

Official Journal

of the European Communities

ISSN 0378-6978

L 217

Volume 39

28 August 1996

English edition

Legislation

Contents

I *Acts whose publication is obligatory*

- ★ **Commission Regulation (EC) No 1683/96 of 27 August 1996 determining estimated production of unginned cotton for the 1996/97 marketing year** 1
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1684/96 of 27 August 1996 establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables 2

II *Acts whose publication is not obligatory*

Commission

96/516/EC:

- ★ **Commission Decision of 29 July 1996 on financial aid from the Community for the work of the Laboratoire des médicaments vétérinaires, Fougères, France, a Community reference laboratory for residue testing ⁽¹⁾** 4

96/517/EC:

- ★ **Commission Decision of 29 July 1996 on financial aid from the Community for the work of the Bundesinstitut für gesundheitlichen Verbraucherschutz und Veterinärmedizin (formerly called the Bundesgesundheitsamt), Berlin, Germany, a Community reference laboratory for residue testing ⁽¹⁾** 6

⁽¹⁾ Text with EEA relevance

- ★ **Commission Decision of 29 July 1996 on financial aid from the Community for the work of the Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome, Italy, a Community reference laboratory for residue testing ⁽¹⁾ 8**

- ★ **Commission Decision of 29 July 1996 on financial aid from the Community for the work of the Rijksinstituut voor de Volksgezondheid en Milieuhygiëne (RIVM), Bilthoven, Netherlands, a Community reference laboratory for residue testing ⁽¹⁾..... 10**

⁽¹⁾ Text with EEA relevance

I

(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1683/96
of 27 August 1996
determining estimated production of unginnged cotton for the 1996/97 marketing
year

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Greece, and in particular Protocol 4 on cotton, as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 1553/95 ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 of 29 June 1995 ⁽²⁾ laying down general rules for the system of aid for cotton and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2169/81, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1584/96 ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 8 thereof,

Whereas Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 requires estimated production of cotton to be determined from crop estimates before 1 October of each marketing year; whereas on the basis of the data available the production estimate for the 1996/97 marketing year should be as indicated below;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Flax and Hemp,

Article 1

For the 1996/97 marketing year estimated production of unginnged cotton is:

- 1 220 000 tonnes for Greece,
- 264 372 tonnes for Spain,
- 0 for other Member States.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27 August 1996.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 148, 30. 6. 1995, p. 45.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 148, 30. 6. 1995, p. 48.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 206, 16. 8. 1996, p. 16.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1684/96

of 27 August 1996

establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of
certain fruit and vegetables

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,
Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 of 21 December 1994 on detailed rules for the application of the import arrangements for fruit and vegetables ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2933/95 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 4 (1) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3813/92 of 28 December 1992 on the unit of account and the conversion rates to be applied for the purposes of the common agricultural policy ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 150/95 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 3 (3) thereof,

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 lays down, pursuant to the outcome of the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations, the criteria whereby the Commis-

sion fixes the standard values for imports from third countries, in respect of the products and periods stipulated in the Annex thereto;

Whereas, in compliance with the above criteria, the standard import values must be fixed at the levels set out in the Annex to this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The standard import values referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 shall be fixed as indicated in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 28 August 1996.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27 August 1996.

For the Commission

Karel VAN MIERT

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 337, 24. 12. 1994, p. 66.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 307, 20. 12. 1995, p. 21.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 387, 31. 12. 1992, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 22, 31. 1. 1995, p. 1.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 27 August 1996 establishing the standard import values
for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

(ECU/100 kg)			(ECU/100 kg)		
CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value	CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0702 00 35	052	69,4	0808 10 92, 0808 10 94, 0808 10 98	624	67,7
	060	80,2		999	108,4
	064	70,8		039	121,0
	066	54,0		052	64,0
	068	80,3		064	90,1
	204	86,8		070	90,2
	208	44,0		284	72,1
	212	97,5		388	99,4
	624	95,8		400	65,2
	999	75,4		404	63,6
ex 0707 00 25	052	62,4	0808 20 57	416	72,7
	053	156,2		508	113,5
	060	61,0		512	116,4
	066	53,8		524	100,3
	068	69,1		528	56,2
	204	144,3		624	86,5
	624	87,1		728	107,3
	999	90,6		800	141,3
	052	54,3		804	104,9
	204	77,5		999	92,0
0709 90 79	412	54,2	0809 30 41, 0809 30 49	039	104,1
	508	42,9		052	84,1
	624	151,9		064	64,2
	999	76,2		388	83,8
	052	132,1		400	70,4
	204	88,8		512	88,7
	220	74,0		528	132,9
	388	83,1		624	79,0
	400	68,2		728	115,4
	512	80,0		800	84,0
0805 30 30	520	66,5	0809 40 30	804	73,0
	524	63,8		999	89,1
	528	55,7		052	53,9
	600	96,5		220	121,8
	624	48,9		624	106,8
	999	78,0		999	94,2
	052	59,9		052	78,8
	064	68,2		064	49,7
	066	49,4		066	46,7
	220	110,8		068	57,5
0806 10 40	400	137,3		400	143,5
	412	58,5		624	212,2
	508	307,2		676	68,6
	512	186,0		999	93,9
	600	39,2			

