

Council Decision of 25 June 2007 establishing the European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals for the period 2007 to 2013 as part of the General programme 'Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows' (2007/435/EC) (repealed)

CHAPTER VI

RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONTROLS

Article 31

Responsibilities of the Commission

1 The Commission shall satisfy itself in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 30 that the Member States have set up management and control systems that comply with Articles 22 to 28, and on the basis of the annual audit reports and its own audits that the systems function effectively during the programming period

2 Without prejudice to audits carried out by Member States, Commission officials or authorised Commission representatives may carry out on-the-spot checks to verify the effective functioning of the management and control systems, which may include audits on actions included in the annual programmes, with a minimum of three working day's notice. Officials or authorised representatives of the Member State concerned may take part in such audits.

3 The Commission may require a Member State to carry out an on-the-spot check to verify the correct functioning of the systems or the correctness of one or more transactions. Commission officials or authorised Commission representatives may take part in such checks.

4 The Commission shall, in cooperation with the Member States, ensure that appropriate information, publicity and follow-up are provided for actions supported by the Fund.

5 The Commission shall, in cooperation with the Member States, ensure that actions are consistent with, and complementary to, other relevant Community policies, instruments and initiatives.

6 The Commission shall lay down guidelines to ensure the visibility of the funding granted under this Decision.