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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽³⁾,

Whereas live animals and products of animal origin appear on the list in Annex II to the Treaty; whereas livestock farming and the placing on the market of products of animal origin constitute a source of income for a large part of the agricultural population;

Whereas the rational development of this sector and an improvement in its productivity may be achieved by the initiation of veterinary measures aimed at protecting and raising the level of public and animal health in the Community;

Whereas the pursuit of that objective necessitates the provision of Community aid for actions undertaken or intended to be undertaken;

Whereas the Community is to adopt measures designed to establish the internal market progressively over a period expiring on 31 December 1992;

Whereas, within that framework, the Community should make a financial contribution towards the eradication, as quickly as possible, of any outbreak of a serious infectious disease;

Whereas it is also necessary to prevent and reduce, by appropriate control measures, the appearance of zoonoses which pose a threat to human health;

Whereas the new control strategy postulates the suppression of internal frontier controls and the harmonization of the control system for products coming from third countries; whereas it seems appropriate to facilitate the implementation of that strategy by providing for a financial contribution by the Community towards the initiation and the development of the new strategy;

Whereas the harmonization of essential requirements concerning the protection of public health, the protection of animal health and the protection of animals presupposes the designation of Community liaison and reference laboratories and the undertaking of technical and scientific actions; whereas it seems appropriate to provide for a Community financial contribution; whereas, in the field of animal protection in particular, it is desirable to create a database to gather, store and disseminate any information necessary;

Whereas Community measures for the eradication of certain animal diseases already qualify for financial aid from the Community; whereas the provisions concerned include those adopted by way of Council Directive 77/391/EEC of 17 May 1977 introducing Community measures for the eradication of brucellosis, tuberculosis and leucosis in cattle ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3768/85 ⁽⁵⁾, Council Directive 82/400/EEC of 14 June 1982 amending Directive

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 84, 2. 4. 1990, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 149, 18. 6. 1990.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 168, 10. 7. 1990, p. 5.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 145, 13. 6. 1977, p. 14.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 362, 31. 12. 1985, p. 9.

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77/391/EEC and introducing a supplementary Community measure for the eradication of brucellosis, tuberculosis and leucosis in cattle ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3768/85, Council Decision 89/145/EEC of 20 February 1989 introducing a Community financial measure for the eradication of contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (CBPP) in Portugal ⁽²⁾, Council Decision 80/1096/EEC of 11 November 1980 introducing Community financial measures for the eradication of classical swine fever ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Decision 87/488/EEC ⁽⁴⁾, Council Decision 86/649/EEC of 16 December 1986 introducing a Community financial measure for the eradication of African swine fever in Portugal ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Decision 89/577/EEC ⁽⁶⁾, Council Decision 86/650/EEC of 16 December 1986 introducing a Community financial measure for the eradication of African swine fever in Spain ⁽⁷⁾, Council Decision 89/455/EEC of 24 July 1989 introducing Community measures to set up pilot projects for the control of rabies with a view to its eradication or prevention ⁽⁸⁾; whereas it is advisable that financial contributions from the Community which are intended for the eradication of the diseases referred to above continue to be governed by the Decision relating thereto; whereas, nevertheless, as concerns the additional measure for the eradication of brucellosis, tuberculosis and leucosis in cattle, as provided for in Decision 87/58/EEC ⁽⁹⁾, there would appear to be justification, in the interests of consistency, for providing for the possibility of increasing the level of the Community's financial contribution up to 50 % of the costs incurred by Member States for the slaughter of cattle;

Whereas provision should be made for a Community financial measure for the eradication and monitoring of certain animal diseases; whereas all Community financial measures for the eradication and monitoring of animal diseases which involve compulsory Community budget expenditure should be brought together under one head;

Whereas it is appropriate to confer upon the Commission the task of taking the necessary applicatory measures,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

This Decision lays down the procedures governing the Community's financial contribution towards:

- specific veterinary measures,
- inspection measures in the veterinary field,
- programmes for the eradication and monitoring of animal diseases.