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 68/96 (OJ No L 14, 19. 1. 1996, p. 16). Code '999' stands for 'of other origin'.

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 July 1996

on financial aid from the Community for the work of the Laboratoire des médicaments vétérinaires, Fougères, France, a Community reference laboratory for residue testing

(Only the French text is authentic)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(96/516/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 pursuant to Article 1 (b) of Council Decision 91/664/EEC of 11 December 1991 designating the Community reference laboratories for testing certain substances for residues ⁽³⁾ the Laboratoire des médicaments vétérinaires, Fougères, France, was designated as the reference laboratory for the residues referred to in Annex I, group A.III (a) to Council Directive 86/469/EEC ⁽⁴⁾, with the exception of sulphonamides;

Whereas Decision 91/664/EEC is repealed from 1 July 1997 by Article 36 of Council Directive 96/23/EC ⁽⁵⁾ on measures to monitor certain substances and residues thereof in live animals and animal products;

Whereas Annex V (1) (b) to Directive 96/23/EC applies from 1 July 1997; whereas the Laboratoire des médicaments vétérinaires, Fougères, France, was designated as the reference laboratory for the residues referred to in Annex I, groups B 1 and 3 (e), and residues of carbadox and olaquinox;

Whereas all the tasks to be performed by the reference laboratory are defined in Article 1 of Council Decision 89/187/EEC of 6 March 1989 determining the powers and conditions of operation of the Community reference laboratories provided for by Directive 86/469/EEC concerning the examination of animals and fresh meat for the presence of residues ⁽⁶⁾;

Whereas Decision 89/187/EEC is repealed from 1 July 1997 by Article 36 of Directive 96/23/EC;

Whereas Annex V (2) to Directive 96/23/EC applies from 1 July 1997;

Whereas, in accordance with Commission Decisions 93/461/EEC ⁽⁷⁾, 94/490/EC ⁽⁸⁾ and 95/306/EC ⁽⁹⁾, the Community granted financial aid to the Community reference laboratory for residue testing, Fougères, France,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 19.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 168, 2. 7. 1994, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 368, 31. 12. 1991, p. 17.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 275, 26. 9. 1986, p. 36.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 125, 23. 5. 1996, p. 10.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 66, 10. 3. 1989, p. 37.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 215, 25. 8. 1993, p. 14.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 201, 4. 8. 1994, p. 36.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ No L 185, 4. 8. 1995, p. 57.

for a period expiring on 1 August 1996; whereas additional financial aid should be granted for two years from that date in order to enable the reference laboratory to continue to perform its functions and tasks;

Whereas the Community financial aid will be reviewed, with a view to an extension, before the end of that period;

Whereas, *inter alia* for the purposes of control, Articles 8 and 9 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 of 21 April 1970 on the financing of the common agricultural policy⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2048/88⁽²⁾, should apply;

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 hereby grants France financial aid for the functions and tasks referred to in:

- Article 1 of Decision 89/187/EEC to be performed by the Community reference laboratory for residue testing designated in Article 1(b) of Decision 91/664/EEC, for the period 1 August 1996 to 30 June 1997,
- Chapter 2 of Annex V to Directive 96/23/EC to be performed by the Community reference laboratory for residue testing designated in Annex V(1)(b) to that Directive, for the period 1 July 1997 to 31 July 1998.

Article 2

The Laboratoire des médicaments vétérinaires, Fougères, France shall perform the functions and tasks referred to in Article 1.

Article 3

The Community financial aid shall be a maximum of ECU 800 000 for the period 1 August 1996 to 31 July 1998.

