COMMISSION DECISION

of 28 November 2008

as regards a Community financial contribution for the year 2009 to certain Community reference laboratories in the feed and food control area

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(2008/912/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules [1], and in particular Article 32(7) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Community reference laboratories in the food and feed control area may be granted a Community financial contribution in accordance with Article 28 of Council Decision 90/424/EEC of 26 June 1990 on expenditure in the veterinary field [2].

(2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1754/2006 of 28 November 2006 laying down detailed rules for the granting of Community financial assistance to Community reference laboratories for feed and food and the animal health sector [3] provides that the financial contribution from the Community is to be granted if the approved work programmes are efficiently carried out and that the beneficiaries supply all the necessary information within certain time limits.

(3) In accordance with Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 1754/2006 the relationship between the Commission and each Community reference laboratories is laid down in a partnership agreement which is supported by a multiannual work programme.

(4) The Commission has assessed the work programmes and corresponding budget estimates submitted by the Community reference laboratories for the year 2009.

(5) Accordingly, a Community financial contribution should be granted to the Community reference laboratories designated in order to co-finance their activities to carry out the functions and duties provided for in Regulation (EC) No 882/2004. The Community's financial contribution should be at the rate of 100 % of eligible costs as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1754/2006.

(6) Regulation (EC) No 1754/2006 lays down eligibility rules for the workshops organised by the Community reference laboratories. It also limits the financial assistance to a maximum of 32 participants in workshops. Derogations to that limitation should be provided in accordance with Article 13(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1754/2006 to some Community reference laboratory that needs support for attendance by more than 32 participants in order to achieve the best outcome of its workshops.

(7) In accordance with Article 3(2)(a) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 of 21 June 2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy [4], animal disease eradication and control programmes (veterinary measures) shall be financed from the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF). Furthermore, Article 13, second paragraph of that Regulation foresees that in duly justified exceptional cases, for measures and programmes covered by Decision 90/424/EEC, expenditure relating to administrative and personnel costs incurred by Member States and beneficiaries of aid from the EAGF shall be borne by the Fund. For financial control purposes, Articles 9, 36 and 37 of Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 are to apply.

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

[1] OJ L 165, 30.4.2004, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 19.
[3] OJ L 331, 29.11.2006, p. 8.
[4] OJ L 209, 11.8.2005, p. 1.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The Community grants financial aid to the Laboratoire d'études et de recherches sur la qualité des aliments et sur les procédés agroalimentaires (LERQAP), of the Agence française de sécurité sanitaire des aliments (AFSSA), Maisons-Alfort, France, to carry out the functions and duties provided for in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, in particular for the analysis and testing of milk and milk products.

For the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009, that financial aid shall not exceed EUR 223 031.

2. In addition to the maximum amount provided for in paragraph 1, the Community grants financial aid to the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1 for the organisation of workshops. That aid shall not exceed EUR 23 000.

Article 2

1. The Community grants financial aid to the Rijksinstituut voor Volksgezondheid en Milieu (RIVM), Bilthoven, the Netherlands, to carry out the functions and duties provided for in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, in particular for the analysis and testing of zoonoses (salmonella).

For the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009, that financial aid shall not exceed EUR 337 509.

2. In addition to the maximum amount provided for in paragraph 1, the Community grants financial aid to the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1 for the organisation of workshops. That aid shall not exceed EUR 31 072.

Article 3

1. The Community grants financial aid to the Laboratorio de Biotoxinas Marinas, Agencia Española de Seguridad Alimentaria (Ministerio de Sanidad y Consumo), Vigo, Spain, to carry out the functions and duties provided for in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, in particular for the monitoring of marine biotoxins.

For the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009, that financial aid shall not exceed EUR 325 000.

2. In addition to the maximum amount provided for in paragraph 1, the Community grants financial aid to the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1 for the organisation of workshops. That aid shall not exceed EUR 42 560.

Article 4

1. The Community grants financial aid to the laboratory of the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science, Weymouth, United Kingdom, to carry out the functions and duties provided for in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, in particular for the monitoring of viral and bacteriological contamination of bivalve molluscs.

For the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009, that financial aid shall not exceed EUR 304 772.

2. In addition to the maximum amount provided for in paragraph 1, the Community grants financial aid to the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1 for the organisation of workshops. That aid shall not exceed EUR 36 505.

