COMMISSION DECISION

of 14 October 2003

on the lists of programmes for the eradication and monitoring of animal diseases and of checks aimed at the prevention of zoonoses qualifying for a financial contribution from the Community in 2004

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(2003/743/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 Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 [2], and in particular Articles 24(5) and 32 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Certain Member States and acceding Member States have submitted programmes to the Commission for the eradication and monitoring of animal diseases for which they wish to receive a financial contribution from the Community.

(2) Under Council Regulation (EC) No 1258/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the financing of the common agricultural policy [3], programmes for the eradication and monitoring of animal diseases are to be financed under the Guarantee Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund. For financial control purposes, Articles 8 and 9 of that Regulation are to apply.

(3) In drawing up the list of programmes for the eradication and monitoring of animal diseases qualifying for a financial contribution from the Community in 2004, and the proposed rate and amount of the contribution for each programme, both the interest of each programme for the Community and the volume of available appropriations must be taken into account.

(4) In drawing up the list of programmes of checks aimed at the prevention of zoonoses qualifying for a financial contribution from the Community in 2004, and the proposed rate and amount of the contribution for each programme, the interest of each programme for the Community, its compliance with the technical provisions of relevant Community veterinary legislation and the volume of available appropriations must be taken into account.

(5) Article 32 of the Act of Accession of 2003 lays down that the new Member States are to receive the same treatment as the present Member States as regards expenditure under veterinary funds.

(6) However, no financial commitment under the 2004 budget for any programme concerned may be made before the accession of the concerned acceding Member State has taken place. Furthermore, the eradication of certain diseases in the acceding Member States can also be co-financed under other Community instruments.

(7) The Commission has considered each of the programmes submitted from both the veterinary and the financial point of view and is satisfied that those programmes should be included in the lists of programmes qualifying for a financial contribution from the Community in 2004.

(8) 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 eradication and monitoring of animal diseases listed in Annex I shall qualify for a financial contribution from the Community in 2004.

2. For each programme referred to in paragraph 1, the proposed rate and amount of the financial contribution from the Community shall be as set out in Annex I.

Article 2

1. The programmes of checks aimed at the prevention of zoonoses listed in Annex II shall qualify for a financial contribution from the Community in 2004.

2. For each programme referred to in paragraph 1, the proposed rate and amount of the financial contribution from the Community shall be as set out in Annex II.

[1] OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 19.
[2] OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1.
[3] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 103.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 14 October 2003.

For the Commission
David BYRNE
Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

List of programmes for the eradication and monitoring of animal diseases (Article 1(1))

Proposed rate and amount of the Community financial contribution

(in EUR)

Disease	Member State or acceding Member State	Rate	Proposed amount
African/Classical swine fever	Italy (Sardinia)	50 %	250 000
Aujeszkys disease	Belgium	50 %	700 000
	Spain	50 %	75 000
	Hungary	50 %	100 000
	Ireland	50 %	50 000
	Lithuania	50 %	50 000
	Malta	50 %	5 000
	Portugal	50 %	50 000
	Slovakia	50 %	60 000
Bluetongue	Spain	50 %	150 000
	France	50 %	225 000
	Italy	50 %	700 000
Bovine brucellosis	Cyprus	50 %	85 000
	Greece	50 %	300 000
	Spain	50 %	4 000 000
	Ireland	50 %	5 000 000
	Italy	50 %	1 500 000
	Lithuania	50 %	50 000
	Poland	50 %	150 000
	Portugal	50 %	1 800 000
	Slovenia	50 %	110 000
	United Kingdom (Northern Ireland)	50 %	2 000 000
Bovine tuberculosis	Greece	50 %	300 000
	Spain	50 %	5 000 000
	Ireland	50 %	4 500 000
	Italy	50 %	1 200 000
	Lithuania	50 %	70 000
	Poland	50 %	150 000
	Portugal	50 %	400 000
	Slovenia	50 %	40 000
	United Kingdom (Northern Ireland)	50 %	2 000 000
Classical swine fever	Belgium	50 %	175 000
	Czech Republic	50 %	75 000
	Germany	50 %	800 000
	Lithuania	50 %	20 000
	Luxembourg	50 %	90 000
	Slovenia	50 %	30 000
	Slovakia	50 %	125 000

(in EUR)

Disease	Member State or acceding Member State	Rate	Proposed amount
Enzootic bovine leucosis	Italy	50 %	100 000
	Lithuania	50 %	100 000
	Portugal	50 %	100 000
	Slovakia	50 %	40 000
	United Kingdom (Northern Ireland)	50 %	5 000
Ovine and caprine brucellosis (B melitensis)	Cyprus	50 %	725 000
	Greece	50 %	1 000 000
	Spain	50 %	6 500 000
	France	50 %	300 000
	Italy	50 %	3 500 000
	Lithuania	50 %	17 000
	Portugal	50 %	2 000 000
	Slovenia	50 %	70 000
Poseidom (1)	France	50 %	250 000
Rabies	Austria	50 %	200 000
	Czech Republic	50 %	650 000
	Germany	50 %	800 000
	Finland	50 %	70 000
	Latvia	50 %	370 000
	Poland	50 %	1 800 000
	Slovenia	50 %	110 000
	Slovakia	50 %	400 000
Swine vesicular disease Classical swine fever	Italy	50 %	400 000
Total			51 892 000

(1) Heartwater, babesiosis and anaplasmosis transmitted by vector insects in the French overseas departments.

ANNEX II

List of programmes of checks aimed at the prevention of zoonoses (Article 2(1))

Proposed rate and amount of the Community financial contribution

(in EUR)

Zoonosis	Member State or acceding Member State	Rate	Proposed amount
Salmonella	Austria	50 %	150 000
	Denmark	50 %	260 000
	France	50 %	700 000
	Ireland	50 %	90 000
	Lithuania	50 %	400 000
	Netherlands	50 %	400 000
	Slovakia	50 %	400 000
Total			2 400 000