Article 4

The Community financial aid shall be granted as follows:

- 25 % in advance at the request of France at the beginning of each of the first three six-month periods of the period concerned,
- the balance after submission of supporting documents by France. Those documents must be submitted by 1 October 1998.

Article 5

Each year, two months after the end of the financial year at the latest, France shall send the Commission a detailed technical report on the work carried out by the laboratory in performing the tasks conferred on it.

Article 6

Articles 8 and 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Article 7

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 29 July 1996.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 185, 15. 7. 1988, p. 1.

COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 July 1996

on financial aid from the Community for the work of the Bundesinstitut für gesundheitlichen Verbraucherschutz und Veterinärmedizin (formerly called the Bundesgesundheitsamt), Berlin, Germany, a Community reference laboratory for residue testing

(Only the German text is authentic)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(96/517/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 pursuant to Article 1 (c) of Council Decision 91/664/EEC of 11 December 1991 designating the Community reference laboratories for testing certain substances for residues ⁽³⁾ the Bundesinstitut für gesundheitlichen Verbraucherschutz und Veterinärmedizin, Berlin, Germany, was designated as the reference laboratory for the residues referred to in Annex I, group A.III (b) to Council Directive 86/469/EEC ⁽⁴⁾ and residues of beta-agonists and sulphonamides;

Whereas Decision 91/664/EEC is repealed from 1 July 1997 by Article 36 of Council Directive 96/23/EC ⁽⁵⁾ on measures to monitor certain substances and residues thereof in live animals and animal products;

Whereas Annex V (1) (c) to Directive 96/23/EC applies from 1 July 1997; whereas the Bundesinstitut für gesundheitlichen Verbraucherschutz und Veterinärmedizin, Berlin, Germany, was designated as the reference laboratory for the residues referred to in Annex I, groups A 5 and B 2 (a), (b) and (e);

Whereas all the tasks to be performed by the reference laboratory are defined in Article 1 of Council Decision 89/187/EEC of 6 March 1989 determining the powers and conditions of operation of the Community reference laboratories provided for by Directive 86/469/EEC concerning the examination of animals and fresh meat for the presence of residues ⁽⁶⁾;

Whereas Decision 89/187/EEC is repealed from 1 July 1997 by Article 36 of Directive 96/23/EC;

Whereas Annex V (2) to Directive 96/23/EC applies from 1 July 1997;

Whereas, in accordance with Commission Decisions 93/460/EEC ⁽⁷⁾, 94/493/EC ⁽⁸⁾ and 95/304/EC ⁽⁹⁾, the Community granted financial aid to the Community reference laboratory for residue testing, Berlin, Germany, for a period expiring on 1 August 1996; whereas additional financial aid should be granted for two years from that date in order to enable the reference laboratory to continue to perform its functions and tasks;

Whereas the Community financial aid will be reviewed, with a view to an extension, before the end of that period;

Whereas, *inter alia* for the purposes of control, Articles 8 and 9 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 of 21 April 1970 on the financing of the common agricultural policy ⁽¹⁰⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2048/88 ⁽¹¹⁾, should apply;

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 hereby grants Germany financial aid for the functions and tasks referred to in:

— Article 1 of Decision 89/187/EEC to be performed by the Community reference laboratory for residue testing designated in Article 1 (c) of Decision 91/664/EEC, for the period 1 August 1996 to 30 June 1997,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 19.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 168, 2. 7. 1994, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 368, 31. 12. 1991, p. 17.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 275, 26. 9. 1986, p. 36.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 125, 23. 5. 1996, p. 10.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 66, 10. 3. 1989, p. 37.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 215, 25. 8. 1993, p. 13.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 201, 4. 8. 1994, p. 39.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ No L 185, 4. 8. 1995, p. 55.

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 13.

⁽¹¹⁾ OJ No L 185, 15. 7. 1988, p. 1.

- Chapter 2 of Annex V to Directive 96/23/EC to be performed by the Community reference laboratory for residue testing designated in Annex V(1)(c) to that Directive, for the period 1 July 1997 to 31 July 1998.

Article 2

The Bundesinstitut für gesundheitlichen Verbraucherschutz und Veterinärmedizin (formerly called the Bundesgesundheitsamt), Berlin, Germany shall perform the functions and tasks referred to in Article 1.

Article 3

The Community financial aid shall be a maximum of ECU 800 000 for the period 1 August 1996 to 31 July 1998.