This Decision shall not affect the option enjoyed by certain Member States of being eligible for a financial contribution by the Community of more than 50 % under Council Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 of 24 June 1988 on the Tasks of the Structural Funds and their effectiveness and on coordination of their activities between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing instruments ⁽¹⁰⁾.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 173, 19. 6. 1982, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 53, 25. 2. 1989, p. 55.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 325, 1. 12. 1980, p. 5.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 280, 3. 10. 1987, p. 26.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 382, 31. 12. 1986, p. 5.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 322, 7. 11. 1989, p. 21.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 382, 31. 12. 1986, p. 9.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 223, 2. 8. 1989, p. 19.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ No L 24, 27. 1. 1987, p. 51.

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ No L 185, 15. 7. 1988, p. 9.

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TITLE 1

SPECIFIC VETERINARY MEASURES*Article 2*

Specific veterinary measures shall include:

- emergency measures;
- the campaign against foot-and-mouth disease,
- measures for the protection of animals,
- contribution to national schemes for the eradication of certain diseases,
- technical and scientific measures.

Chapter 1

Emergency measures*Article 3*

1. The provisions of this Article shall apply in the event of the occurrence of one of the following diseases in the territory of a Member State:

- rinderpest cattle plague,
- sheep and goat plague,
- swine vesicular disease,
- blue tongue,
- Teschen disease,
- avian plague,
- sheep pox or goat pox,
- Rift Valley fever,
- lumpy skin disease,
- African horse sickness,
- vesicular stomatitis,
- Venezuelan equine viral encephalomyelitis,

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- haemorrhagic disease of deer,

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- classical swine fever,

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- African swine fever,
- contagious bovine pleuropneumonia.

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2. The Member State concerned shall obtain a financial contribution from the Community for the eradication of the disease, on condition that the measures applied immediately comprise at least the isolation of the holding from the time of suspicion and, following official confirmation of the disease:

- the slaughter of animals of susceptible species which are affected or contaminated or suspected of being affected or contaminated, and their destruction, and, in the case of avian plague, destruction of the eggs,
- the destruction of contaminated feedingstuffs and contaminated equipment, where the latter cannot be disinfected in accordance with the third indent,
- the cleaning, disinsectization and disinfection of the holdings and of the equipment on the holdings,
- the establishment of protection zones,
- the imposition of suitable measures to prevent the risk of the spread of infection,

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- the establishment of a waiting period to be observed after slaughter before re-stocking of the holding,
- swift and adequate compensation of the livestock farmers.

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2a. The Member State concerned shall also qualify for a Community financial contribution where, on the outbreak of one of the diseases listed in paragraph 1, two or more Member States collaborate closely to control the epidemic, particularly in carrying out an epidemiological survey and disease surveillance measures. Without prejudice to the measures provided for under the common organization of markets concerned, the specific Community financial contribution shall be decided on in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 41.

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3. The Member State concerned shall, without delay, inform the Commission and the other Member States of the measures applied in accordance with Community legislation on notification and eradication and the results thereof. The situation shall be examined as soon as possible within the Standing Veterinary Committee, hereinafter referred to as the 'Committee', set up by Decision 68/361/EEC ⁽¹⁾. The specific financial contribution by the Community shall be decided in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 41, without prejudice to the measures provided for in the context of the common organization of markets concerned.

4. If, in view of the development of the situation in the Community, it proves necessary to continue the measures provided for in paragraph 2, a new decision concerning the financial contribution by the Community, which might exceed the figure of 50 % laid down in the first indent of paragraph 5, may be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 40. When this decision is adopted, any measures which the Member State concerned must take in order to ensure the success of the action may be laid down, and in particular measures other than those mentioned in paragraph 2.

