COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 December 2002

on a Community financial contribution for certain Member States in order to strengthen inspection infrastructures for plant-health checks on plants and plant products coming from third countries

(notified under document number C(2002) 5076)

(Only the German, French, Italian and Swedish texts are authentic)

(2002/988/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 2000/29/EC of 8 May 2000 on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community [1], as last amended by Commission Directive 2002/36/EC [2], and in particular the sixth subparagraph of Article 13(9) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Pursuant to Directive 2000/29/EC, a Community financial contribution is to be granted to Member States in order to strengthen inspection infrastructures for plant-health checks on plants and plant products coming from third countries.

(2) Germany, France, Italy and Sweden have each established a programme to strengthen their inspection infrastructures for checks on plants and plant products coming from third countries. They have applied for the allocation of a Community financial contribution for those programmes in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 998/2002 of 11 June 2002 establishing detailed rules for the implementation of the provisions relating to the allocation of a Community financial contribution for Member States in order to strengthen inspection infrastructures for plant health checks on plants and plant products coming from third countries [3].

(3) The technical information provided for by Germany, France, Italy and Sweden has enabled the Commission to analyse the situation accurately and comprehensively. The Commission has prepared a list of eligible inspection posts' strengthening programmes, which give details of the amount of the proposed Community financial contribution to each programme. The information has also been examined by the Standing Committee on Plant Health. Each programme included in the list has been individually approved. The Commission has concluded that the conditions and criteria set out in Directive 2000/29/EC and Regulation (EC) No 998/2002 for the grant of a Community financial contribution have been met.

(4) Accordingly, it is appropriate to provide a Community financial contribution to cover the expenditure on those programmes.

(5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plant Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The allocation of a Community financial contribution to cover expenditure to be incurred by Germany, France, Italy and Sweden for their inspection posts strengthening programmes is hereby approved.

Article 2

1. The total amount of the Community financial contribution referred to in Article 1 shall be EUR 201 172.

2. The maximum amount of the Community financial contribution for each concerned Member State shall be as follows:

(a) EUR 26 904: Germany;

(b) EUR 45 007: France;

(c) EUR 93 030: Italy;

(d) EUR 36 231: Sweden.

3. The maximum Community financial contribution for each inspection posts' strengthening programme shall be as set out in the Annex.

Article 3

The Community financial contribution per programme as set out in the Annex shall only be paid when:

(a) evidence of the purchase and/or improvement of the equipment and/or facilities listed in the programme has been given by the Member State concerned to the Commission by appropriate documentation; and

(b) a request for payment of the Community financial contribution has been submitted by the Member State concerned to the Commission, in accordance with the rules provided for in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 998/2002.

[1] OJ L 169, 10.7.2000, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 116, 3.5.2002, p. 16.
[3] OJ L 152, 12.6.2002, p. 16. Number as corrected by the corrigendum published in OJ L 153, 13.6.2002, p. 18.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Federal Republic of Germany, the French Republic, the Italian Republic and the Kingdom of Sweden.

Done at Brussels, 17 December 2002.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

INSPECTION POSTS' STRENGTHENING PROGRAMMES

Programmes with corresponding Community financial contribution

Member State	Names of the inspection posts (administrative unit, name)	Eligible expenditure (EUR)	Maximum Community financial contribution (EUR)
Germany	Baden-Würtemberg, Flughafen Stuttgart	2 300	1 150
	Baden-Würtemberg, Lahr-Schwarzwald	11 251	5 574
	Berlin	13 117	5 773
	Brandenburg, Schönefeld	430	215
	Hessen, Frankfurt Flughafen	22 364	8 748
	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Pomellen	899	449
	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Mukran	500	250
	Niedersachsen, Emden	750	375
	Niedersachsen, Brake	560	280
	Niedersachsen, Oldenburg-Kreyenbrück	1 200	600
	Niedersachsen, Wilhemshaven	580	290
	Sachsen, Halle/Leipzig Flughafen	5 401	2 700
	Sachsen-Anhalt, Magdeburg	1 000	500
France	Brest	8 296	4 040
	Cognac	851	425
	La Palice	1 273	636
	Le Havre	11 766	5 883
	Lyon	5 270	2 635
	Marseille	12 168	6 084
	Metz-Nancy	2 842	1 421
	Montpellier	9 750	4 260
	Nantes	5 356	2 678
	Nice	206	103
	Orly	13 720	5 630
	Perpignan	5 812	2 816
	Roissy	5 031	1 810
	Rouen-Dieppe	10 125	5 062
	Toulouse	3 048	1 524

Member State	Names of the inspection posts (administrative unit, name)	Eligible expenditure (EUR)	Maximum Community financial contribution (EUR)
Italy	Emilia Romagna, Ravenna	46 500	19 160
	Lazio, Fiumicino 1	11 500	4 160
	Lazio, Fiumicino 2	4 400	2 200
	Liguria, Genova	0	0
	Lombardia, Linate	15 300	7 160
	Lombardia, Malpensa 1	21 100	9 940
	Lombardia, Malpensa 2	15 300	7 160
	Lombardia, Malpensa Orio al Serio	15 300	7 160
	Marche, Ancona	7 000	2 910
	Piemonte, Torino Caselle	5 986	2 920
	Puglia, Bari	19 800	9 310
	Toscana, Livorno Porto	13 800	5 310
	Veneto, Chioggia e Marghera	22 000	7 820
	Sicilia, Palermo porto	11 000	3 910
	Sicilia, Catania Porto	11 000	3 910
Sweden	Alnarp	54 943	26 519
	Helsingborg	8 651	3 398
	Göteborg	11 337	4 716
	Jönköping	561	280
	Stockholm	2 686	1 318
Total Community financial contribution (EUR)		201 172	