

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 14 October 2003

**on the list of programmes for the eradication and the monitoring of certain TSEs qualifying for a financial contribution from the Community in 2004***(notified under document number C(2003) 3713)*

(2003/746/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 <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 24(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Member States and certain acceding Member States have submitted programmes to the Commission for the eradication and the monitoring of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) for which they wish to receive a financial contribution from the Community.
- (2) Under Council Regulation (EC) No 1258/1999 of 17 May 1999 on the financing of the common agricultural policy <sup>(3)</sup>, programmes for the eradication and the monitoring of animal diseases shall be financed under the Guarantee Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund. For financial control purposes, Articles 8 and 9 of that Regulation are to apply.
- (3) Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2001 laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies <sup>(4)</sup>, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1234/2003 <sup>(5)</sup>, lays down rules for monitoring TSEs in bovine, ovine and caprine animals.
- (4) Article 32 of the Treaty of Accession of 2003 lays down that the new Member States are to receive the same treatment as the present Member States as regards expenditure under veterinary funds.
- (5) However, no financial commitment under the 2004 budget for any programme concerned may be made before the accession of the concerned new Member State has taken place. Furthermore, the eradication of certain diseases in acceding Member States can also be co-financed by other Community instruments.

- (6) In drawing up the lists of programmes for the eradication and the monitoring of TSEs qualifying for a financial contribution from the Community for 2004 and the proposed rate and maximum amount of the contribution for each programme, both the interest of each programme for the Community and the volume of available appropriations must be taken into account.
- (7) The Member States and the concerned acceding Member States have supplied the Commission with information enabling it to assess the interest for the Community of providing a financial contribution to the programmes for 2004.
- (8) The Commission has considered each of the programmes from both the veterinary and the financial point of view and is satisfied that those programmes should be included in the lists of programmes qualifying for a financial contribution from the Community in 2004. The contribution for the monitoring of TSEs concerns the implementation of rapid tests, and for the eradication of scrapie, the destruction of animals found positive and the genotyping of animals.
- (9) In view of the importance of these measures for the protection of public and animal health, as well as the relatively recent introduction of these monitoring programmes compared with the traditional disease eradication programmes and the obligatory application of these programmes in all Member States, a high level of financial assistance from the Community should be ensured.
- (10) It is therefore appropriate to adopt the list of programmes qualifying for a financial contribution from the Community in 2004 and to set the rate and the maximum amount of those contributions.
- (11) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee of the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

1. The programmes for the monitoring of TSE (BSE and scrapie) listed in Annex I shall qualify for a financial contribution from the Community in 2004.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 19.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 103.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 147, 31.5.2001, p. 1.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 173, 11.7.2003, p. 6.

2. For each programme as referred to in paragraph 1, the proposed rate and maximum amount of the financial contribution from the Community shall be as set out in Annex I.

*Article 2*

1. The programmes for the eradication of TSE (scrapie) listed in Annex II shall qualify for a financial contribution from the Community in 2004.

2. For each programme as referred to in paragraph 1, the proposed rate and maximum amount of the financial contribution from the Community shall be as set out in Annex II.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 14 October 2003.

*For the Commission*  
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*Member of the Commission*

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## ANNEX I

**List of programmes for the monitoring of TSEs**

Rate and maximum amount of the Community financial contribution

(in EUR)

Disease	Member State or acceding Member State	Rate-purchase of test kits	Maximum amount
TSEs	Belgium	100 %	3 351 000
	Denmark	100 %	2 351 000
	Germany	100 %	15 611 000
	Greece	100 %	745 000
	Spain	100 %	4 854 000
	France	100 %	21 733 000
	Ireland	100 %	5 386 000
	Italy	100 %	6 283 000
	Luxembourg	100 %	158 000
	Netherlands	100 %	4 028 000
	Austria	100 %	1 675 000
	Portugal	100 %	1 012 000
	Finland	100 %	1 060 000
	Sweden	100 %	358 000
	United Kingdom	100 %	7 726 000
	Cyprus	100 %	144 000
	Estonia	100 %	103 000
Malta	100 %	37 000	
Slovenia	100 %	353 000	
Total			76 968 000

## ANNEX II

**List of programmes for the eradication of scrapie**

Maximum amount of the Community financial contribution

*(in EUR)*

Disease	Member State or acceding Member State	Rate	Maximum amount
Scrapie	Denmark	50 % culling, 100 % genotyping	5 000
	Germany	50 % culling, 100 % genotyping	755 000
	Greece	50 % culling, 100 % genotyping	450 000
	Spain	50 % culling, 100 % genotyping	435 000
	France	50 % culling, 100 % genotyping	1 160 000
	Ireland	50 % culling, 100 % genotyping	490 000
	Italy	50 % culling, 100 % genotyping	3 210 000
	Netherlands	50 % culling, 100 % genotyping	675 000
	Austria	50 % culling, 100 % genotyping	30 000
	Portugal	50 % culling, 100 % genotyping	255 000
	Finland	50 % culling, 100 % genotyping	5 000
	Sweden	50 % culling, 100 % genotyping	5 000
	United Kingdom	50 % culling, 100 % genotyping	7 460 000
	Cyprus	50 % culling, 100 % genotyping	740 000
Total			15 675 000