5. Without prejudice to market support measures to be taken as part of the common organization of markets, the financial contribution by the Community, divided if necessary into several tranches, must be:

- 50 % of the costs incurred by the Member State in compensating owners for the slaughter, destruction of animals and, where appropriate, their products, for the cleaning, disinsectization and disinfection of holdings and equipment and for the destruction of the contaminated feedingstuffs and contaminated equipment referred to in the second indent of paragraph 2,
- where vaccination has been decided upon in accordance with paragraph 4, 100 % of the cost of supply of the vaccine and 50 % of the costs incurred in carrying out that vaccination.

*Article 4***▼M9**

1. The provisions of Article 3 shall be applicable where the control of grave health risks for the Union is involved, which are caused by the diseases referred to in Article 3 (1), even if the territory where the disease occurs is subject to an eradication programme in accordance with Article 24.

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2. In the event of the occurrence of Newcastle disease in the territory of a Member State, Article 3 shall apply.

However, except where the Commission takes a decision in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 41, authorizing, on certain conditions and for a limited period and a limited area, recourse to vaccination, no financial contribution by the Community will be

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 255, 18. 10. 1968. p. 23.

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granted for the supply of the vaccine or the carrying out of the vaccination.

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3. The provisions of Article 3, with the exception of the fourth indent of paragraph 2 and the second indent of paragraph 5, shall apply when a zoonosis listed in Directive 92/117/EEC occurs, provided that this occurrence is an immediate risk to human health. This condition will be fulfilled when the decision provided for in Article 3 (3) is taken.

▼B*Article 5*

1. In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 41, the Commission, at the request of a Member State, shall add to the list in Article 3 (1) an exotic disease for which declaration is mandatory and which is likely to constitute a danger for the Community.

2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 41, the list in Article 3 (1) may be supplemented in line with developments in the situation, to include diseases which must be notified in accordance with Directive 82/894/EEC and diseases which can be transmitted to fish, or amended or shortened, to take account of progress made with the measures decided at Community level to control certain diseases, classical swine fever in particular.

3. Article 3 (2) may be supplemented or amended in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 41, in particular to take account of the inclusion of new diseases in the list in Article 3 (1), of experience acquired or of the adoption of Community provisions concerning disease control.

Article 6

1. Where a Member State is directly threatened by the occurrence or the development, in the territory of an adjacent third country or Member State, of one of the diseases referred to in Article 3 (1), 4 (1) and (2) or 11 (1), it shall inform the Commission and the other Member States of the measures which it intends to adopt for its protection.

2. As soon as possible, the situation shall be examined within the Committee referred to in Article 41. In accordance with the procedure laid down in that Article, it may be decided to adopt any measures appropriate to the situation including, in particular, the establishment of a vaccination buffer zone, and to grant a financial contribution by the Community towards the measures deemed particularly necessary for the success of the action undertaken.

3. The decision referred to in paragraph 2 shall set out the eligible costs and the level of the financial contribution by the Community.

Article 7

1. The Community may decide, at the request of a Member State, that the Member States should establish stocks of biological products intended for the control of the diseases referred to in Article 3 (1), Article 4 (1) (vaccines, standardized virus serotypes, diagnostic sera) and, without prejudice to the decision provided for in Article 14 (2) of Directive 85/511/EEC, Article 11 (1) of this Decision.

2. The action referred to in paragraph 1, and the rules for its implementation, particularly concerning the choice, production, storage, transport and use of such stocks, and the level of financial contribution by the Community, shall be decided in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 41.

Article 8

1. If the occurrence or the development in a third country of one of the diseases referred to in Article 3 (1), 4 (1), 5 (1) or 11 (1) may

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constitute a danger to the Community, the Community may give its support to control measures against that disease by supplying vaccine or by financing the acquisition of vaccine.

2. The action referred to in paragraph 1, the rules for its implementation, the conditions to which it may be subject and the level of financial contribution by the Community shall be decided in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 41.

Article 9

1. The Commission shall carry out, with the cooperation of the national competent authorities, on-the-spot checks to ensure, from a veterinary point of view, that the measures adopted have been applied.