Article 5

1. The Community grants a financial contribution to the Laboratoire d'études et de recherches sur la qualité des aliments et sur les procédés agroalimentaires (LERQAP), of the Agence française de sécurité sanitaire des aliments (AFSSA), Maisons-Alfort, France, to carry out the functions and duties provided for in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, in particular for the analysis and testing of *Listeria monocytogenes*.

For the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009, that financial contribution shall not exceed EUR 277 377.

2. In addition to the maximum amount provided for in paragraph 1, the Community grants financial contribution to the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1 for the organisation of workshops. That contribution shall not exceed EUR 23 000.

Article 6

1. The Community grants financial aid to the Laboratoire d'études et de recherches sur la qualité des aliments et sur les procédés agroalimentaires (LERQAP), of the Agence française de sécurité sanitaire des aliments (AFSSA), Maisons-Alfort, France, to carry out the functions and duties provided for in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, in particular for the analysis and testing of Coagulase positive *Staphylococci*, including *Staphylococcus aureus*.

For the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009, that financial contribution shall not exceed EUR 245 406.

2. In addition to the maximum amount provided for in paragraph 1, the Community grants financial contribution to the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1 for the organisation of workshops. That contribution shall not exceed EUR 23 000.

Article 7

1. The Community grants financial contribution to the Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS), Rome, Italy, to carry out the functions and duties provided for in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, in particular for the analysis and testing of *Escherichia coli*, including Verotoxigenic *E. Coli* (VTEC).

For the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009, that financial contribution shall not exceed EUR 235 891.

2. In addition to the maximum amount provided for in paragraph 1, the Community grants financial contribution to the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1 for the organisation of workshops. That contribution shall not exceed EUR 32 000.

Article 8

1. The Community grants financial contribution to the Statens Veterinärmedicinska Anstalt (SVA), Uppsala, Sweden, to carry out the functions and duties provided for in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, in particular for the monitoring of *Campylobacter*.

For the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009, that financial contribution shall not exceed EUR 278 570.

2. In addition to the maximum amount provided for in paragraph 1, the Community grants financial contribution to the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1 for the organisation of workshops. That contribution shall not exceed EUR 40 000.

Article 9

1. The Community grants financial contribution to the Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS), Rome, Italy, to carry out the functions and duties provided for in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, in respect of analysis and testing of parasites (in particular *Trichinella, Echinococcus* and *Anisakis*).

For the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009, that financial contribution shall not exceed EUR 299 584.

2. In addition to the maximum amount provided for in paragraph 1, the Community grants financial contribution to the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1 for the organisation of workshops. That contribution shall not exceed EUR 32 000.

Article 10

1. The Community grants financial contribution to the Fødevareinstituttet, Danmarks Tekniske Universitet (DTU), Copenhagen, Denmark, to carry out the functions and duties provided for in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, in particular for the monitoring of antimicrobial resistance.

For the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009, that financial contribution shall not exceed EUR 436 345.

2. In addition to the maximum amount provided for in paragraph 1, the Community grants financial contribution to the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1 for the organisation of workshops. That contribution shall not exceed EUR 24 000.

Article 11

1. The Community grants financial contribution to the Centre wallon de recherches agronomiques (CRA-W), Gembloux, Belgium, to carry out the functions and duties provided for in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, in particular for the analysis and testing of animal proteins in feedingstuffs.

For the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009, that financial contribution shall not exceed EUR 566 999.

2. In addition to the maximum amount provided for in paragraph 1, the Community grants financial contribution to the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1 for the organisation of workshops. That contribution shall not exceed EUR 30 000.

Article 12

1. The Community grants financial aid to the Rijksinstituut voor Volksgezondheid en Milieuhygiëne (RIVM), Bilthoven, the Netherlands, to carry out the functions and duties provided for in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, in particular for residues of certain substances listed in Annex I to Council Directive 96/23/EC [1].

For the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009, that financial aid shall not exceed EUR 447 000.

[1] OJ L 125, 23.5.1996, p. 10.

2. In addition to the maximum amount provided for in paragraph 1, the Community grants financial aid to the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1 for the organisation of workshops. That aid shall not exceed EUR 30 000.

Article 13

1. The Community grants financial aid to the Laboratoire d'études et de recherches sur les médicaments vétérinaires et les désinfectants de l'Agence française de sécurité sanitaire des aliments, Fougères, France, to carry out the functions and duties provided for in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, in particular for residues of certain substances listed in Annex I to Directive 96/23/EC.

For the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009, that financial aid shall not exceed EUR 447 000.

