

COMMISSION DECISION

of 28 November 1997

approving the programme for the eradication of scrapie for 1998 presented by France and fixing the level of the Community's financial contribution

(Only the French text is authentic)

(98/48/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Article 1

Having regard to Council Decision 90/424/EEC of 26 June 1990 on expenditure in the veterinary field⁽¹⁾ as last amended by Decision 94/370/EC⁽²⁾ and in particular Article 24 thereof,

The programme for the eradication of scrapie presented by France is hereby approved for the period from 1 January to 31 December 1998.

Article 2

Whereas Decision 90/424/EEC provides for the possibility of financial participation by the Community in the eradication and surveillance of scrapie;

France shall bring into force by 1 January 1998 the laws, regulations and administrative provisions for implementing the programme referred to in Article 1.

Whereas by letter, France has submitted a programme for the eradication of scrapie;

Article 3

Whereas after examination of the programme it was found to comply with all Community criteria relating to the eradication of the disease in conformity with Council Decision 90/638/EEC of 27 November 1990 laying down Community criteria for the eradication and monitoring of certain animal diseases⁽³⁾ as amended by Directive 92/65/EEC⁽⁴⁾;

1. Financial participation by the Community shall be at the rate of 50% of the costs for implementing the programme by France up to a maximum of ECU 800 000.

Whereas this programme appears on the priority list of programmes for the eradication and surveillance of animal diseases which can benefit from financial participation from the Community in 1998 and which was established by Commission Decision 97/681/EC⁽⁵⁾;

2. The financial contribution of the Community shall be granted subject to:

— forwarding a report to the Commission every three months on the progress of the programme and the costs incurred,

— forwarding a final report on the technical execution of the programme accompanied by justifying evidence as to the costs incurred by 1 June 1999 at the latest,

Whereas in the light of the importance of the programme for the achievement of Community objectives, it is appropriate to fix the financial participation of the Community at 50% of the costs incurred by France up to a maximum of ECU 800 000;

and provided that Community veterinary legislation has been respected.

Article 4

Whereas a financial contribution from the Community shall be granted in so far as the actions provided for are carried out and provided that the authorities furnish all the necessary information within the time limit provided for;

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 28 November 1997.

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

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 19.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 168, 2. 7. 1994, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 347, 12. 12. 1990, p. 27.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 268, 13. 9. 1992, p. 54.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 286, 18. 10. 1997, p. 11.