2. Member States shall take all necessary steps to facilitate these checks, and shall, in particular, ensure that the experts have access to all information and documents necessary for assessing whether the measures have been carried out.

3. General rules for the application of this Article, particularly concerning the frequency and methods of carrying out the checks referred to in paragraph 1, the appointment of veterinary experts and the procedure which they must follow in drawing up their report, shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 41.

Article 10

The appropriations required for measures as referred to in this chapter shall be decided each year as part of the budgetary procedure.

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The financial contribution of the Community shall not be granted where the total amount of the measure is less than ECU 10 000.

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Chapter 2

The campaign against foot-and-mouth disease*Article 11*

1. The provisions of this Article shall apply in the event of the occurrence of foot-and-mouth disease in the territory of a Member State.

2. The Member State concerned shall obtain a financial contribution from the Community for the eradication of foot-and-mouth disease, on condition that the measures provided for in Article 3 (2) and the appropriate provisions of Council Directive 85/511/EEC of 18 November 1985 introducing Community measures for the control of foot-and-mouth disease ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Directive 90/423/EEC ⁽²⁾, are applied immediately.

3. Article 3 (3) shall apply.

4. Without prejudice to the measures to be taken in the context of the common organization of the market to support the market, the specific financial contribution under this Decision shall be equal to 60 % of the costs incurred by the Member State in:

(a) compensating owners for:

- (i) the slaughter and destruction of animals,
- (ii) the destruction of milk,
- (iii) the cleaning and disinfection of holdings,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 315, 26. 11. 1985, p. 11.

⁽²⁾ See p. 13 of this Official Journal.

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- (iv) the destruction of contaminated feedingstuffs and, where it cannot be disinfected, contaminated equipment,
 - (v) losses incurred by farmers as a result of restrictions imposed on the marketing of livestock and pasture-fattened animals as a result of the reintroduction of emergency vaccination, in accordance with the penultimate subparagraph of Article 13 (3) of Directive 85/511/EEC;
- (b) Where applicable, the transport of carcasses to processing plants;
- (c) any other measures which are essential for the eradication of the outbreak of the disease.

The Commission shall, in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 41, define the nature of the other measures referred to in (c) which may be eligible for the same financial contribution by the Community and the cases in which point (a) (v) shall apply.

5. For the first time not later than 45 days after official confirmation of the first outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, and subsequently as and when required by the turn of events, the situation shall be re-examined within the Committee referred to in Article 42. This examination shall cover both the veterinary situation and the estimated expenditure already incurred or committed. Following this examination, a new decision concerning the financial contribution by the Community, which may exceed the figure of 60 % laid down in paragraph 4, may be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 42. This decision shall set out the eligible costs and the level of the financial contribution by the Community. In addition, when this decision is adopted, any measures which the Member State concerned must take in order to ensure the success of the action may be adopted, in particular measures other than those referred to in paragraph 2.

6. However, by way of derogation from paragraph 4, the specific financial contribution by the Community for the measures referred to in that paragraph shall be 70 % until ►**M9** 1 January 1998 ◀.

Article 12

Any measure decided by the Community to assist the campaign against foot-and-mouth disease outside the Community, in particular measures taken pursuant to Article 6 and 8, may receive a Community financial contribution.

Article 13

The measures and the rules for the implementation of the measures referred to in Article 12, the conditions to which they may be subject and the level of financial contribution by the Community shall be decided in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 42.

Article 14

Community aid may be granted to set up a Community reserve of anti-foot-and-mouth disease vaccines as provided for in Article 14 (2) of Directive 85/511/EEC.

The level of Community participation and the conditions to which such participation may be subject shall be determined in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 42.

Article 15

The appropriations required for measures as specified in Articles 12, 13 and 14 shall be decided each year as part of the budgetary procedure.