2. In addition to the maximum amount provided for in paragraph 1, the Community grants financial aid to by the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1 for the organisation of workshops. That aid shall not exceed EUR 30 000.

Article 14

1. The Community grants financial aid to the Bundesamt für Verbraucherschutz und Lebensmittelsicherheit (BVL), Berlin, Germany, to carry out the functions and duties provided for in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, in particular for residues of certain substances listed in Annex I to Directive 96/23/EC.

For the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009, that financial aid shall not exceed EUR 447 000.

2. In addition to the maximum amount provided for in paragraph 1, the Community grants financial aid to the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1 for the organisation of workshops. That aid shall not exceed EUR 30 000.

Article 15

1. The Community grants financial aid to the Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome, Italy, to carry out the functions and duties provided for in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, in particular for residues of certain substances listed in Annex I to Directive 96/23/EC.

For the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009, that financial aid shall not exceed EUR 260 000.

2. In addition to the maximum amount provided for in paragraph 1, the Community grants financial aid to the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1 for the organisation of workshops. That aid shall not exceed EUR 26 000.

Article 16

1. The Community grants financial aid to the Veterinary Laboratories Agency, Addlestone, United Kingdom, to carry out the functions and duties provided in Chapter B of Annex X to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council [1], in particular for the monitoring of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies.

For the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009, that financial aid shall not exceed EUR 605 608.

2. In addition to the maximum amount provided for in paragraph 1, the Community grants financial aid to the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1 for the organisation of workshops. That aid shall not exceed EUR 68 995.

3. By way of derogation from Article 13(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1754/2006, the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1 shall be entitled to claim financial assistance for attendance by a maximum of 50 participants at one of its workshops referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article.

Article 17

The Community grants financial contribution to the Chemisches und Veterinäruntersuchungsamt (CVUA) Freiburg, Germany, to carry out the functions and duties provided for in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, in particular for the analysis and testing of residues of pesticides in food of animal origin and commodities with high fat content.

For the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009, that financial contribution shall not exceed EUR 198 900.

Article 18

1. The Community grants financial contribution to the Fødevareinstituttet, Danmarks Tekniske Universitet (DTU), Copenhagen, Denmark, to carry out the functions and duties provided for in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, in particular for the analysis and testing of residues of pesticides in cereals and feedingstuffs.

For the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009, that financial contribution shall not exceed EUR 198 900.

2. In addition to the maximum amount provided for in paragraph 1, the Community grants financial contribution to the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1 for the organisation of workshops. That contribution shall not exceed EUR 110 000.

[1] OJ L 147, 31.5.2001, p. 1.

3. By way of derogation from Article 13(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1754/2006, the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1 shall be entitled to claim financial assistance for attendance by a maximum of 110 participants at its workshops referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article.

Article 19

1. The Community grants financial contribution to the Laboratorio Agrario de la Generalitat Valenciana (LAGV)/Grupo de Residuos de Plaguicidas de la Universidad de Almería (PRRG), Spain, to carry out the functions and duties provided for in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, in particular for the analysis and testing of residues of pesticides in fruits and vegetables, including commodities with high water and high acid content.

For the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009, that financial contribution shall not exceed EUR 440 840.

2. In addition to the maximum amount provided for in paragraph 1, the Community grants financial contribution to the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1 for the organisation of workshops. That contribution shall not exceed EUR 10 000.

Article 20

The Community grants financial contribution to the Chemisches und Veterinäruntersuchungsamt (CVUA) Stuttgart, Germany, to carry out the functions and duties provided for in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, in particular for the analysis and testing of residues of pesticides by single residue methods.

For the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009, that financial contribution shall not exceed EUR 332 000.

Article 21

1. The Community grants financial contribution to the Chemisches und Veterinäruntersuchungsamt (CVUA) Freiburg, Germany, to carry out by the functions and duties provided for in Article 32 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, in particular for the analysis and testing of dioxins and PCBs in feed and food.

For the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009, that financial contribution shall not exceed EUR 432 000.

2. In addition to the maximum amount provided for in paragraph 1, the Community grants financial contribution to the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1 for the organisation of workshops. That contribution shall not exceed EUR 55 410.

Article 22

The Community's financial contribution referred to in Articles 1 to 21 shall be at the rate of 100 % of eligible costs as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1754/2006.

