

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 27 March 2002

amending Decisions 2001/730/EC and 2001/854/EC on the Community's financial contribution to the Member States' TSE monitoring programmes for 2002

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(2002/246/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 2001/572/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 24(5) and (6) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 2001/730/EC ⁽³⁾ establishes the list of programmes for the monitoring of TSE qualifying for a financial contribution from the Community in 2002, as well as the proposed rate and amount of the contribution for each programme. All Member States' BSE and scrapie monitoring programmes are included in that list.
- (2) Commission Decision 2001/854/EC ⁽⁴⁾ approved the TSE monitoring programmes presented for 2002 by the Member States.
- (3) The Scientific Steering Committee (SSC) in its opinion of 18 and 19 October 2001 on the safety of small ruminant products should BSE in small ruminants become probable/confirmed recommended that a survey on the incidence of TSEs in small ruminants should urgently be carried out with the available rapid tests using a statistically sound sample design and size.
- (4) In response to this recommendation, 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 ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 270/2002 ⁽⁶⁾, sets out a new programme for the monitoring

of scrapie in ovine and caprine animals to apply from 1 April 2002. Under the new monitoring programme, the numbers of healthy slaughter and dead-on-farm animals to be tested are substantially increased.

- (5) Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 also removes certain derogations formerly afforded to Austria and Finland from the requirements to test certain target groups of animals, following the confirmation of the first BSE cases in those Member States. Austria and Finland have both requested an increase in the funding allocated to them for TSE monitoring under Decisions 2001/730/EC and 2001/854/EC.
- (6) In view of the expanded TSE monitoring programme introduced by Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, it is necessary to revise the maximum amount of financial participation by the Community for each programme, as set out in Decisions 2001/730/EC and 2001/854/EC.
- (7) The estimates of the maximum amount of Community financing allocated to each programme may have to be adjusted during the implementation of the programmes in order to take account of the actual needs of each Member State. The review should however be carried out without increasing the total amount of contribution by the Community.
- (8) The computerised monthly report on progress of the programmes and costs incurred as laid down in the Annex to Decision 2001/854/EC should be adapted to reflect the latest amendments to Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, made by Regulation (EC) No 270/2002, which abolishes the derogatory sampling regime previously established for Member States with a small ovine and caprine population.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 224, 18.9.1990, p. 19.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 203, 28.7.2001, p. 16.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 274, 17.10.2001, p. 20.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 318, 4.12.2001, p. 54.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 147, 31.5.2001, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 45, 15.2.2002, p. 4.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision 2001/730/EC is amended as set out in Annex I to this Decision.

Article 2

Decision 2001/854/EC is amended as follows:

1. In Article 1(2) 'EUR 4 850 000' is replaced by 'EUR 4 887 000'.
2. In Article 2(2) 'EUR 2 860 000' is replaced by 'EUR 2 892 000'.
3. In Article 3(2) 'EUR 20 710 000' is replaced by 'EUR 21 077 000'.
4. In Article 4(2) 'EUR 1 300 000' is replaced by 'EUR 1 851 000'.
5. In Article 5(2) 'EUR 10 700 000' is replaced by 'EUR 11 240 000'.
6. In Article 6(2) 'EUR 34 900 000' is replaced by 'EUR 35 361 000'.
7. In Article 7(2) 'EUR 10 630 000' is replaced by 'EUR 11 136 000'.
8. In Article 8(2) 'EUR 10 850 000' is replaced by 'EUR 11 379 000'.
9. In Article 10(2) 'EUR 5 800 000' is replaced by 'EUR 6 104 000'.
10. In Article 11(2) 'EUR 1 640 000' is replaced by 'EUR 3 325 000'.
11. In Article 12(2) 'EUR 2 750 000' is replaced by 'EUR 2 874 000'.
12. In Article 13(2) 'EUR 500 000' is replaced by 'EUR 1 329 000'.
13. In Article 14(2) 'EUR 600 000' is replaced by 'EUR 651 000'.
14. In Article 15(2) 'EUR 5 560 000' is replaced by 'EUR 6 100 000'.

15. Article 16 is replaced by the following:

'Article 16

The financial participation by the Community for the programmes approved in Articles 1 to 15 shall be at the rate of 100 % of the cost (VAT excluded) of the test-kits up to a maximum of 15 EUR per test-kit for tests carried out

— between 1 January and 31 March 2002 in animals referred to in Annex III, Chapter A, Part I, points 2, 3 and 4 and Part II, points 2, 3 and 4 of Regulation (EC) No 999/2001,

— between 1 April and 31 December 2002 in animals referred to in Annex III, Chapter A, Part I, points 2, 3 and 4 and Part II, points 2 and 3 of Regulation (EC) No 999/2001,

and up to the maximum amounts of money specified in this Decision individually for each programme.'

16. In Article 17, the existing unnumbered paragraph becomes paragraph 1 and the following paragraph 2 is added:

'2. The maximum amounts of financial participation by the Community for each monitoring programme may be reviewed in the light of the reports referred to in paragraph 1(b) and (c). However, the total contribution by the Community shall not exceed EUR 120 556 000.'

17. The Annex is amended as set out in Annex II to this Decision.

Article 3

The present Decision shall apply from 1 April 2002.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27 March 2002.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

The Annex to Decision 2001/730/EC is replaced by the following:

'ANNEX

List of programmes for the monitoring of TSE

Maximum amount of the Community financial contribution

Disease	Member State	Rate-purchase of test-kits	Maximum amount (in EUR)
TSE	Belgium	100 %	4 887 000
	Denmark	100 %	2 892 000
	Germany	100 %	21 077 000
	Greece	100 %	1 851 000
	Spain	100 %	11 240 000
	France	100 %	35 361 000
	Ireland	100 %	11 136 000
	Italy	100 %	11 379 000
	Luxembourg	100 %	350 000
	Netherlands	100 %	6 104 000
	Austria	100 %	3 325 000
	Portugal	100 %	2 874 000
	Finland	100 %	1 329 000
	Sweden	100 %	651 000
	United Kingdom	100 %	6 100 000
TOTAL			120 556 000'

ANNEX II

The Annex to Decision 2001/854/EC is replaced by the following:

'ANNEX

BSE							Scrapie								
Region ⁽²⁾	Tests on animals referred to in Annex III, Chapter A, Part I, points 2.1, 3 and 4.1 to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001			Tests on animals referred to in Annex III, Chapter A, Part I, points 2.2, 4.2 and 4.3 to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001			Tests on animals referred to in Annex III, Chapter A, Part II, point 2 to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001			Tests on animals referred to in Annex III, Chapter A, Part II, point 3 to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001			Tests on animals referred to in Annex III, Chapter A, Part II, point 4 to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 ⁽¹⁾		
	Number of tests	Unit cost per test-kit	Total cost	Number of tests	Unit cost per test-kit	Total cost	Number of tests	Unit cost per test-kit	Total cost	Number of tests	Unit cost per test-kit	Total cost	Number of tests	Unit cost per test-kit	Total cost
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⁽¹⁾ For tests performed up to 31 March 2002 only.
⁽²⁾ Data per region only necessary in the final report.'