Should a serious outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease necessitate expenditure under the provisions of this chapter in excess of the appropriations determined in accordance with the first subparagraph, the Commission will take the necessary measures within its existing powers or put forward to the budgetary authority the necessary proposals to ensure that the financial commitments in relation to Article 11 are fulfilled.

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Chapter 3

Protection of animals*Article 16*

The Community shall make a financial contribution to the establishment of an information policy in the field of animal protection, including:

- the installation and development of a system, including an appropriate database for gathering and storing all information relating to Community legislation concerning the protection of animals kept for farming purposes, the protection of animals during transport and the protection of animals for slaughter, and for disseminating such information to the competent authorities, producers and consumers,
- the performance of studies necessary for the preparation and development of legislation in the field of animal protection.

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This contribution shall not apply to information distributed by other international organizations nor duplicate such information

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The measures referred to in Article 16, the rules for their implementation and the level of financial contribution by the Community shall be decided in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 41.

Article 18

The appropriations required for measures as specified in this chapter shall be decided each year as part of the budgetary procedure.

Chapter 4

Technical and scientific measures*Article 19*

The Community shall undertake, or assist the Member States in undertaking, the technical and scientific measures necessary for the development of Community veterinary legislation ► M9 and for the development of veterinary education or training ◀.

Article 20

► C1 The measures referred to in Article 19, the rules for ◀ their implementation and the level of financial contribution by the Community shall be decided upon in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 41.

Article 21

The appropriations required for the measures provided for in this chapter shall be decided each year as part of the budgetary procedure.

TITLE II

Programme for the eradication and monitoring of animal diseases*Article 22*

1. Community financial participation in the eradication of bovine brucellosis, tuberculosis and leucosis shall — without prejudice to the provisions of Article 25 (1) — be fixed by:

- Directive 77/391/EEC,

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- Directive 82/400/EEC,
 - Decision 87/58/EEC.
2. The Community financial contribution towards the eradication of bovine contagious pleuropneumonia shall be fixed by Decision 89/145/EEC.

Article 23

1. The Community financial contribution towards the eradication of classical swine fever shall be fixed by Decision 80/1096/EEC.
2. The Community financial contribution towards the eradication of African swine fever shall be fixed by:
- Decision 86/649/EEC,
 - Decision 86/650/EEC,
 - Council Decision 90/217/EEC of 25 April 1990 on Community financial aid for the eradication of African swine fever in Sardinia ⁽¹⁾.
3. The Community financial contribution towards the eradication of ovine brucellosis shall be fixed by Council Decision 90/242/EEC of 21 May 1990 introducing a Community financial measure for the eradication of brucellosis in sheep and goats ⁽²⁾.
4. The Community financial contribution towards the eradication of infectious hematopoietic necrosis shall be fixed, before 31 December 1990, under a Council Decision introducing a Community financial measure for the eradication of infectious salmonid hematopoietic necrosis in the Community.

Article 24

1. A Community financial measure shall be introduced for the eradication and monitoring of the diseases listed in the Annex. This list may be supplemented or amended in line with developments in the health situation in the Community on the basis of a decision of the Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission ►M2 or by the Commission in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 41 with regard to the eradication of certain diseases specific to the French overseas departments ◄.
2. Before 1 October 1990, the Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, shall lay down the Community criteria applicable to the measure referred to in paragraph 1. However, for diseases for which the Community has already laid down the Community criteria applicable to the measure to be taken, Member States may submit to the Commission a programme in accordance with paragraph 3 once notification of this Decision has been given.

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3. Each year, not later than 1 June and for the first time not later than 1 August 1994 Member States shall submit to the Commission the programmes which they wish to see receive a financial contribution from the Community.

On that occasion, the Member States:

- (i) shall supply all the appropriate financial information;
- (ii) shall indicate the estimated cost of each programme submitted;
- (iii) shall indicate, in the case of a multiannual programme, the length of that programme and the annual financial estimates.

