 'backyard holdings' sampled	Number of positive holdings	Number of virological positive holdings for subtype H 5	Number of virological positive holdings for subtype H 7
Total										

(a) Holdings equals herds, flocks or establishments as appropriate.
(b) Region as defined in the approved programme of the Member State.
(c) Total number of holdings in a region with indication if 'backyard flocks' are included or not, depending if survey of this group is carried out and has to be indicated in columns 7-10.

ANNEX III

FINAL REPORT ON DATA ON DUCK AND GEESE HOLDINGS [a]

according to guidelines point A.2.

Virological and partly serological investigation [b]

Member State: ..... *Date:* ..... *Reporting period from:* ..... *to:* .....

Region [c]	Total number of duck and geese holdings	Total number of duck and geese holdings sampled	Total number of virological positive holdings	Number of virological positive holdings for subtype H 5	Number of virological positive holdings for subtype H 7	Total number of serological positive holdings	Number of serological positive holdings for subtype H 5	Number of serological positive holdings for subtype H 7
Total								

[a] Holdings equals herds, flocks or establishments as appropriate
[b] Serological investigation in case possibility to test serologically is chosen according to point A.2. second indent of the guidelines
[c] Region as defined in the approved programme of the Member State.

ANNEX IV

FINAL REPORT ON DATA ON WILD BIRDS

Virological investigation according to guidelines point B

Member State: ..... *Date:* ..... *Reporting period from:* ..... *to:* .....

Region (a)	Species of wild birds sampled	Total number of samples taken for virological examination	Total number of positive samples	Number of positive samples for subtype H 5	Number of positive samples for subtype H 7
Total					

(a) Region as defined in the approved programme of the Member State or indication of location of bird watching station(s).

ANNEX V

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND PAYMENT APPLICATION

One table per survey in poultry/backyard flocks/wild birds [a]

Member State: ..... *Date:* ..... *Reporting period from:* ..... *to:* .....

Measures eligible for co-financing [b]		
Methods of laboratory analysis	Number tests performed per method	Costs
Serological pre-screening [c]		
Haemagglutination-inhibition-test (HI) for H5/H7		
Virus isolation test		
Other measures to be covered	Specify activities	
Sampling		
Others		
Total		

[a] Strike through as appropriate.
[b] Data to be given in national currency, VAT excluded.
[c] Please indicate test used.

Herewith I certify that the data given above are correct and that no other Community contribution was asked for these measures.

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(Place, date) (Signature)