COMMISSION DECISION

of 5 October 2004

amending Decision 2004/630/EC approving the programmes for the implementation of Member States' surveys for avian influenza in poultry and wild birds during 2004, and laying down reporting and eligibility rules for the financial contribution from the Community to the implementation costs of those programmes

(notified under document number C(2004) 3607)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2004/679/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], 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.

(4) In view of difficulties experienced with the implementation of such programmes for the first time new Member States were granted an extended deadline for the submission of their programmes.

(5) Member States' programmes already submitted have been approved individually by Commission Decision 2004/630/EC [3] and granted a financial contribution.

(6) Programmes now submitted by the New Member States have been examined, found to be consistent with the established guidelines and should therefore be approved.

(7) Decision 2004/630/EC should therefore be amended in order to approve the individual programmes submitted by the New Member States; however in view of the experiences gained during recent major epidemics of avian influenza a re-allocation of the financial contribution by the Community should be made.

(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

Annex I of Decision 2004/630/EC is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 5 October 2004.

For the Commission
David BYRNE
Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 19. Decision as last amended by Directive 2003/99/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 325, 12.12.2003, p. 31).

[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).

[3] OJ L 287, 8.9.2004, p. 7.

ANNEX

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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'