No programme submitted after 1 June or for the first time after 1 August 1994 may be considered for financing the following year.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 116, 8. 5. 1990, p. 24.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 140, 1. 6. 1990, p. 123.

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Where a Member State submits a programme which is due to run for several years (multiannual programme), it shall supply the aforementioned information for the first year and for any subsequent years.

4. The Commission shall consider the programmes submitted from both the veterinary and the financial angle. The Member States shall communicate to the Commission any additional information the latter requires for its assessment of the programme. The period for considering programmes shall end on 1 September each year.

The additional information shall be requested by the Commission no later than 15 July each year.

5. Each year, before 15 October and in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 42, the list of programmes qualifying for a financial contribution from the Community for the following year shall be drawn up and the proposed rate and amount of the contribution for each programme shall be determined. This Decision shall also take account of the prospects for financing the current programmes which are to be covered as multiannual programmes.

6. Each programme included in the list provided for in paragraph 5, where appropriate amended to take account of the examination referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5, shall be approved individually in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 42 before 1 December. The level of the financial contribution from the Community, any conditions to which it may be subject and the upper limit of the contribution shall be laid down, for each programme, in accordance with the same procedure.

7. All programmes shall be approved for a period of one year and shall be implemented between 1 January and 31 December each year. For each programme underway the Member States shall submit to the Commission, before 1 June, a preliminary technical and financial evaluation of the programme. This evaluation may be accompanied by a request for the continuation of the measure in accordance with paragraph 3. The Commission shall inform the Member States of the situation with regard to the adoption of the decision provided for in paragraph 5.

8. Payment applications relating to expenditure incurred by a Member State in respect of a given programme shall be submitted to the Commission before 1 June of the year following that in which the programme ends. Where the time limit specified is not observed, the financial contribution of the Community shall be reduced by 25 % on 1 July, 50 % on 1 September, 75 % on 1 October and 100 % on 1 November of that year.

9. The Commission shall rule on the aid before 15 October. By 1 November, it shall inform the Member States, meeting within the Standing Veterinary Committee, of the decision so that they can give their assessment.

10. The Commission may make on-the-spot checks, with the cooperation of the competent national authorities, on the application of programmes receiving a financial contribution from the Community. To do this, Commission departments may verify whether the competent authorities are monitoring compliance with the application of the programmes by checking a representative percentage of holdings.

The aforementioned checks may be made at the time of other checks to be made by the Commission experts, in accordance with veterinary legislation.

The Commission shall inform the Member States of the result of the checks made.

11. Detailed rule for the application of this Article, and in particular paragraph 8 thereof, shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 41.

12. Programmes already approved by the Commission or which will be approved for the period from 1 July 1994 to 31 December 1994 shall continue to be governed by the provisions of Article 24 applicable

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before the amendment resulting from Council Decision 94/370/EC of 21 June 1994 amending Decision 90/424/EEC on expenditure in the veterinary field ⁽¹⁾. However, the abovementioned programmes shall end not later than 31 December 1994.

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1. Notwithstanding Articles 22, 23, and 24, the level of Community financial participation for programmes relating to the diseases referred to in the said Articles shall be fixed by the Commission, according to the procedure provided for in Article 41, at 50 % of the costs incurred in the Member State by way of compensation for owners for the slaughter of cattle because of the disease concerned.

2. At the request of a Member State, the Commission shall, within the Standing Veterinary Committee, re-examine the situation with regard to the diseases covered by Articles 22, 23 and 24. This re-examination shall cover both the veterinary situation and the estimate of expenditure already committed or to be committed. Following this re-examination, any new decision on the Community's financial contribution, which may be in excess of 50 % of the costs incurred in Member States to compensate owners for slaughtering animals for the disease concerned, shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 42.

When this decision is adopted, any measures which the Member State concerned must take in order to ensure the success of the action may be adopted.

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3. However, for programmes to be financed which will be approved in 1994, the financial contribution from the Community may be less than 50 %.