Article 4

The Community financial aid shall be granted as follows:

- 25 % in advance at the request of Germany at the beginning of each of the first three six-month periods of the period concerned,

- the balance after submission of supporting documents by Germany. Those documents must be submitted by 1 October 1998.

Article 5

Each year, two months after the end of the financial year at the latest, France shall send the Commission a detailed technical report on the work carried out by the laboratory in performing the tasks conferred on it.

Article 6

Articles 8 and 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Article 7

This Decision is addressed to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Done at Brussels, 29 July 1996.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 July 1996

on financial aid from the Community for the work of the Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome, Italy, a Community reference laboratory for residue testing

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(96/518/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 pursuant to Article 1(d) of Council Decision 91/664/EEC of 11 December 1991 designating the Community reference laboratories for testing certain substances for residues ⁽³⁾ the Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome, Italy, was designated as the reference laboratory for the residues referred to in Annex I, group B.II (a) and B.II (b) to Council Directive 86/469/EEC ⁽⁴⁾;

Whereas Decision 91/664/EEC is repealed from 1 July 1997 by Article 36 of Council Directive 96/23/EC ⁽⁵⁾ on measures to monitor certain substances and residues thereof in live animals and animal products;

Whereas Annex V(1)(d) to Directive 96/23/EC applies from 1 July 1997; whereas the Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome, Italy, was designated as the reference laboratory for the residues referred to in Annex I, groups B 2(c) and 3(a), (b) and (c);

Whereas all the tasks to be performed by the reference laboratory are defined in Article 1 of Council Decision 89/187/EEC of 6 March 1989 determining the powers and conditions of operation of the Community reference laboratories provided for by Directive 86/469/EEC concerning the examination of animals and fresh meat for the presence of residues ⁽⁶⁾;

Whereas Decision 89/187/EEC is repealed from 1 July 1997 by Article 36 of Directive 96/23/EC;

Whereas Annex V(2) to Directive 96/23/EC applies from 1 July 1997;

Whereas, in accordance with Commission Decisions 93/458/EEC ⁽⁷⁾, 94/492/EC ⁽⁸⁾ and 95/305/EC ⁽⁹⁾, the Community granted financial aid to the Community reference laboratory for residue testing, Rome, Italy, for a period expiring on 1 August 1996; whereas additional financial aid should be granted for two years from that date in order to enable the reference laboratory to continue to perform its functions and tasks;

Whereas the Community financial aid will be reviewed, with a view to an extension, before the end of that period;

Whereas, *inter alia* for the purposes of control, Articles 8 and 9 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 of 21 April 1970 on the financing of the common agricultural policy ⁽¹⁰⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2048/88 ⁽¹¹⁾, should apply;

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 hereby grants Italy financial aid for the functions and tasks referred to in:

— Article 1 of Decision 89/187/EEC to be performed by the Community reference laboratory for residue testing designated in Article 1(d) of Decision 91/664/EEC, for the period 1 August 1996 to 30 June 1997,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 19.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 168, 2. 7. 1994, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 368, 31. 12. 1991, p. 17.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 275, 26. 9. 1986, p. 36.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 125, 23. 5. 1996, p. 10.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 66, 10. 3. 1989, p. 37.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 215, 25. 8. 1993, p. 10.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 201, 4. 8. 1994, p. 38.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ No L 185, 4. 8. 1995, p. 56.

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 13.

⁽¹¹⁾ OJ No L 185, 15. 7. 1988, p. 1.

- Chapter 2 of Annex V to Directive 96/23/EC to be performed by the Community reference laboratory for residue testing designated in Annex V(1)(d) to that Directive, for the period 1 July 1997 to 31 July 1998.

Article 2

The Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome, Italy shall perform the functions and tasks referred to in Article 1.

Article 3

The Community financial aid shall be a maximum of ECU 800 000 for the period 1 August 1996 to 31 July 1998.

Article 4

The Community financial aid shall be granted as follows:

- 25 % in advance at the request of Italy at the beginning of each of the first three six-month periods of the period concerned,
- the balance after submission of supporting documents by Italy. Those documents must be submitted by 1 October 1998.

Article 5

Each year, two months after the end of the financial year at the latest, Italy shall send the Commission a detailed technical report on the work carried out by the laboratory in performing the tasks conferred on it.

