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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 5 April 2004

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(2004) 1225)

(Only the Danish, German, Italian and Dutch texts are authentic)

(2004/331/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 2004/31/EC [2], and in particular the sixth subparagraph of Article 13 c (5) 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) Denmark, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Austria 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 Denmark, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Austria 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 Denmark, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Austria for their programmes for strengthening inspection posts is hereby approved.

[1] OJ L 169, 10.7.2000, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 85, 23.3.2004, p. 18.
[3] OJ L 152, 12.6.2002, p. 19 (Regulation corrected in OJ L 153, 13.6.2002, p. 18).

Article 2

1. The total amount of the Community financial contribution referred to in Article 1 shall be EUR 155 022.

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

(a) EUR 15 547: Denmark;

(b) EUR 33 246: Germany;

(c) EUR 51 673: Italy;

(d) EUR 40 480: the Netherlands;

(e) EUR 14 076: Austria.

3. The maximum Community financial contribution for each programme for strengthening inspection posts 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.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Italian Republic and the Austrian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 5 April 2004.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

PROGRAMMES FOR STRENGTHENING INSPECTION POSTS

Programmes with corresponding Community financial contribution

(EUR)

Member State	Names of the inspection posts (administrative unit, name)	Eligible expenditure	Maximum Community financial contribution
Denmark	Lingby	3 972	1 986
	Frederikshavn	2 918	1 459
	Esbjerg	2 918	1 459
	Copenhagen Harbour	2 918	1 459
	Copenhagen airport (Kastrup)	2 918	1 459
	Århus	2 918	1 459
	Billund airport	2 918	1 459
	Odense	2 918	1 459
	Grenå	2 918	1 459
	Hirtshals	2 918	1 459
	Ålborg	860	430
Germany	Baden-Württemberg, Baden-Airport Flughafen Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden	9 800	4 840
	Baden-Württemberg, Einlaßstellenverzeichnis 1.1 bis 1.8	500	250
	Bremen, Bremerhaven	3 535	1 767
	Bremen, Bremen Stadt	10 835	5 417
	Hamburg	7 420	3 710
	Hessen, Frankfurt Flughafen	12 385	6 192
	Hessen, Gießen/ZA Kassel	13 345	5 022
	Niedersachsen, Leer	2 510	1 255
	Niedersachsen, Emden/Außenhafen	1 695	847
	Niedersachsen, Hannover Flughafen	995	497
	Niedersachsen, Brake	1 695	847
	Niedersachsen, Nordenham	2 720	1 360
	Niedersachsen, Wilhelmshaven	1 185	592
	Thüringen, Erfurt Flughafen	1 300	650

(EUR)

Member State	Names of the inspection posts (administrative unit, name)	Eligible expenditure	Maximum Community financial contribution
Italy	Lazio, Aeroporto Leonardo da Vinci	0	0
	Calabria, Gioia Tauro	11 768	5 398
	Liguria, Genova	9 268	4 148
	Campania, Napoli	18 468	8 628
	Campania, Salerno	18 468	8 628
	Abruzzo, Ortona Porto	39 468	19 398
	Marche, Ancona Porto	8 500	3 850
	Marche, Ancona Aeroporto Falconara	3 418	1 623
The Netherlands	Barendrecht	11 350	5 060
	Boskoop	11 350	5 060
	Emmeloord	11 350	5 060
	Groningen	11 350	5 060
	Hoorn	11 350	5 060
	Horst	11 350	5 060
	Roosendaal	11 350	5 060
	Tiel	11 350	5 060
Austria	Graz	7 038	3 519
	Linz	7 038	3 519
	Salzburg	7 038	3 519
	Wien-Schwechat	7 038	3 519
Total Community financial contribution			155 022