4. The Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, shall review this Article before 31 December 1995 at the latest, in the light of experience gained and of the objectives of completing the internal market.

Article 26

For the measures provided for under this Title, the amount of the appropriations required shall be fixed each year under the budget procedure.

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TITLE III

VETERINARY INSPECTION

Article 27

The Community shall contribute towards improving the efficiency of veterinary inspection by:

- granting financial aid to liaison and reference laboratories,
- making a financial contribution towards carrying out inspections aimed at the prevention of zoonoses,
- making a financial contribution towards implementing the new inspection strategy consequent upon the completion of the internal market.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 168, 2. 7. 1994, p. 31.

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Chapter 1

Liaison and reference laboratories*Article 28*

1. Any liaison or reference laboratory designated as such in accordance with Community veterinary legislation and fulfilling the duties and requirements laid down therein, may receive Community aid.
2. Arrangements for granting the aid provided for in paragraph 1, the conditions to which it may be subject and its amount, shall be determined in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 41.
3. The appropriations required for the measures provided for in this chapter shall be decided upon each year as part of the budgetary procedure.

Chapter 2

Checks aimed at the prevention of zoonoses*Article 29*

Once Community rules to control zoonoses have been introduced, Member States may, as part of a national plan to be approved by the Commission in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 41, seek a financial contribution from the Community towards their control plan.

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For the purposes of this chapter, Article 24 (3) to (11) shall apply.

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The appropriations required for the measures laid down in this chapter shall be decided each year in the framework of the budgetary procedure.

Chapter 3

New control strategy*Article 34*

1. Each Member State shall draw up a programme for exchanges of officials working in the veterinary sector.
2. ►C1 Within the Standing Veterinary Committee, the Commission shall ◀, along with the Member States, coordinate the programmes for exchange.
3. The Member State concerned shall take all the measures necessary for the implementation of the coordinated programmes for exchange.
4. Each year, on the basis of reports by the Member States, the implementation of the programmes for exchange shall be examined within the Committee.
5. Member States shall take account of experience acquired in order to improve and extend the exchange programmes.
6. Community financial aid may be granted with a view to promoting the smooth operation of exchange programmes notably through the further training courses referred to in Article 36 (1). The level of financial contribution by the Community, and any conditions to which it may be subject, shall be determined in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 41.

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7. For the purposes of this Article, Articles 20 and 21 shall apply.

Article 35

Article 34 (6) and (7) shall apply in respect of programmes to be established under the decision provided for in Article 19 of Council Directive 89/662/EEC of 11 December 1989 on the veterinary checks applicable in intra-Community trade with a view to the completion of the internal market ⁽¹⁾, with a view to organizing veterinary inspections at external frontiers on products introduced into the Community from third countries.

Article 36

1. The Commission may, either directly or through the competent national authorities, organize refresher courses or meetings for personnel in the Member States, in particular, personnel responsible for the checks referred to in Article 35.

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Such refresher courses or meetings may, according to availability, be open, at the request of the competent authorities and after the Commission has agreed, to personnel from third countries which have concluded cooperation agreements with the Union in the field of veterinary inspections and to veterinary science graduates to extend their training in the area of Community rules.

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2. Arrangements for organizing the measures provided for in paragraph 1 and the level of the Community's financial contribution shall be established by the Commission in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 41.

Article 37

1. The introduction of systems for identifying animals and notifying diseases under legislation concerning veterinary checks in intra-Community trade in live animals, with a view to the completion of the internal market, may receive Community financial assistance.

2. Arrangements for organizing the measure provided for in paragraph 1 and the level of the Community's financial contribution shall be established by the Commission after consultation of the Committee.

▼M4*Article 37a*

1. Community financial assistance may be granted for computerization of veterinary import procedures as specified in Decision 92/438/EEC ⁽²⁾.

2. Organizational arrangements for financing under paragraph 1 and the level of the Community's contribution shall be determined in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 41.

