

COMMISSION DECISION

of 18 March 1996

on the organization in Ireland of training programmes for personnel working in
the veterinary sector

(Only the English text is authentic)

(96/234/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/424/EEC of 26
June 1990 on expenditure in the veterinary sector⁽¹⁾, as
last amended by Decision 94/370/EC⁽²⁾, and in particular
Article 36, paragraph 2 thereof,

Whereas the Irish authorities have asked the Commission
to entrust the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University
College Dublin, with the organization of refresher courses
meeting the requirements laid down in Article 36 of
Decision 90/424/EEC;

Whereas rules should be established to determine how
such courses should be organized and to fix the financial
participation of the Community;

Whereas because of the objectives of this measure the
courses should be open to supervision by persons from
other Member States appointed for this purpose;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in
accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary
Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the purposes of this Decision, the responsible authority shall be the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University College Dublin, represented by the Dean of Faculty.

Article 2

The responsible authority shall undertake:

1. to organize in 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000 training programmes for personnel working in the veterinary sector. The nature, content and timetable of these courses shall be as set out in the Annex;
2. to reserve half of the places offered for official personnel from other Member States. Account shall be

taken in the allocation of places, of a balance between the Member States;

3. to avail if necessary of the provisions of Article 36 (1), line 2 of Decision 90/424/EEC;
4. to present an annual report on the progress of the courses to the Commission and the Member States within the framework of the Standing Veterinary Committee, the first report to be presented in December 1996.

Article 3

The financial participation of the Community is fixed as follows:

- 50 % of the costs incurred by the responsible authority for the training of Irish personnel working in the veterinary sector and 25 % of the costs of the accommodation of these personnel,
- 100 % of the costs incurred by the responsible authority for the accommodation and training of personnel from other Member States.

Article 4

1. The costs referred to in the first indent of Article 3 shall be as follows:

- cost of instruction (lecturers' fees),
- cost of equipment (hire of venue, teaching materials, equipment and background material),
- general organizational costs, but restricted to a maximum of 20 % of the costs claimed under the first two indents above,
- travel and subsistence costs of lecturers,
- accommodation costs for Irish participants.

2. The costs referred to in the second indent of Article 3 shall be as follows:

- cost referred to in paragraph 1, indents 1 — 4 inclusive,
- the cost of providing information to responsible authorities in other Member States concerning the training courses,
- the cost of linguistic support needed to ensure the operation of the programme,
- accommodation costs of participants from other Member States.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 19.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 168, 2. 7. 1994, p. 31.

Article 5

1. The Community's financial contribution shall be granted after presentation of the supporting documents.
2. At the request of the responsible authority an advance may be granted to a maximum of 50 % of the estimated costs of one course. The request must be presented by the responsible authority before 30 June 1996.

Article 6

On the basis of a report by the responsible authority the Commission shall draw up before 31 December 2000 a review of the educational and financial aspects.

Depending on the results, a further decision may be taken on the extension and improvement of future training measures.

Article 7

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 18 March 1996.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

*ANNEX I***Nature of the courses**

1. The various training courses are intended for persons working within the veterinary sector. The courses are designed to widen existing knowledge and strengthen mutual trust by means of the exchange of experience.
 2. In principle, the courses will last for two weeks and there will be 30 places on each. The courses will combine theory and practice. As part of each course the participants will prepare and present reports on topics of relevance to the Community.
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ANNEX II

1. COURSE No 1

Diagnosis, management and control of certain diseases in cattle, sheep and goats

The aim of this course is to examine diagnostic, management and control aspects of certain diseases.

The following diseases will be discussed:

Cattle

- Tuberculosis
- Brucellosis
- Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy
- Paratuberculosis
- Enzootic Bovine Leucosis

Sheep and Goats

- Scrapie
- Maedi/visna
- *Brucella melitensis*

In addition other disease of zoonotic importance will be addressed.

The course will include:

- an examination of the relevant Community provisions,
- a description of the decision making processes in the Community veterinary field,
- discussion of application of Community legislation at national level.

The practical components will include:

- appropriate field trips (farm visits, etc.),
- workshops on data collection and analysis, geographic information systems,
- demonstration of information systems (Animo),
- demonstration of modern aids to diagnosis (laboratory visit).

2. COURSE No 2

Diagnosis, management and control of certain diseases in pigs, poultry and horses

The aim of this course is to examine diagnostic, management and control aspects of certain diseases.

The following diseases will be discussed:

Pigs

- Aujeszky's disease
- Transmissible gastro-enteritis
- Porcine brucellosis

Poultry

- Newcastle disease
- Avian influenza
- Mycoplasmosis

Horses

- Equine viral arteritis
- African horse sickness
- Equine infectious anaemia

In addition other diseases of zoonotic importance will be addressed.

The course will include:

- an examination of the relevant Community provisions,
- a description of the decision-making processes in the Community veterinary field,
- discussion of the application of Community legislation at national level.

The practical components will include:

- appropriate field trips (farm visits, etc.),
- workshops on data collection and analysis, geographic information systems,
- demonstration of information systems (Animo),
- demonstration of modern aids to diagnosis (laboratory visit).

3. COURSE No 3

Animal welfare

The aim of this course is to enable participants to recognize the principal animal stress factors they are likely to encounter in the course of their official duties.

The major items will be:

- protection of animals during transport,
- protection of animals at slaughter,
- protection of animals on the farm (poultry, pigs and calves).

The course will include:

- an examination of the relevant Community and Council of Europe provisions,
- a description of the decision-making processes in the Community veterinary field,
- discussion of the application of Community legislation at national level.

The practical components will include:

- appropriate field trips (farm and slaughterhouse visits),
- demonstration of transport conditions and means of transport,
- demonstration of loading of animals for transport by road and/or sea.

4. COURSE No 4

Public health — fresh meat (bovine and ovine)

The aim of this course is to examine the principles of the hygienic production of fresh meat with a view to the protection of public health.

Particular attention will be paid to:

- ante- and post-mortem inspection procedures,
- application of the hazard analysis critical control point in slaughterhouse systems,
- regime of checking for residues,
- microbiological controls.

The course will include:

- an examination of the relevant Community provisions,
- a description of the decision-making processes in the Community veterinary field,
- discussion of the application of Community legislation at national level.

The practical components will include:

- appropriate field trips (slaughterhouse visits),
 - demonstration of laboratory aids for microbiological controls and residue checks,
 - workshops on data collection and analysis,
 - presentation and discussion of on-farm assurance schemes.
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*ANNEX III***PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**

September 1996	Course No 1
April 1997	Course No 2
September 1997	Course No 3
April 1998	Course No 4
September 1998	Course No 1
April 1999	Course No 2
September 1999	Course No 3
April 2000	Course No 4

ANNEX IV

ESTIMATED COSTS

(Five-year programme of eight courses)

(Irish punts)

	Item	Cost to Irish authorities	Cost to Commission	Total
1	Cost of instruction	20 000	60 000	80 000
2	Cost of books, equipment, teaching materials and venue	7 440	42 320	49 760
	— teaching material in English	2 400	7 200	9 600
	— teaching material in other languages		20 000	20 000
	— hire of venue	5 040	15 120	20 160
3	General organization costs	6 488	19 464	25 952
4	Travel and subsistence costs of teaching staff	17 600	52 800	70 400
5	Cost of information and communication to authorities in other Member States		8 000	8 000
6	Cost of linguistic services, equipment, fees and expenses		196 000	196 000
7	Accommodation costs of participants from other Member States		132 000	132 000
8	Accommodation costs of participants from Ireland	99 000	33 000	132 000
9	Total	150 528	543 584	694 112