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## COMMISSION

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 September 2004

establishing logistical support for the Traces system

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(2004/675/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Whereas:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

- (1) Point 23 of European Parliament resolution A5-0396/2000 on the Court of Auditors' Special Report 1/2000 on classical swine fever<sup>(4)</sup> asks 'that the Animal Movement System (ANIMO) be managed and developed under the full control of the Commission'.

Having regard to Council Decision 90/424/EEC of 26 June 1990 on expenditure in the veterinary field<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Articles 37 and 37a thereof,

- (2) Commission Decision 2004/292/EC of 30 March 2004 on the introduction of the Traces system and amending Decision 92/486/EEC<sup>(5)</sup> requires all Member States to participate in the system before 31 December 2004.

Having regard to Council Directive 90/425/EEC of 26 June 1990 concerning veterinary and zootechnical checks applicable in intra-Community trade in certain live animals and products with a view to the completion of the internal market<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 20(3) thereof,

- (3) 11 Member States have been participating fully in the Traces system since 1 April or 1 May 2004, and logistical support is indispensable. The need for this technical support will be even greater once all the Member States and non-institutional users are participating.

Having regard to Council Decision 92/438/EEC of 13 July 1992 on computerisation of veterinary import procedures (Shift project), amending Directives 90/675/EEC, 91/496/EEC, 91/628/EEC and Decision 90/424/EEC, and repealing Decision 88/192/EEC<sup>(3)</sup>, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

- (4) Support trials should be run for an initial period of 15 months, after which the trials should be evaluated and the support adapted as necessary.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 19. Directive as last amended by Directive 2003/99/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 325, 12.12.2003, p. 31).

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 29. Directive as last amended by Directive 2002/33/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 315, 19.11.2002, p. 14).

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 243, 25.8.1992, p. 27. Decision as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1).

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

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ C 85, 23.3.2000, p. 1.  
<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 94, 31.3.2004, p. 63.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

*Article 1*

In the context of Traces, the integrated computerised veterinary system provided for in Decision 2003/24/EC, the Commission hereby establishes logistical support intended to help users of the system for an initial period of 15 months.

Done at Brussels, 29 September 2004.

*Article 2*

The Commission shall have EUR 300 000 with which to set up the logistical support provided for in Article 1.

*For the Commission*

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*Member of the Commission*

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