▼B*Article 38*

1. Should a Member State experience, from a structural or geographical point of view, staffing or infrastructure problems in implementing the new control strategy brought about by the completion of the internal market for live animals and products of animal origin, it may, for a transitional period, obtain Community financial assistance which is progressively reduced.

2. The Member State concerned shall submit to the Commission a national programme, accompanied by all the appropriate financial information, designed to improve its control system.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 395, 30. 12. 1989, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 243, 25. 8. 1992, p. 27.

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3. For the purposes of this Article, the provisions of Article 24 (3) to (11) shall apply.

▼ B*Article 39*

The appropriations required for measures provided for in this chapter shall be decided each year as part of the budgetary procedure.

TITLE IV

FINAL PROVISIONS

▼ M10**▼ M11***Article 40a*

Expenditure subject to funding under the terms of this Decision shall be managed directly by the Commission in accordance with the second paragraph of Article 98 of the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 ⁽¹⁾.

▼ M13*Article 41*

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health set up pursuant to Article 58 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 ⁽²⁾.

2. Where reference is made to this Article, Articles 5 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC ⁽³⁾ shall apply.

The period laid down in for in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be set at three months.

3. The Committee shall adopt its Rules of Procedure.

Article 42

1. The Committee shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health.

2. Where reference is made to this Article, Articles 5 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply.

The period laid down in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be set at 15 days.

▼ B*Article 43*

1. Council Decision 77/97/EEC of 21 December 1976 on the financing by the Community of certain emergency measures in the field of animal health ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3768/85 is hereby repealed with effect from the date of notification of this Decision.

In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 41, the Commission shall determine the arrangements for defraying the measures for vaccination against African horse sickness from 1 September 1989.

2. However, decisions adopted under Decision 77/97/EEC shall remain in force.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 356, 31.12.1977, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1150/2000 (OJ L 130, 31.5.2000, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 78.

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Article 43a

The Commission shall submit a report every three years to the Council and to the European Parliament on the conditions of application of this Decision.

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Article 44

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

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ANNEX

DISEASE LIST**Group 1**

Endemic diseases, subject to mandatory or voluntary control and/or eradication measures on a herd or flock basis

- Bovine tuberculosis
- Bovine brucellosis
- IBR/IPV (AI + embryo units)
- Ovine and caprine brucellosis (*B. melitensis*)
- Enzootic bovine leukosis (EBL)
- Aujeszky's disease
- *Salmonella pullorum*
- *Salmonella gallinarum*
- Anthrax
- Maedi/Visna and CAEV
- IBR/IPV (other types of enterprise)
- Johnes disease (paratuberculosis)
- *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*

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- Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia

▼M3

- African swine fever

▼M8

- Heartwater transmitted by vector insects in the French overseas departments
- Babesiosis transmitted by vector insects in the French overseas departments
- Anaplasmosis transmitted by vector insects in the French overseas departments

▼M9

- Swine vesicular disease
- Endemic classical swine fever
- Infectious hematopoietic necrosis (IHN)

▼M12

- Infectious salmon anaemia (ISA) ⁽¹⁾
- Bluetongue in endemic or high risk areas ⁽²⁾

▼B**Group 2**

Zoonoses or epizootics not covered elsewhere

- Rabies
- Echinococcosis
- Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) or any other slow developing disease.

⁽¹⁾ Disease control actions for ISA are eligible for a Community financial contribution under Article 15(3)(g) of Regulation (EC) No 2792/1999 (OJ L 337, 30.12.1999, p. 10) solely. For such actions the provisions of Title III of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 of 21 June 1999 laying down general provisions on the Structural Funds (OJ L 161, 26.6.1999, p. 1) are applicable by derogation to those provided for under Article 24, paragraphs 5, 6, second sentence, 8 and 9 of this Decision.

⁽²⁾ Action to combat Bluetongue is also eligible for a Community financial contribution under Article 24(1) for the loss suffered due to the deaths of animals as a result of this disease, to be decided upon in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 41.