

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 23 January 2004

on financial assistance from the Community for the storage of antigens for production of foot-and-mouth disease vaccines in France, Italy and the United Kingdom in 2004

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(Only the French and Italian texts are authentic)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2004/128/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⁾, and in particular Article 14 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Council Decision 91/666/EEC of 11 December 1991 establishing Community reserves of foot-and-mouth disease vaccines ⁽²⁾, the establishment of antigen banks is part of the Community's action to create Community reserves of foot-and-mouth disease vaccines.
- (2) Decision 91/666/EEC designates the 'Laboratoire de pathologie bovine du Centre national d'études vétérinaires et alimentaires' at Lyon in France, which is now part of the 'Agence Française de Sécurité Sanitaire des Aliments (AFSSA)', and the 'Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale di Brescia' in Italy, as antigen banks for the storage of Community reserves.
- (3) Commission Decision 2000/111/EC of December 1999 designating a new antigen bank and making provisions for the transfer and storage of antigens within the framework of the Community action concerning reserves of foot-and-mouth disease vaccines ⁽³⁾ further designates Merial S.A.S., Pirbright, United Kingdom.
- (4) Community assistance should be linked to compliance with certain conditions as to the functioning of the antigen banks and the transmission of information and supporting documents.
- (5) For budgetary reasons the Community assistance should be granted for a period of one year.

- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The Community shall grant financial assistance to Agence Française de Sécurité Sanitaire des Aliments for the stocking of antigens for the production of foot-and-mouth disease vaccines at the premises of Agence Française de Sécurité Sanitaire des Aliments, Lyon.
2. For the period from 1 January to 31 December 2004 the maximum amount of financial assistance shall be EUR 30 000.

Article 2

1. The Community shall grant financial assistance to Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale di Brescia for the stocking of antigens for the production of foot-and-mouth disease vaccines at the premises of Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale di Brescia.
2. For the period from 1 January to 31 December 2004 the maximum amount of financial assistance shall be EUR 30 000.

Article 3

1. The Community shall grant financial assistance to Merial S.A.S. with its headquarters in Lyon, France, for the stocking of antigens for the production of foot-and-mouth disease vaccines at the premises of Merial S.A.S., Lyon, France, and at the premises of Merial S.A.S., Pirbright, United Kingdom.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 19. Decision as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 368, 31.12.1991, p. 21.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 33, 8.2.2000, p. 19.

2. For the period from 1 January to 31 December 2004 the maximum amount of financial assistance shall be EUR 81 047.

Article 4

1. The Community's financial assistance referred to in Article 1(2), Article 2(2) and Article 3(2) shall only be granted if the conditions provided for in Article 4 of Decision 91/666/EEC are complied with and the information and documents provided for in paragraph 2 are submitted to the Commission by 28 February 2005 at the latest.

2. The information and documents referred to in paragraph 1 shall include the following:

(a) technical information on:

- (i) the amount and type of antigen stored (storage records),
- (ii) storage equipment used (type, number and capacity of tanks),
- (iii) security systems in place (temperature control, anti-theft measures),

(iv) insurance arrangements (fire, accidents);

(b) financial information (completion of a form based on the model set out in the Annex).

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Agence Française de Sécurité Sanitaire des Aliments, 31, avenue Tony Garnier, BP 7033, F-69342 Lyon Cedex 07, France, Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale di Brescia, Via Bianchi 9, I-25124 Brescia, Italy, and Merial S.A.S., 29, avenue Tony Garnier, BP 7123, F-69002 Lyon Cedex 07, France.

Done at Brussels, 23 January 2004.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Financial information related to the storage of antigens for production of foot-and-mouth disease vaccines

STATEMENT OF COSTS

Reporting period from:to:

Reference No of Commission Decision providing financial assistance:

Name and address of beneficiary:

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Category of costs	Amount for the period (National currency) ⁽¹⁾
1. Staff	
2. Capital equipment	
3. Consumables	
4. Insurance	
5. Rental of premises	
Total	

⁽¹⁾ All costs must be expressed in national currency.

Certificate by the beneficiary

We certify that:

- the above costs were incurred in connection with the tasks defined in the Decision and were essential to the sound performance of those tasks,
- they are genuine costs falling within the definition of reimbursable costs,
- all the documents supporting the costs are available for audit purposes.

Date:

Name of technical director:

Signature:

Date:

Person financially responsible:

Signature:
