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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 19 May 1998

amending for the second time Decisions 96/534/EC and 96/535/EC on financial assistance from the Community for storage of antigen for production of foot-and-mouth disease vaccine in Italy and the United Kingdom

(notified under document number C(1998) 1358)

(Only the English and Italian texts are authentic)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(98/389/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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 14 thereof,

Whereas by virtue of Council Decision 91/666/EEC of 11 December 1991 establishing Community reserves of foot-and-mouth disease vaccines⁽³⁾, establishment of antigen banks is part of the Community's action to create Community reserves of foot-and-mouth disease vaccine;

Whereas Article 3 of that Decision designates the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale di Brescia in Italy and the Institute for Animal Health, Pirbright, United Kingdom as antigen banks holding Community reserves;

Whereas the functions and duties of these antigen banks are specified in Article 4 of that Decision; whereas

Community assistance must be conditional on accomplishment of these;

Whereas Community financial assistance should be granted to these banks to enable them to carry out the said functions and duties;

Whereas by Commission Decision 96/534/EC of 4 September 1996 on financial assistance from the Community for storage in Italy of antigen for production of foot-and-mouth disease vaccine⁽⁴⁾ the Community provided financial assistance to Italy for the stocking of antigen for production of foot-and-mouth disease vaccine for the period 1 August 1996 to 31 July 1997;

Whereas by Commission Decision 96/535/EC of 4 September 1996 on financial assistance from the Community for storage in the United Kingdom of antigen for production of foot-and-mouth disease vaccine⁽⁵⁾ the Community provided financial assistance to the United Kingdom for the stocking of antigen for the production of foot-and-mouth disease vaccine for the period 1 August 1996 to 31 July 1997;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 19.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 168, 2. 7. 1994, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 368, 31. 12. 1991, p. 21.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 229, 10. 9. 1996, p. 14.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 229, 10. 9. 1996, p. 16.

Whereas by Commission Decision 97/592/EC⁽¹⁾ amendments were made to Commission Decisions 96/534/EC and 96/535/EC whereby financial assistance could be provided for the storage of antigen in Italy and in the United Kingdom until 31 December 1997;

Whereas the payment of financial assistance is related to presentation of supporting documents;

Whereas a request has been made for an extended period for the submission of supporting documents;

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

In Article 4 of Decisions 96/534/EC and 96/535/EC the date '1 October 1997' is replaced by '1 July 1998'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 19 May 1998.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 239, 30. 8. 1997, p. 50.