

COMMISSION DECISION

of 14 July 1978

on financial assistance from the Community in making good losses incurred following the outbreak of African swine fever in Sardinia

(78/675/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 77/97/EEC of 21 December 1976 on the financing by the Community of certain emergency measures in the field of animal health⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 1 (1) thereof,

Whereas African swine fever has been found in several localities in Sardinia; whereas the appearance of this exotic disease is a serious danger to the Community's livestock and in order to help eradicate the disease rapidly the Community should assist in making good the losses so caused;

Whereas as soon as the presence of African swine fever was officially confirmed Italy took all the measures specified in Article 1 of the abovementioned Council Decision; whereas the conditions for Community financial assistance are consequently met; whereas to be fully effective the Community's assistance should be the maximum authorized in the said Council Decision;

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

The Community shall pay 50 % of the expenditure incurred by Italy on:

- compensating owners for the slaughter and destruction of pigs,
- and
- disinfecting farms

following all outbreaks of African swine fever detected in Sardinia up to 31 July 1978.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 14 July 1978.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 78.