Commission Decision of 26 November 2009 approving annual and multi-annual programmes and the financial contribution from the Community for the eradication, control and monitoring of certain animal diseases and zoonoses presented by the Member States for 2010 and following years (notified under document C(2009) 9131) (2009/883/EC)

CHAPTER III

GENERAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 17

The compensation to the owners for the value of the animals culled or slaughtered and of the destroyed products shall be granted within 90 days after the slaughter or culling of the animal or the destruction of the products or after the presentation of the completed claim by the owner.

Article 9(1), (2) and (3) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 883/2006⁽¹⁾ shall apply to compensation payments made outside of the 90 days.

Article 18

- 1 The expenditure submitted by the Member States for a financial contribution by the Community shall be expressed in euro and shall exclude value added tax and other taxes.
- Where a Member State's expenditure is in a currency other than the euro, the Member State concerned shall convert it into euro by applying the most recent exchange rate set by the European Central Bank prior to the first day of the month in which the application is submitted by the Member State.

Article 19

- 1 The financial contribution by the Community for the programmes referred to in Articles 1 to 16 shall be granted provided that the Member States concerned:
 - a implement the programmes in accordance with the relevant provisions of Community law, including rules on competition and on the award of public contracts;
 - b bring into force by 1 January 2010 at the latest the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary for implementing the programmes referred to in Articles 1 to 16;
 - c forward to the Commission by 31 July 2010 at the latest the intermediate technical and financial reports for the programmes referred to in Articles 1 to 16, in accordance with Article 27(7)(a) of Decision 2009/470/EC;
 - d for the programmes referred to in Article 8, report to the Commission the positive and negative results of investigations detected during their surveillance of poultry and wild birds through the Commission on-line system, every three months, by forwarding those results within a period of four weeks following the end of the month covered by the report;
 - e for the programmes referred to in Articles 1 to 16, forward a final report to the Commission in accordance with Article 27(7)(b) of Decision 2009/470/EC by 30 April 2011 at the latest on the technical execution of the programme accompanied by justifying evidence as to the costs paid by the Member State and the results attained during the period from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010;
 - f for programmes referred to in Articles 1 to 16, implement the programme efficiently;

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- g do not, for the programmes referred to in Articles 1 to 16, submit further requests for other Community contributions for these measures, and have not previously submitted such requests.
- Where a Member State does not comply with paragraph 1, the Commission shall reduce the financial contribution by the Community having regard to the nature and gravity of the infringement, and to the financial loss for the Community.

Article 20

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 2010.

Article 21

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(1) OJ L 171, 23.6.2006, p. 1.

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