Article 23

This Decision is addressed to the:

— for milk and milk products: Laboratoire d'études et de recherches sur la qualité des aliments et sur les procédés agroalimentaires (LERQAP), of the Agence française de sécurité sanitaire des aliments (AFSSA), 23 avenue du Général de Gaulle, 94700 Maisons-Alfort, France,

— for the analysis and testing of zoonoses (salmonella): Rijksinstituut voor Volksgezondheid en Milieu (RIVM), Postbus 1, Anthony van Leeuwenhoeklaan 9, 3720 BA Bilthoven, The Netherlands,

— for the monitoring of marine biotoxins: Laboratorio de Biotoxinas Marinas, Agencia Española de Seguridad Alimentaria (Ministerio de Sanidad y Consumo), Estacion Maritima, s/n, 36200 Vigo, Spain,

— for monitoring the viral and bacteriological contamination of bivalve molluscs: Laboratory of the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS), Weymouth Laboratory, Barrack Road, The Nothe, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 8UB, United Kingdom,

— for *Listeria monocytogenes*: Laboratoire d'études et de recherches sur la qualité des aliments et sur les procédés agroalimentaires (LERQAP), of the Agence française de sécurité sanitaire des aliments (AFSSA), 23 avenue du Général de Gaulle, 94700 Maisons-Alfort, France,

— for coagulase positive *Staphylococci*, including *Staphylococcus aureus*: Laboratoire d'études et de recherches sur la qualité des aliments et sur les procédés agroalimentaires (LERQAP), of the Agence française de sécurité sanitaire des aliments (AFSSA), 23 avenue du Général de Gaulle, 94700 Maisons-Alfort, France,

— for *Escherichia coli*, including Verotoxigenic *E. Coli* (VTEC): Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS), Viale Regina Elena 299, 00161 Roma, Italy,

— for *Campylobacter*: Statens Veterinärmedicinska Anstalt (SVA), Ulls väg 2 B, 751 89 Uppsala, Sweden,

— for parasites (in particular *Trichinella, Echinococcus* and *Anisakis*): Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS), Viale Regina Elena 299, 00161 Roma, Italy,

— for antimicrobial resistance: Fødevareinstituttet, Danmarks Tekniske Universitet (DTU), Bülowsvej 27, 1790 Copenhagen V, Denmark,

— for animal proteins in feedingstuffs: Centre wallon de recherches agronomiques (CRA-W), Chaussée de Namur 24, 5030 Gembloux, Belgium,

— for residues: Rijksinstituut voor Volksgezondheid en Milieu (RIVM), Postbus 1, Anthony van Leeuwenhoeklaan 9, 3720 BA Bilthoven, The Netherlands,

— for residues: Laboratoire d'études et de recherches sur les médicaments vétérinaires et les désinfectants de l'Agence française de sécurité sanitaire des aliments (AFSSA), Site de Fougères, BP 90203, 35302 Fougères, France,

— for residues: Bundesamt für Verbraucherschutz und Lebensmittelsicherheit, Postfach 100214, Mauerstrasse 39-42, 10562 Berlin, Germany,

— for residues: Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS), Viale Regina Elena 299, 00161 Roma, Italy,

— for transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs): Veterinary Laboratories Agency, Woodham Lane, New Haw, Addlestone, Surrey KT15 3NB, United Kingdom,

— for the analysis and testing of residues of pesticides in food of animal origin: Chemisches und Veterinäruntersuchungsamt (CVUA), Postfach 100462, Bissierstrasse 5, 79114 Freiburg, Germany,

— for the analysis and testing of residues of pesticides in cereals: Fødevareinstituttet, Danmarks Tekniske Universitet (DTU), Department of Food Chemistry, Moerkhoej Bygade 19, 2860 Soeborg, Denmark,

— for the analysis and testing of residues of pesticides in fruits and vegetables: Laboratorio Agrario de la Generalitat Valenciana (LAGV)/Grupo de Residuos de Plaguicidas de la Universidad de Almería (PRRG), Ctra. Sacramento s/n, La Canada de San Urbano, 04120 Almeria, Spain,

— for the analysis and testing of residues of pesticides by single residue methods: Chemisches und Veterinäruntersuchungsamt (CVUA), Postfach 1206, Schaflandstrasse 3/2, 70736 Stuttgart, Germany,

— for the analysis and testing of dioxins and PCBs in feed and food: Chemisches und Veterinäruntersuchungsamt (CVUA), Postfach 100462, Bissierstrasse 5, 79114 Freiburg, Germany.

Done at Brussels, 28 November 2008.

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