

COMMISSION DECISION

of 16 March 2005

on a Community financial contribution for Germany and Finland for their programmes for strengthening inspection infrastructures for plant-health checks on plants and plant products coming from third countries*(notified under document number C(2005) 674)***(Only the Finnish, German and Swedish texts are authentic)**

(2005/242/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 2000/29/EC of 8 May 2000 on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community⁽¹⁾, and in particular the sixth subparagraph of Article 13(c)(5) thereof.

Whereas:

(1) Directive 2000/29/EC provides for a Community financial contribution to be granted to Member States in order to strengthen inspection infrastructures for plant-health checks on plants and plant products coming from third countries.

(2) Germany and Finland have each established a programme to strengthen their inspection infrastructures for checks on plants and plant products coming from third countries. They have applied for the allocation of a Community financial contribution for those programmes in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 998/2002 of 11 June 2002 establishing detailed rules for the implementation of the provisions relating to the allocation of a Community financial contribution for Member States in order to strengthen inspection infrastructures for plant-health checks on plants and plant products coming from third countries⁽²⁾.

(3) The technical information provided for by Germany and Finland has enabled the Commission to analyse the situation accurately and comprehensively. The Commission has prepared a list of eligible inspection posts strengthening programmes, which give details of the amount of the proposed Community financial contribution to each programme. The information has also been examined by the Standing Committee on Plant Health.

(4) Each programme included in that list has been individually assessed for approval. The Commission has concluded that the conditions and criteria set out in Directive 2000/29/EC and Regulation (EC) No 998/2002 for the grant of a Community financial contribution have been met.

(5) Accordingly, it is appropriate to allocate a Community financial contribution to cover the expenditure of those programmes by Germany and Finland.

(6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plant Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The allocation of a Community financial contribution to cover expenditure to be incurred by Germany for its programme for strengthening inspection posts is hereby approved.

2. The allocation of a Community financial contribution to cover expenditure to be incurred by Finland for its programme for strengthening inspection posts is hereby approved.

Article 2

1. The total amount of the Community financial contribution as provided for in Article 1 shall be EUR 94 470.

2. The maximum amount of the Community financial contribution for each concerned Member State shall be as follows:

(a) EUR 36 875: Germany;

(b) EUR 57 595: Finland.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 169, 10.7.2000, p. 1. Directive as last amended by Directive 2005/15/EC (OJ L 56, 2.3.2005, p. 12).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 152, 12.6.2002, p. 16. The Regulation was published as Regulation (EC) No 997/2002 but the number was corrected by a corrigendum (OJ L 153, 13.6.2002, p. 18).

3. The maximum Community financial contribution for each programme for strengthening inspection posts shall be as set out in the Annex.

Article 3

The Community financial contribution per programme as set out in the Annex shall only be paid when:

(a) evidence of the purchase and/or improvement of the equipment and/or facilities listed in the programme has been given by the Member State concerned to the Commission by appropriate documentation; and

(b) a request for payment of the Community financial contribution has been submitted by the Member State concerned to the Commission, in accordance with the rules provided for in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 998/2002.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Federal Republic of Germany and the Finnish Republic.

Done at Brussels, 16 March 2005.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

PROGRAMMES FOR STRENGTHENING INSPECTION POSTS**Programmes with corresponding Community financial contribution**

Member State	Names of the inspection posts (administrative unit, name)	Eligible expenditure (EUR)	Maximum Community Financial contribution (EUR)
Germany	Bayern, München-Flughafen	1 500	750
	Bayern, Nürnberg Flughafen	1 500	750
	Bremen, Bremen Stadt, entry point nos. 5.1 to 5.7	1 700	850
	Bremen, Bremerhaven, entry point nos. 5.8 and 5.9	1 700	850
	Hessen, Frankfurt Flughafen	36 750	18 375
	Niedersachsen, Emden	5 200	2 600
	Niedersachsen, Brake and Nordenham	7 700	3 850
	Niedersachsen, Wilhelmshaven	5 200	2 600
	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Rostock	1 700	850
	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Wismar	1 700	850
	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Sassnitz-Mukran	1 700	850
	Sachsen, Flughafen Dresden	1 750	875
	Sachsen, Flughafen Halle/Leipzig	1 750	875
	Thüringen, Erfurt-Kühnhäuser	3 900	1 950
Finland	Lappeenranta	61 702	30 851
	Niirala/Joensuu	16 963	8 481
	Oulu	12 418	6 209
	Kouvola	8 436	4 218
	Pori-Rauma	4 674	2 337
	Vainikkala	1 445	722
	Kajaani	4 218	2 109
	Parikkala	945	472
	Lieksan Inari	945	472
	Vartius	1 948	974
	Kortesalmi	750	375
	Uukuniemi	750	375
	Total Community financial contribution (EUR)		