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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 24(5) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Certain Member States have submitted programmes to the Commission for the eradication and the monitoring of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) 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 [2], programmes for the eradication and the 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) Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2001 laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies [3], lays down rules for monitoring and eradication of TSEs in bovine, ovine and caprine animals.

(4) In drawing up the lists of programmes for the eradication and the monitoring of TSEs qualifying for a financial contribution from the Community for 2005 and the proposed rate and maximum 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.

(5) The Member States have supplied the Commission with information enabling it to assess the interest for the Community of providing a financial contribution to the programmes for 2005.

(6) The Commission has considered each of the programmes 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 2005. The contribution for the monitoring of TSEs concerns the implementation of rapid tests, and for the eradication of TSEs, the destruction of animals found positive and the genotyping of animals.

(7) In view of the importance of those measures for the protection of public and animal health, as well as the relatively recent introduction of those monitoring programmes compared with the traditional disease eradication programmes and the obligatory application of these programmes in all Member States, a high

[1] OJ L 244, 18.8.1990, p. 19. Decision as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1).
[2] OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 103.
[3] OJ L 147, 31.5.2001, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1492/2004 (OJ L 274, 24.8.2004, p. 3).

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level of financial assistance from the Community should be ensured.

(8) It is therefore appropriate to adopt the list of programmes qualifying for a financial contribution from the Community in 2005 and to set the proposed rate and the maximum amount of those contributions.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The programmes for the monitoring of TSE (BSE and scrapie) listed in Annex I shall qualify for a financial contribution from the Community in 2005.

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

Article 2

1. The programmes for the eradication of BSE listed in Annex II shall qualify for a financial contribution from the Community in 2005.

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

Article 3

1. The programmes for the eradication of scrapie listed in Annex III shall qualify for a financial contribution from the Community in 2005.

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

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

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ANNEX I

List of programmes for the monitoring of TSEs

Rate and maximum amount of the Community financial contribution

(in EUR)

Disease	Member State	Rate tests (1) performed	Maximum amount
TSEs	Austria	100 %	2 076 000
	Belgium	100 %	3 586 000
	Cyprus	100 %	353 000
	Czech Republic	100 %	1 736 000
	Denmark	100 %	2 426 000
	Estonia	100 %	294 000
	Finland	100 %	1 170 000
	France	100 %	29 755 000
	Germany	100 %	15 170 000
	Greece	100 %	1 487 000
	Hungary	100 %	1 184 000
	Ireland	100 %	6 172 000
	Italy	100 %	8 677 000
	Lithuania	100 %	836 000
	Luxembourg	100 %	155 000
	Malta	100 %	36 000
	Netherlands	100 %	4 510 000
	Portugal	100 %	1 480 000
	Slovenia	100 %	444 000
	Spain	100 %	8 846 000
	Sweden	100 %	313 000
	United Kingdom	100 %	5 690 000
		Total	96 396 000

(1) Rapid tests and primary molecular tests.

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ANNEX II

List of programmes for the eradication of BSE

Maximum amount of the Community financial contribution

(in EUR)

Disease	Member State	Rate	Maximum amount
BSE	Austria	50 % culling	10 000
	Belgium	50 % culling	250 000
	Cyprus	50 % culling	25 000
	Czech Republic	50 % culling	2 500 000
	Denmark	50 % culling	200 000
	Estonia	50 % culling	25 000
	Finland	50 % culling	25 000
	France	50 % culling	500 000
	Germany	50 % culling	875 000
	Greece	50 % culling	150 000
	Ireland	50 % culling	4 000 000
	Italy	50 % culling	205 000
	Luxembourg	50 % culling	150 000
	Netherlands	50 % culling	450 000
	Portugal	50 % culling	975 000
	Slovak Republic	50 % culling	25 000
	Slovenia	50 % culling	25 000
	Spain	50 % culling	1 320 000
	United Kingdom	50 % culling	4 235 000
		Total	15 945 000

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ANNEX III

List of programmes for the eradication of scrapie

Maximum amount of the Community financial contribution

(in EUR)

Disease	Member State	Rate	Maximum amount
Scrapie	Austria	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	10 000
	Belgium	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	105 000
	Cyprus	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	5 565 000
	Czech Republic	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	20 000
	Denmark	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	5 000
	Estonia	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	10 000
	Finland	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	5 000
	France	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	1 300 000
	Germany	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	2 275 000
	Greece	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	1 555 000
	Hungary	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	5 000
	Ireland	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	800 000
	Italy	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	2 485 000
	Latvia	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	5 000
	Lithuania	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	5 000
	Luxembourg	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	35 000
	Netherlands	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	575 000
	Portugal	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	695 000
	Slovak Republic	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	340 000
	Slovenia	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	65 000
	Spain	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	9 525 000
	Sweden	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	10 000
	United Kingdom	50 % culling; 100 % genotyping	7 380 000
		Total	32 775 000