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of 2 February 2006

approving the 2006 technical action plan for the improvement of agricultural statistics

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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 96/411/EC of 25 June 1996 on improving Community agricultural statistics [1], and in particular Article 4(1) and Article 6(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) In accordance with Decision 96/411/EC, the Commission establishes a technical action plan for agricultural statistics each year.

(2) In accordance with Decision 96/411/EC, the Community contributes to the costs incurred by the Member States in making adaptations to national agricultural statistical systems or the costs of preparatory work for new or increasing needs which are part of a technical action plan.

(3) It is essential to improve and develop statistical information on rural development for the implementation of the related Community policies. This is a main area of the annual action plan.

(4) There is a need to consolidate the agricultural statistical system and to continue the work supported by the previous action plans in the areas of farm registers and small farms.

(5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in line with the opinion of the Standing Committee of Agricultural Statistics,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The 2006 technical action plan for improving agricultural statistics (TAPAS 2006), as set out in the Annex, is approved.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 2 February 2006.

For the Commission
Joaquín ALMUNIA
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 162, 1.7.1996, p. 14. Decision as last amended by Decision No 787/2004/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 138, 30.4.2004, p. 12).

ANNEX

2006 TECHNICAL ACTION PLAN FOR IMPROVING AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS (TAPAS 2006)

The measures covered by the 2006 technical action plan for improving agricultural statistics concerning the following areas:

(a) rural development,

(b) farm statistical registers,

(c) surveys on small farms (small units surveys).

The Commission will make a financial contribution to projects developed as part of these measures which will not exceed the amounts shown in Table A for each Member State.

Table A

Technical action plan 2006

Maximum financial contribution of the Community to expenditure incurred

(in EUR)

Countries	Rural development	Farm register	Small units	Total
BE	94 000			94 000
DK			10 000	10 000
DE	49 500			49 500
HU	16 806			16 806
NL		60 000		60 000
AT	51 214			51 214
FI		36 000		36 000
SE		40 000		40 000
Total	211 520	136 000	10 000	357 520