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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], and in particular Article 20 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Council Decision 90/424/EEC provides for a financial contribution 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) Commission Decision 2004/111/EC [2] provides for the implementation in 2004 of surveys for avian influenza in poultry and wild birds in the Member States, subject to the survey plans being approved by the Commission; these surveys should 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) Programmes submitted by Member States have been examined by the Commission against the guidelines established by Decision 2004/615/EC amending Decision 2004/111/EC on the implementation of surveys for avian influenza in poultry and wild birds in the Member States to be carried out during 2004, and found to be consistent with those guidelines; they should therefore be approved individually.

(4) Expenditures in relation to the programmes to be approved that have been incurred since 15 March 2004 shall also be eligible for co-financing.

(5) Cyprus has submitted a surveillance programme but due to the small scale of the investigations planned, has not requested a financial contribution from the Community; however the programme should be officially approved.

(6) Furthermore it is appropriate to lay down rules for reporting the results of the surveys and for the eligibility of the costs contained in the financial claim for a financial participation of the Community to the costs incurred by Member States for the implementation of the programme.

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

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[1] OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 19. Decision as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1).

[2] OJ L 32, 5.2.2004, p. 20. Decision as amended by Decision 2004/615/EC (OJ L 278, 27.8.2004, p. 59).

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HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. Member States shall carry out surveys for avian influenza in poultry and wild birds in accordance with the programmes listed in Annex I and hereby approved for the period as specified.

2. The financial contribution of the Community to the costs of sampling and for analysing samples shall be granted to each Member State up to the maximum amount laid down in Annex I.

This contribution shall be granted provided that the Member State:

(a) brings into force the laws, regulations or administrative provisions necessary for implementing its programme,

(b) forwards a final report to the Commission and to the Community Reference Laboratory for avian influenza by 15 March 2005 at the latest, on the technical execution of the programme and the results attained, according to the reporting models specified in Annex II, III, IV and V, and accompanied by justifying evidence as to the costs incurred during the period for which the programme is approved,

(c) implements the programme efficiently; in particular the competent authority shall ensure that appropriate samples are taken in poultry holdings or at abattoirs.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxemburg, Sweden, Spain, Portugal and the United Kingdom.

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ANNEX I

Member States' programmes for avian influenza surveys in poultry and wild birds

(in EUR)

Code	Member State	Period	Maximum amount for co-financing
AT	Austria	15 March 2004-15 March 2005	10 800,00
BE	Belgium	15 March 2004-15 March 2005	11 700,00
CY	Cyprus	15 March 2004-15 March 2005	—
CZ	Czech Republic	15 March 2004-15 March 2005	3 600,00
DE	Germany	15 March 2004-15 March 2005	78 500,00
DK	Denmark	15 March 2004-15 March 2005	72 600,00
EE	Estonia	15 March 2004-15 March 2005	2 600,00
EL	Greece	15 March 2004-15 March 2005	15 700,00
ES	Spain	15 March 2004-15 March 2005	34 300,00
FI	Finland	15 March 2004-15 March 2005	40 500,00
FR	France	15 March 2004-15 March 2005	148 900,00
HU	Hungary	15 March 2004-15 March 2005	7 800,00
IE	Ireland	15 March 2004-15 March 2005	32 300,00
IT	Italy	15 March 2004-15 March 2005	192 000,00
LT	Lithuania	15 March 2004-15 March 2005	4 200,00
LU	Luxembourg	15 March 2004-15 March 2005	1 900,00
LV	Latvia	15 March 2004-15 March 2005	2 500,00
MT	Malta	15 March 2004-15 March 2005	1 700,00
NL	The Netherlands	15 March 2004-15 March 2005	148 000,00
PL	Poland	15 March 2004-15 March 2005	32 000,00
PT	Portugal	15 March 2004-15 March 2005	18 700,00
SE	Sweden	15 March 2004-15 March 2005	28 500,00
SK	Slovakia	15 March 2004-15 March 2005	9 700,00
SI	Slovenia	15 March 2004-15 March 2005	5 500,00
UK	United Kingdom	15 March 2004-15 March 2005	85 600,00
Total			989 600,00

ANNEX II

Final report on sampled poultry holdings [a] **(except ducks and geese)**

Serological investigation according to guidelines point A on holdings of broilers (only when at risk)/fattening turkeys/chicken breeders/turkey breeders/laying hens/free range laying hens/ratites/farmed feathered game (pheasants, partridges, quails…)/'backyard flocks'/others (*delete as appropriate*)

Please use one form per poultry category!

Member State: Date: Reporting period from: to:

Region [b]	Total number of holdings [c]	Total number of holdings sampled	Total number of positive holdings	Number of positive holdings for subtype H 5	Number of 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 of one category of poultry in a region.

ANNEX III

Final report on data on duck and geese holdings [a] according to guidelines point B

SEROLOGICAL INVESTIGATION

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

Region [b]	Total number of duck and geese holdings	Total number of duck and geese holdings sampled	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 number of virological positive holdings	Number of virological positive holdings for subtype H5	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.

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ANNEX IV

Final report on data on wild birds — virological investigation according to guidelines point C

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 States or indication of location of bird-watching station(s).

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ANNEX V

Final financial report and payment application

One table per survey in poultry/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)