

COMMISSION DECISION

of 9 September 1994

on financial aid from the Community for the work of the AFRC Institute for Animal Health, Pirbright, United Kingdom, the Community reference laboratory for swine vesicular disease

(94/610/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 28 thereof,

Whereas Point 6 of Annex II to Council Directive 92/119/EEC of 17 December 1992 introducing general Community measures for the control of certain animal diseases and specific measures relating to swine vesicular disease ⁽³⁾, designates the AFRC Institute for Animal Health, Pirbright, United Kingdom, as the reference laboratory for swine vesicular disease;

Whereas all the tasks which the laboratory has to perform are specified in Annex III to that Directive;

Whereas provision should therefore be made for Community financial aid to enable the Community reference laboratory to perform the tasks specified in the Directive;

Whereas the Community financial aid must initially be provided for a one-year period; whereas this arrangement will be reviewed, with a view to an extension, before the end of the said period;

Whereas a contract must be concluded between the European Community and the institute designated as the Community reference laboratory for swine vesicular disease;

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

The Community shall grant the AFRC Institute for Animal Health, Pirbright, United Kingdom, the Community reference laboratory for swine vesicular disease designated in Annex II to Council Directive 92/119/EEC, financial aid amounting to not more than ECU 50 000.

Article 2

1. For the purposes of Article 1, the Commission shall conclude a contract on behalf of the European Community with the reference laboratory.
2. The Director-General for Agriculture is hereby authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the Commission of the European Communities.
3. The contract referred to in Article 1 shall be valid for one year.
4. The financial aid provided for in Article 1 shall be paid to the reference laboratory in accordance with the terms of the contract referred to in paragraph 1.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 September 1994.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 19.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 168, 2. 7. 1994, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 62, 15. 3. 1993, p. 69.