Article 6

Articles 8 and 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Article 7

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 29 July 1996.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 July 1996

on financial aid from the Community for the work of the Rijksinstituut voor de Volksgezondheid en Milieuhygiëne (RIVM), Bilthoven, Netherlands, a Community reference laboratory for residue testing

(Only the Dutch text is authentic)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(96/519/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 pursuant to Article 1(a) of Council Decision 91/664/EEC of 11 December 1991 designating the Community reference laboratories for testing certain substances for residues ⁽³⁾ the Rijksinstituut voor de Volksgezondheid en Milieuhygiëne (RIVM), Bilthoven, Netherlands was designated as the reference laboratory for the residues referred to in Annex I, groups A.I and A.II, to Council Directive 86/469/EEC ⁽⁴⁾;

Whereas Decision 91/664/EEC is repealed from 1 July 1997 by Article 36 of Council Directive 96/23/EC ⁽⁵⁾ on measures to monitor certain substances and residues thereof in live animals and animal products;

Whereas Annex V(1)(a) to Directive 96/23/EC applies from 1 July 1997; whereas the Rijksinstituut voor de Volksgezondheid en Milieuhygiëne (RIVM), Bilthoven, Netherlands was designated as the reference laboratory for the residues referred to in Annex I, groups A 1, 2, 3, 4 and B 2 (d) and 3 (d);

Whereas all the tasks to be performed by the reference laboratory are defined in Article 1 of Council Decision 89/187/EEC of 6 March 1989 determining the powers and conditions of operation of the Community reference laboratories provided for by Directive 86/469/EEC concerning the examination of animals and fresh meat for the presence of residues ⁽⁶⁾;

Whereas Decision 89/187/EEC is repealed from 1 July 1997 by Article 36 of Directive 96/23/EC;

Whereas Annex V(2) to Directive 96/23/EC applies from 1 July 1997;

Whereas, in accordance with Commission Decisions 93/459/EEC ⁽⁷⁾, 94/491/EC ⁽⁸⁾ and 95/303/EC ⁽⁹⁾, the Community granted financial aid to the Community reference laboratory for residue testing, Bilthoven, Netherlands, for a period expiring on 1 August 1996; whereas additional financial aid should be granted for two years from that date in order to enable the reference laboratory to continue to perform its functions and tasks;

Whereas the Community financial aid will be reviewed, with a view to an extension, before the end of that period;

Whereas, *inter alia* for the purposes of control, Articles 8 and 9 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 of 21 April 1970 on the financing of the common agricultural policy ⁽¹⁰⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2048/88 ⁽¹¹⁾, should apply;

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 hereby grants the Netherlands financial aid for the functions and tasks referred to in:

— Article 1 of Decision 89/187/EEC to be performed by the Community reference laboratory for residue testing designated in Article 1(a) of Decision 91/664/EEC, for the period 1 August 1996 to 30 June 1997,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 19.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 168, 2. 7. 1994, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 368, 31. 12. 1991, p. 17.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 275, 26. 9. 1986, p. 36.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 125, 23. 5. 1996, p. 10.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 66, 10. 3. 1989, p. 37.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 215, 25. 8. 1993, p. 12.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 201, 4. 8. 1994, p. 37.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ No L 185, 4. 8. 1995, p. 54.

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 13.

⁽¹¹⁾ OJ No L 185, 15. 7. 1988, p. 1.

- Chapter 2 of Annex V to Directive 96/23/EC to be performed by the Community reference laboratory for residue testing designated in Annex V(1)(a) to that Directive, for the period 1 July 1997 to 31 July 1998.

Article 2

The Rijksinstituut voor de Volksgezondheid en Milieuhygiëne (RIVM), Bilthoven, Netherlands shall perform the functions and tasks referred to in Article 1.

Article 3

The Community financial aid shall be a maximum of ECU 800 000 for the period 1 August 1996 to 31 July 1998.

Article 4

The Community financial aid shall be granted as follows:

- 25 % in advance at the request of the Netherlands at the beginning of each of the first three six-month periods of the period concerned,
- the balance after submission of supporting documents by the Netherlands. Those documents must be submitted by 1 October 1998.

Article 5

Each year, two months after the end of the financial year at the latest, the Netherlands shall send the Commission a detailed technical report on the work carried out by the laboratory in performing the tasks conferred on it.

Article 6

Articles 8 and 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Article 7

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Done at Brussels, 29 July 1996.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission
