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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 27 April 1988

on applications for reimbursement and the payment of advances in respect of
aids granted pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1400/86

(Only the French text is authentic)

(88/286/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1400/86 of 6 May 1986 introducing a common measure for the encouragement of agriculture by improving the rearing of beef cattle in certain less-favoured areas of France⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 8 (4) thereof,

Whereas applications for reimbursement and applications for the payment of advances to be presented by France to the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) must include certain items of information making it possible to verify that the expenditure complies with the provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 1400/86 and the programme presented by France, endorsed by the Commission in accordance with Article 3 (3) of that Regulation;

Whereas, to allow for effective verification, France must hold all supporting documentation at the disposal of the Commission for a period of three years after payment of the last reimbursement;

Whereas to enable payment of the advances provided for in Article 8 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1400/86 to be implemented, rules relating to procedures in this connection must be laid down;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF),

Article 1

1. The reimbursement applications referred to in Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1400/86 must comply with the tables given in Annexes I to III.

2. France shall submit to the Commission, with the first reimbursement application, texts of the national implementing and verification provisions and of the administrative instructions, and the forms and all other documents relating to the administrative implementation of the measure.

Article 2

France shall hold at the disposal of the Commission for three years after payment of the last reimbursement all the supporting documents or certified copies thereof in its possession on the basis of which the aids provided for by Regulation (EEC) No 1400/86 were approved, and also the applications for reimbursement and advances established.

Article 3

The applications for advances referred to in Article 8 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1400/86 must comply with the tables given in Annexes IV and V.1 to V.6.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 128, 14. 5. 1986, p. 1.

Article 4

1. The EAGGF Guidance Section advances may not exceed 80 % of the Community contribution to the financing of the expenditure provided for during the reference year.

2. Advances not disbursed during the year for which they have been paid shall be deducted from the advance to be paid in respect of the following year.

3. Advances in respect of the following year may not be paid before the following documents have been submitted to the Commission :

— either a report drawn up in accordance with the Table in Annex VI reviewing the progress of the operations

during the preceding year for which advances were paid,

— or the final application for reimbursement established in accordance with Article 1 (1).

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to France.

Done at Brussels, 27 April 1988.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESEN

Vice-President

ANNEX I

Application for reimbursement of expenditure during 19.. pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1400/86 introducing a common measure for the encouragement of agriculture by improving the rearing of beef cattle in certain less-favoured areas of France⁽¹⁾

SUMMARY TABLE

(in FF)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Type of measure	Expenditure effected by France	Eligible expenditure effected by France	Reimbursement applied for to the EAGGF	Advance already paid by the EAGGF	Balance to be reimbursed
Joint/land-development measures (totals of Annex II.1)					
Improvement of beef cattle rearing conditions (totals of Annex II.2 (a) and (b))					
Closer monitoring of beef bull yields (totals of Annex II.3)					
Forestry measures (totals of Annex II.4)					
Improvement of rural infrastructure (totals of Annex II.5)					
Promotion measures (totals of Annex II.6)					
Total					
Recoveries (totals of Annex III)					
Net total					

Declaration to be presented with the application for reimbursement of expenditure effected pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1400/86

It is confirmed that :

- (a) the work and expenditure for which reimbursement is requested has been carried out in accordance with the provisions laid down in the programme endorsed by the Commission ;
- (b) France has proper facilities for effective monitoring of the elements used to calculate the aids paid eligible under the Fund ;
- (c) the measures have been implemented in the less-favoured areas of the Massif Central within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC⁽²⁾, where the area of permanent grassland represents at least 65 % of the utilized agricultural area by commune, except for the regions referred to by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2088/85⁽³⁾ ;

⁽¹⁾ The information provided for in Article 7 of the Regulation must also be sent to the Commission. If certain types of aid in the present Regulation are included in subsequent integrated programmes, it is necessary to indicate these costs clearly.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 128, 19. 5. 1975, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 197, 27. 7. 1985, p. 1.

- (d) the aids for cattle farming concern only beef breeds or crosses thereof;
- (e) no reimbursement is applied for of expenditure in respect of investments or work qualifying for aids under Article 17 or Article 20 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 797/85 ⁽¹⁾ or which may attract Community aids under other common measures within the meaning of Article 6 (1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 ⁽²⁾;
- (f) the eligible expenditure is the result of real expenditure and complies with the limits and conditions laid down in Article 6 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1400/86;
- (g) the dates of the grant aid decisions are after 1 August 1987;
- (h) the aid beneficiaries have been informed, as appropriate, of the percentage of appropriations coming from the Community;
- (i) where there is public procurement, Community rules relating to the opening of public works and supply contracts mentioned in Council Directives 71/305/EEC ⁽³⁾ and 77/62/EEC ⁽⁴⁾ have been complied with.

Date, stamp and signature of the competent authority:

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 93, 30. 3. 1985, p. 1.
⁽²⁾ OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 13.
⁽³⁾ OJ No L 185, 16. 8. 1971, p. 5.
⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 13, 15. 1. 1977, p. 1.

ANNEX III

Application for reimbursement of expenditure effected during 19... pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1400/86

Joint land-development measures: Article 1 (4) (a) of the Regulation

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Department	Number of groups	Number of holdings	Nature of operations	Areas affected by work (ha, a, ca)	Total cost of work (FF)	Real expenditure effected by France (FF)	Eligible expenditure (FF)	Reimbursement applied for to the EAGGF (FF)
			(¹)	(²)				
Drainage								
Pasture improvement work								
Consolidation and related work								
Total								

(¹) Give, for all departments, the nature of the operations.

(²) Areas on the basis of which the aids are calculated.

ANNEX II.2

Application for reimbursement of expenditure effected during 19... pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1400/86

Improvement of conditions for rearing beef cattle : Article 1 (4) (b) of the Regulation

(a) Joint equipment for the production of fodder (not including forestry equipment)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Department	Nature of investments	Number of investments	Number of groups	Number of holdings	Total cost of investments (FF)	Real expenditure effected by France (FF)	Eligible expenditure (FF)	Reimbursement applied for to the EAGGF (FF)
	(¹)							
Total								

(¹) Give, for all the departments, the nature of each type of investment.

(b) Health improvement of herd

1	2	3	4	5	6
Department	Type of health improvement work	Total cost of work (FF)	Real expenditure effected by France (FF)	Eligible expenditure (FF)	Reimbursement applied for to the EAGGF (FF)
		(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
Total					

(¹) Itemize by type of health measure and by department.

ANNEX II.3

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Closer monitoring of beef bull yields: Article 1 (4) (c) of the Regulation

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Department	Type of measure	Number of holdings concerned	Number of bulls (initial selection)	Total cost of operations (FF)	Real expenditure effected by France (FF)	Eligible expenditure (FF)	Reimbursement applied for to the EAGGF (FF)
Total							

ANNEX II.4

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Forestry measures : Article 1 (4) (d) of the Regulation

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Department	Number of holdings	Investment units	Costs (FF)	Real expenditure effected by France (FF)	Eligible expenditure (FF)	Reimbursement applied for to the EAGGF (FF)
Afforestation ⁽²⁾		(1)				
Forestry improvements						
Hedges						
Forestry access						
Land improvement						
Forestry equipment ⁽²⁾						
Total						

(1) Give the area (in ha, a, ca), except for the headings 'Forestry access' (give the length in metres), and 'Forestry equipment' (give the number of items bought).

(2) Distinguish, as appropriate, afforestation and reforestation, using two separate lines.

(3) Only collective equipment needed for the management of the wooded parcels.

ANNEX II.5

Application for reimbursement of expenditure effected during 19... pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1400/86

Rural infrastructure improvement: Article 1 (4) (e) of the Regulation

1 Department	2 Number of centres served concerning:			3 Length of roads or tracks concerned (m)	4 Total cost of work (FF)	5 Financial contributions from beneficiaries (FF)	6 Total expenditure of France (FF)	7 Eligible expenditure (FF)	8 Reimbursement applied for to the EAGGF (FF)
	agricultural holdings	inhabitants depending on agriculture	other village inhabitants						
Electrification						(1)			
Provision of drinking water									
Construction of tracks									
Improvement of tracks									
Total									

(1) Financial contribution from the beneficiary not less than 10 % of the cost of the work.

ANNEX II.6

Application for reimbursement of expenditure effected during 19... pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1400/86

Promotion measures: Article 1 (4) (f) of the Regulation

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Department	Identification of technicians	Dates of recruitment	Nature of their work	Real cost of promotion measures (FF)	Total expenditure of France (FF)	Eligible aids (FF)	Reimbursement applied for to the EAGGF (FF)
	(¹)			(²)	(²)	(²)	
Strengthening technical assistance							
Informations campaigns							
Total							

(¹) A maximum of 14 newly-recruited technicians.

(²) Real costs by technician occasioned during the relevant year.

(³) Explain the system of degressive aid during the period of the common measure (total aid not to exceed 80 % of real costs).

ANNEX IV

Application for advance payment in respect of 19... for expenditure planned to be effected pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1400/86 introducing a common measure for the encouragement of agriculture by improving the rearing of beef cattle in certain less-favoured areas of France⁽¹⁾

SUMMARY TABLE

(in FF)

1	2	3	4	5
Type of measure	Expenditure planned by France	Eligible expenditure planned by France	Reimbursement to be applied for to the EAGGF	Advance applied for to the EAGGF
Joint land-development measures (totals in Annex V.1)				
Improvement of beef cattle rearing conditions (totals in Annex V.2 (a) and (b))				
Closer monitoring of beef bull yields (totals in Annex V.3)				
Forestry measures (totals in Annex V.4)				
Improvement of rural infrastructure (totals in Annex V.5)				
Promotion measures (totals in Annex V.6)				
Total				

It is confirmed that :

- (a) the work and expenditure planned are in accordance with the provisions of the programmes endorsed by the Commission ;
- (b) no financial contribution from the Community pursuant to nder Regulation (EEC) No 1400/86 is requested in respect of investments or work attracting aids pursuant Article 17 or Article 20 of Regulation (EEC) No 797/85 or which may attract Community aids under other common measures within the meaning of Article 6 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 ;
- (c) the costs shown in columns 2 or 3 correspond to expenditure to be effected during the year for which the advances are applied for ;
- (d) appropriations to cover the national financial contribution are available and will be paid during the year for which the advances have been applied for ;
- (e) the advances will be placed at the disposal of the agencies and farmers bearing the financial cost of the work during the year for which the advances are applied for ;
- (f) the beneficiaries referred to above will be informed in an appropriate manner, on payment of the aids, of the share of the funds coming from the Community (an information memorandum on the procedure laid down for this purpose is attached to this application) ;
- (g) where there is public procurement, the Community rules on the availability of public works and supplies contracts set out in Directives 71/305/EEC and 77/62/EEC have been complied with.

Date, stamp and signature of the competent authority :

⁽¹⁾ If certain types of aid in the present Regulation are included in subsequent integrated programmes, it is necessary to indicate these costs clearly.

ANNEX VI

Application for payment of an advance in respect of 19... for expenditure planned pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1400/86

Joint land-development measures: Article 1 (4) (a) of the Regulation

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Department	Number of groups	Number of holdings	Nature of operations	Areas affected by work planned (ha, a, ca)	Total estimated cost of work (FF)	Expenditure planned to be effected by France (FF)	Expected eligible expenditure (FF)	Reimbursement planned to be applied for (FF)	Advance applied for to EAGGF (FF)
Drainage			(1)	(2)					
Pasture improvement work									
Consolidation and related work									
Total									

(1) Give, for all departments, the nature of the operations.

(2) Areas on the basis of which the aids are calculated.

ANNEX V.4

Application for payment of advances in respect of 19.. for expenditure planned pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1400/86

Forestry measures: Article 1 (4) (d) of the Regulation

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Department	Number of holdings	Investment units	Excepted costs (FF)	Expenditure planned to be effected by France (FF)	Expected eligible expenditure (FF)	Reimbursement planned to be applied for (FF)	Advance applied for to EAGGF (FF)
Afforestation (1)		(1)					
Forestry improvements							
Hedges							
Forestry access							
Land improvement							
Forestry equipment (2)							
Total							

(1) Give the area (in ha, a, ca), except for the headings 'Forestry access' (give the length in metres), and 'Forestry equipment' (give the number of items bought).

(2) Distinguish, as appropriate, afforestation and reforestation, using two separate lines.

(3) Only collective equipment needed for the management of the wooded parcels.

ANNEX V.5

Application for payment of advances in respect of 19... for expenditure planned pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1400/86

Rural infrastructure improvement: Article 1 (4) (e) of the Regulation

1	2			3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Number of centres served concerning:									
Department	agricultural holdings	inhabitants depending on agriculture	other village inhabitants	Length of roads or tracks concerned (m)	Expected total cost of work (FF)	Expected financial contributions from beneficiaries (FF)	Expenditure planned to be effected by France (FF)	Expected eligible expenditure (FF)	Reimbursement planned to be applied for (FF)	Advance applied for to EAGGF (FF)
Electrification						(¹)				
Provision of drinking water										
Construction of tracks										
Improvement of tracks										
Total										

(¹) Financial contribution from the beneficiary not less than 10 % of the cost of the work.

ANNEX V.6

Application for payment of advances in respect of 19... for expenditure planned pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1400/86

Promotion measures: Article 1 (4) (f) of the Regulation

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Department	Identification of technicians	Dates of recruitment	Nature of their work	Expected cost of promotion measures (FF)	Expenditure planned to be effected by France (FF)	Expected eligible expenditure (FF)	Reimbursement planned to be applied for (FF)	Advance applied for to EAGGF (FF)
	(1)	(2)		(3)	(4)	(4)		
Strengthening technical assistance								
Information campaigns								
Total								

(1) A maximum of 14 newly-recruited technicians.

(2) All expected recruitment dates.

(3) Expected costs per technician, to be incurred during the relevant year.

(4) Total expenditure not to exceed 80 % of real costs on the basis of the degressive system.

ANNEX VI

Report concerning the use of the advances paid in respect of 19... pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1400/86

1 Department	2 Total cost of operations			3 Total expenditure of France			4 Total eligible expenditure			5 Advances	
	planned	outcome	%	planned	outcome	%	planned	outcome	%	receive	pay
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Joint land-development measures											
Improvement of beef cattle rearing conditions											
Closer monitoring of beef bull yields											
Forestry measures											
Rural infrastructure improvement											
Promotion measures											
Total											

(1) Figures in Annexes IV, V.1 to V.6.

(2) During the year for which the advance was granted.

(3) Advances received on the part of the EAGGF.

(4) Advances paid to the beneficiaries bearing the financial cost of the operations.

(5) If the percentage is less than 80 or more than 120, attach an explanation on a separate sheet.

Date, stamp and signature of the competent authority: