

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

of 14 June 2013

concerning the financing for the year 2013 of activities in the veterinary field related to the European Union's information policy and support of international organisations, to several measures necessary to ensure the application of the food and feed and the plant health legislation

(2013/C 170/06)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 ⁽¹⁾ on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (hereinafter referred to as 'the Financial Regulation') and in particular Article 84 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 2009/470/EC of 25 May 2009 on expenditure in the veterinary field ⁽²⁾ and in particular Articles 16, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 27 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market and repealing Council Directives 79/117/EEC and 91/414/EEC ⁽³⁾ and in particular Article 76(1) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules ⁽⁴⁾ and in particular, Article 66(1)(c) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) In accordance with Article 84 of the Financial Regulation and Article 94 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union ⁽⁵⁾ (hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules of Application'), the commitment of expenditure from the Union budget shall be preceded by a financing decision setting

out the essential elements of the action involving expenditure and adopted by the institution or the authorities to which powers have been delegated by the institution.

(2) The Rules of Application identify the degree of detail considered sufficient to describe the framework of a financing decision.

(3) In accordance with Article 128 of the Financial Regulation, an annual work programme must be adopted for grants.

(4) It is necessary to lay down a work programme for the activities of the European Union in the veterinary field related to information policy, support of international organisations and computerisation of veterinary procedures.

(5) As the work programme in the annexes is a sufficiently detailed framework in the meaning of Article 94 of the Rules of Application, the present decision constitutes a financing decision for the expenditure provided for in the work programme for grants and procurements.

(6) Pursuant to Article 22 of Decision 2009/470/EC, the Union may undertake, or assist the Member States or international organisations in undertaking, the technical and scientific measures necessary for the development of Union veterinary legislation and for the development of veterinary education or training.

(7) In accordance with Article 53d of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the General Budget of the European Communities ⁽⁶⁾, evidence has been obtained by the authorising officer that the international organisations, OIE and FAO, to be entrusted with the implementation of the Union budget by joint management, apply standards which offer guarantees equivalent to internationally accepted standards in their accounting, audit, internal control and procurement procedures.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 155, 18.6.2009, p. 30.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 309, 24.11.2009, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 165, 30.4.2004, p. 1; as corrected by OJ L 191, 28.5.2004, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

- (8) A joint EU-OIE project was completed on the study on listing and categorisation of priority animal diseases, including those transmissible to humans. Within the framework of this project, a tool was developed for disease categorisation and prioritisation. Currently, a financial contribution is needed for gathering of the information and adjustment of the tool to be used also for diseases of aquatic animals which is necessary for the listing of diseases under the new EU Animal Health Law.
- (9) On 29 November 2003, the European Union and the United Nations signed a financial and administrative framework agreement, which provided the enabling environment for the Agreement between the Commission of the European Communities and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, signed on 17 July 2003.
- (10) In accordance with Commission Decision 2009/492/EC of 22 June 2009 on a Community financial contribution towards Trust Fund 911100MTF/INT/003/EEC⁽¹⁾ to assist the campaign against foot-and-mouth disease outside the Community, the European Commission concluded on 1 September 2009 the Implementing Agreement MTF/INT/003/EEC on EC Funded Activities (2009-13) carried out by the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (EuFMD). The duration of the Agreement was 48 months. As outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease and, in some cases, severe epidemics continue to occur in third countries neighbouring the Member States which are liable to threaten the health status of susceptible livestock in Member States, it is appropriate to renew that Implementing Agreement and fix the Union contribution to the Trust Fund 911100MTF/INT/003/EEC.
- (11) It is appropriate that that Union contribution be fixed at a maximum level of EUR 4 000 000 for a period of 24 months. The budget of the Trust Fund for 2013 should be made up of the final balance of its funds on 31 August 2013 and a Union contribution to bring the amount to an equivalent in USD of EUR 2 000 000. Subsequent expenditure should be replenished by annual transfers or by a schedule of payments specified in a new implementing agreement that is concluded on the basis of the Financial and Administrative Framework Agreement for Union financing of United Nations' programmes.
- (12) Article 19 paragraph (a)(i) of Decision 2009/470/EC provides that the Union shall make a financial contribution to the gathering and storing of all information relating to Union legislation in the field of animal health, animal welfare and food safety in products of animal origin.
- (13) A financial contribution is required to give access to an interactive database of veterinary legislation, to enable Member States to have access to relevant information of a veterinary nature on an annual basis.
- (14) Article 13 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union⁽²⁾ requires the Union and the Member States to pay full regard to the welfare requirements of animals in formulating and implementing some of the Union's policies. Following the communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee on the European Union Strategy for the protection and welfare of animals 2012-15⁽³⁾, it is appropriate to fund initiatives aiming at implementing this strategy.
- (15) Communication activities were put in place in previous years to promote animal health issues and the Animal Health Strategy principles to stakeholders, organisations and society as a whole. It is appropriate that these communication activities, including the horizontal ones, continue in 2013.
- (16) Article 27 of Decision 2009/470/EC provides for Union financial contribution for the implementation of national eradication and surveillance programmes. According to that same Article, the Commission shall assess these programmes. A pre-assessment of these programmes submitted for 2014 shall be made by external experts.
- (17) The fight against the trade of illegal and counterfeited plant protection products is necessary for the protection of human and animal health and of the environment. According to Article 76(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 the Commission may provide for the expenditures for activities contributing to the aims of the Regulation.
- (18) Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 lays down rules for the performance of official controls to verify compliance with rules aiming in particular at preventing, eliminating or reducing to acceptable levels risks to humans and animals, either directly or through the environment, guaranteeing fair practices in feed and food trade and protecting consumers interests, including feed and food labelling and other forms of consumer information.

(1) OJ L 164, 26.6.2009, p. 64.

(2) OJ C 83, 30.3.2010, p. 47.

(3) COM(2012) 6 final.

- (19) According to Article 66(1)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, the appropriations required for the financing of other measures necessary to ensure the application of this regulation shall be authorised each year within the framework of the budgetary procedure. The measures referred to in Article 66 include in particular the organisation of studies, the publication of information and the organisation of meetings and conferences.
- (20) A study questioned the validity of the CEN detection method EN 1785:2003. It is necessary to repeat it in order to verify the validity of the method.
- (21) The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) is an organisation recognised worldwide for the experience on economic analysis and recommendations for policymakers. Therefore, in line with Article 134(1)(b) of the Rules of Application, the contract can for technical reasons only be awarded to OECD.
- (22) In a joint technical report published in 2009, 'The bacterial challenge: time to react', the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) estimate the cost of antimicrobial resistance in humans to be annually EUR 1,5 billion. As follow-up to this estimation of EMA and ECDC, and to better demonstrate the impact of antimicrobial resistance, an appropriate economic analysis is needed by a recognised partner such as OECD to be used as support of the policy proposals.
- (23) Communication on food and feed control cannot always be linked to a specific subject. Therefore, it is appropriate to foresee some resources to horizontal communication activities relating to it.
- (24) The Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) has an important role to help to maintain a high standard food safety system in the EU and in third countries exporting to the EU. The work of FVO can be seen as a key element of the EU food safety system and it is important that information related to inspection tasks is disseminated.
- (25) In 2012, the Commission commissioned a specific study to examine existing GMO-free labelling schemes in the EU, and to identify and analyse elements to be considered in the context of a possible EU harmonised approach on such labelling. The results of this study will be discussed with the Member States and stakeholders in 2013. Depending of the outcome of the study and of the follow up discussions, it may be deemed necessary to consider further harmonising this area. The Commission would therefore have to perform a comprehensive impact assessment of several harmonisation approaches, which would require in-depth analysis of the economic, social, trade, consumer and environment impacts. Appropriate financial means should be provisioned in view of the realisation of data collection and options appraisal work in support to this impact assessment.
- (26) Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on food additives⁽¹⁾ and Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on flavourings and certain ingredients with flavouring properties for use in and on foods⁽²⁾ require the adoption of a common methodology for gathering of information by the Member States on the consumption and use of food additives and flavourings in the EU. Such a common methodology is needed to assure that the use of these substances in the EU remains safe for the consumers. Monitoring should in the first place focus on the typical and the maximum use levels of additives and on the undesirable substances that are present in natural flavourings or in certain food ingredients. It will allow the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) to make reliable exposure assessments and the Commission to make effective and proportionate risk management measures.
- (27) The EU reference laboratories (EURL) should submit the working programme for 2014 by the end of September of this year. The Commission assesses these programmes. A pre-assessment of these programmes submitted for 2014 shall be made by external experts.
- (28) The scope of Commission Regulation (EU) No 619/2011 laying down the methods of sampling and analysis for the official control of feed as regards presence of genetically modified material for which an authorisation procedure is pending or the authorisation of which has expired⁽³⁾ covers the presence of non-authorised genetically modified (GM) material in feed only. That Regulation included a review clause requesting the Commission to monitor its application and its impact on the internal market as well as on feed, livestock and other operators and, if necessary, to bring forward proposals to review the measure. Initial data submitted by stakeholders and any new data should be collected, analysed and form the basis for the Commission to support an impact assessment of the present situation versus an extension of the scope to food. To support this study appropriate financial means should be provisioned.

(1) OJ L 354, 31.12.2008, p. 16.

(2) OJ L 354, 31.12.2008, p. 34.

(3) OJ L 166, 25.6.2011, p. 9.

- (29) This financing decision may also cover the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Articles 92 of the Financial Regulation and 111 of the Applicable Rules.
- (30) For the application of this decision, it is appropriate to define the term 'substantial change' within the meaning of Article 94(4) of the Rules of Application.
- (31) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE I

Work programme implementing Council Decision 2009/470/EC

Article 1

The annual work programme for the implementation of Articles 16, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 27 of Decision 2009/470/EC, as set out in Annex I, is hereby adopted.

Article 2

The maximum contribution authorised by this Title for the implementation of the programme is set at EUR 6 764 700 to be financed from budget line 17 04 02 01 of the General Budget of the European Union for 2013.

Article 3

The budget implementation of tasks related to points I.2.1 and I.2.2 in the Annex I may be entrusted to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), which apply standards offering guarantees equivalent to internationally accepted standards in their accounting, audit, internal control and procurement procedures.

TITLE II

Work programme implementing phytosanitary legislation

Article 4

The annual work programme for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 set out in the Annex II is hereby adopted.

Article 5

The maximum contribution authorised by this Title for the implementation of the programme is set at EUR 100 000 to be financed from budget line 17 04 04 01 of the General Budget of the European Union for 2013.

TITLE III

Work programme implementing Regulation (EC) No 882/2004

Article 6

The annual work programme for the implementation of Article 66(1)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, as set out in the Annex III, is hereby adopted.

Article 7

The maximum contribution authorised by this Title for the implementation of the programme is set at EUR 888 582 to be financed from budget line 17 04 07 01 of the General Budget of the European Union for 2013.

TITLE IV

General provisions

Article 8

The work programmes mentioned in Titles I, II and III constitute financing decisions in the meaning of Article 84 of the Financial Regulation.

Article 9

1. The authorising officer may adopt any changes to each Title which are not considered substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of the Rules of Application, in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and of proportionality.

2. Cumulative changes of the allocations to the actions within each work programme not exceeding 10 % of the maximum contribution provided for in Articles 2, 5 and 7 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of the Rules of Application, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objective of the work programmes.

Article 10

The appropriations mentioned in Articles 2, 5 and 7 may also cover interest due for late payment.

Article 11

This Decision is addressed to the authorising officers by delegation.

Done at Brussels, 14 June 2013.

For the Commission

Tonio BORG

Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

Council Decision 2009/470/EC of 25 May 2009 on expenditure in the veterinary field, and in particular Articles 16, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 27 thereof — Work Programme for 2013**I.1. INTRODUCTION**

This programme contains 7 main topics for the year 2013. On the basis of the objectives given in Decision 2009/470/EC of 25 May 2009, the distribution of the budget and the main actions are the following:

- (a) for expenditure implemented in joint management (point I.2):
 - (i) up to a maximum of EUR 540 000 to OIE (point I.2.1) for the organisation of:
 - global conference on biosecurity;
 - regional seminars on wildlife, animal disease notification and animal production safety and
 - regional meetings/conferences on animal welfare, on foot-and-mouth disease progressive control pathway and on the joint permanent committee of the Mediterranean animal health network and on aquatic animal health;
 - (ii) up to a maximum of EUR 4 000 000 to FAO (point I.2.2) for assisting the campaign against foot-and-mouth disease outside the Union;
- (b) for procurement (implemented in direct centralised management) (point I.3):
 - (i) Use of call for tender on a contribution to enable access to a database of veterinary legislation for administrators in Member States: EUR 150 000 (point I.3.1);
 - (ii) Contribution towards horizontal communication related to animal health activities: EUR 112 700 (point I.3.2);
 - (iii) Events to support on-going policy on animal welfare and maintenance of existing communication tools: EUR 782 000 (point I.3.3);
 - (iv) Publications and dissemination of information to promote animal health issues, the animal health strategy principles and animal welfare EUR 1 030 000 (point I.3.4.);
 - (v) External pre-assessment of the eradication/surveillance programmes for 2013: EUR 150 000 (point I.3.5).

I.2. ACTION UNDER JOINT MANAGEMENT**I.2.1. THE WORLD ORGANISATION FOR ANIMAL HEALTH (OIE)**

Global conference on biosecurity, regional seminars for OIE Focal Points of Europe for wildlife, for animal disease notification and for animal production food safety; regional meetings of the Steering Group of the Animal Welfare Platform for Europe; regional conference on the implementation of the FMD progressive control pathway in Central Asia; regional meetings of the Joint Permanent Committee of the Mediterranean Animal Health Network (REMESA); adjustment of the disease categorisation and prioritisation tool within the OIE study and listing and categorisation of priority animal diseases, including those transmissible to humans, for it to be used also for diseases of aquatic animals.

LEGAL BASIS

Article 23 of Decision 2009/470/EC

BUDGETARY LINE

17 04 02 01

INDICATIVE NUMBER AND TYPE OF AGREEMENT ENVISAGED

One contribution agreement for 2013-2014

IMPLEMENTING ENTITY

The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) is an intergovernmental organisation responsible for improving animal health worldwide. The OIE also issues animal health standards for the international trade on live animals and their products that are recognised by the World Trade Organisation as reference international sanitary rules.

In order to:

- improve the animal health worldwide and consequently lower the animal disease risk in the EU,
- promote the Union's animal health and welfare policy and standards and
- facilitate in this way EU exports,

it is important that the EU approach to animal health and welfare is shared with all member countries of the OIE and that the EU actively supports conferences and training seminars organised by the OIE.

The Commission and the OIE have signed on June 7, 2010 a long-term Framework Agreement laying down the administrative and financial arrangements for their cooperation (here attached), whereby the 'European Union Contribution Agreement with an International Organisation' (the 'Standard Contribution Agreement' or 'SCA') applies to global, regional or national programmes and actions administered by the OIE and financed or co-financed by the European Union.

A thorough and complete assessment of the OIE had been done previously, through a 'four pillar assessment' that established that the OIE applied, in its accounting, audit, control and procurement procedures, standards that offer guarantees equivalent to internationally accepted standards.

OBJECTIVES TO BE FULFILLED AND FORESEEN RESULTS

To share the EU approach to animal health and welfare and veterinary public health with all members of the OIE through the promotion of the Union's policy and standards at the occasion of conferences and training seminars organised by the OIE. Eventually to improve the animal health, welfare and veterinary public health status worldwide, lower the risk in the EU and facilitate EU exports.

To complete the study on Listing and Categorisation of Priority Animal Diseases, including those transmissible to humans and to adjust the tool for disease categorisation and prioritisation developed within that framework, for it to be used also for diseases of aquatic animals. This completion is necessary for the listing of diseases under the new EU Animal Health Law. It will lead to a better prioritisation of EU actions and use of resources.

DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

An overview of the different actions to be financed under this point can be found below.

IMPLEMENTATION

Joint management

INDICATIVE TIMEFRAME FOR CONCLUSION OF THE CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

3rd quarter of 2013

MAXIMUM AMOUNT AND RATE OF THE CONTRIBUTION

EUR 540 000

Summary of the activities to be organised by the OIE in 2013-2014:

- one global conference on biosecurity (EUR 100 000),
- six regional conferences/seminars (EUR 360 000) and
- one study on the disease categorisation (EUR 80 000).

I.2.2. FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS EuFMD TRUST FUND 911100MTF/INT/003/EEC AT FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANISATION (FAO)

The aim is to assist the campaign against foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) outside the Union. To this end EuFMD has established a strategic plan for 2013-2017 comprising four pillars.

The first pillar aims at the improvement of readiness for FMD crisis management in member countries, including the development of a frame of European experts in FMD crisis management through real-time training, support for contingency planning, development of decision support tools for disease control managers and a programme for the development of an early warning and disease management system in the Balkan region.

The second pillar aims at the reduction of risks to member countries from the FMD situation in the European neighbourhood through the progressive control of FMD in neighbouring regions, mainly the areas bordering Turkey and Israel but also the countries in the North of Africa.

The third pillar aims at the promotion of the global strategy of progressive control of FMD through expert support to FAO and OIE agreed activities.

The fourth pillar includes a mechanism for emergency response to a FMD crisis in the European neighbourhood, which could include the supply of emergency vaccines to regions that represent a risk to member countries.

LEGAL BASIS

Article 16 of Decision 2009/470/EC

BUDGETARY LINE

17 04 02 01

INDICATIVE NUMBER AND TYPE OF THE CONTRIBUTION

One contribution agreement for 2013-2015 which will be implemented in the following way:

1. The balance of Trust Fund 911100MTF/INT/003/EEC as at 31 August 2013.
2. The financial contribution from the Union to the Trust Fund shall be set at a maximum of EUR 4 000 000 for a period of 24 months from 1 September 2013.
3. The first instalment of the amount referred to in paragraph 2 for the year 2013 shall be made up of:
 - (a) the balance referred to in paragraph 1,
 - (b) a Union contribution of the amount necessary to bring the total amount of the Trust Fund to an equivalent in USD of EUR 2 000 000.
4. Expenditure incurred by the Trust Fund from 1 September 2013 until 31 August 2015 shall be replenished by annual Union contributions payable in 2014 and 2015 respectively. However, the payment of those contributions shall be subject to the existence of available funds in the Union Budget.
5. The annual Union contributions provided for in paragraph 4 shall be based on the financial report produced by the European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (EuFMD) to either the annual Session of the Executive Committee or the biennial General Session of EuFMD, supported by detailed documentation in accordance with the rules of the FAO and the Financial and Administrative Framework Agreement for Union funding of FAO activities.
6. An Implementing Agreement on the use and operation of the Trust Fund shall be concluded between the Commission and FAO for a period of 24 months, starting on 1 September 2013.
7. The Trust Fund shall be operated jointly by the European Commission and the EuFMD in accordance with the Implementing Agreement referred to in paragraph 6.

MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF THE RATE OF THE CONTRIBUTION

EUR 4 000 000

I.3. PROCUREMENT

The global budgetary envelope reserved in 2013 for the procurement contracts amounts to EUR 2 224 700.

I.3.1. AVAILABILITY OF VETERINARY LEGISLATION IN AN INTERACTIVE DATABASE TO THE ADMINISTRATIONS OF MEMBER STATES

LEGAL BASIS

Article 20 of Decision 2009/470/EC

BUDGETARY LINE

17 04 02 01

INDICATIVE NUMBER AND TYPE OF CONTRACTS ENVISAGED

One service contract

SUBJECT OF THE CONTRACTS ENVISAGED (IF POSSIBLE)

Veterinary legislation contains many elements where it is useful for Member State administrators to have this available in an interactive way. Such a database should be kept up to date within 24 hours of new legislation being published and contain the consolidated versions of the concerned legislation. It should also contain easy to use overviews of related data that are important for the day to day work of veterinary authorities in Member States.

The foreseen contribution will enable veterinary legislation and related data to be made available to administrators in Member States in an interactive and easily accessible way for the years 2014 and 2015.

IMPLEMENTATION

Direct centralised

INDICATIVE TIMEFRAME FOR LAUNCHING THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

Third quarter of 2013

INDICATIVE AMOUNT OF THE CALL FOR TENDERS

EUR 150 000

I.3.2. HORIZONTAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS COMMUNICATION RELATED TO ANIMAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES

LEGAL BASIS

Article 20 of Decision 2009/470/EC

BUDGETARY LINE

17 04 02 01

INDICATIVE NUMBER AND TYPE OF CONTRACTS ENVISAGED

Approximately 10 specific contracts using several framework contracts

SUBJECT OF THE CONTRACTS ENVISAGED (IF POSSIBLE)

Horizontal contribution towards communication related to animal health activities.

IMPLEMENTATION

Direct centralised

INDICATIVE TIMEFRAME FOR LAUNCHING THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

Throughout 2013

INDICATIVE AMOUNT OF THE CALL FOR TENDERS

EUR 112 700

I.3.3. EVENTS TO SUPPORT ONGOING POLICY ON ANIMAL WELFARE AND MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING COMMUNICATION TOOLS

LEGAL BASIS

Articles 20 and 23 of Decision 2009/470/EC

BUDGETARY LINE

17 04 02 01

INDICATIVE NUMBER AND TYPE OF CONTRACTS ENVISAGED

6 specific contracts using several framework contracts

SUBJECT OF THE CONTRACTS ENVISAGED (IF POSSIBLE)

(a) Production of written publications on animal welfare (EUR 30 000)

(b) Activities to support education of children on animal welfare (EUR 162 000)

(c) Organisation of 2 regional workshops for veterinary practitioners (EUR 120 000)

- (d) Study for the preparation of a report on the impact of animal welfare activities on the competitiveness of European livestock producers in a globalised world (EUR 100 000)
- (e) Study on the welfare of dogs and cats (including a workshop on trade) (EUR 200 000)
- (f) Organisation of a training for the data collection on broilers (EUR 170 000).

IMPLEMENTATION

Direct centralised

INDICATIVE TIMEFRAME FOR LAUNCHING THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

From second quarter onwards to third quarter of 2013

INDICATIVE AMOUNT OF THE CALL FOR TENDERS

EUR 782 000

I.3.4. PUBLICATIONS AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION TO PROMOTE ANIMAL HEALTH ISSUES, THE ANIMAL HEALTH STRATEGY PRINCIPLES

LEGAL BASIS

Article 20 of Decision 2009/470/EC

BUDGETARY LINE

17 04 02 01

INDICATIVE NUMBER AND TYPE OF CONTRACTS ENVISAGED

Conclusion of at least 10 specific service contracts using a framework contract.

SUBJECT OF THE CONTRACTS ENVISAGED (IF POSSIBLE)

- (a) veterinary conference in 2013 in Brussels on the new Animal Health Law in order to promote a modern, flexible and simplified legislative framework (EUR 100 000)
- (b) veterinary student seminar in view of reinforcement of the farm-to-fork message (EUR 75 000)
- (c) participation to international events to promote the integrated approach to food safety 'from farm to fork' via 2 main fairs (EUR 300 000) and three smaller fairs (EUR 300 000). Participation to such fairs will aim at reaching some 2 million citizens with a view to make the added value and benefits of our policy for their daily lives known
- (d) support to various communication activities related to Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES), including website, annual report, leaflet and media event (EUR 55 000)
- (e) production of publication and promotional material for animal health (EUR 200 000). They will serve to reinforce our messages about the benefits of animal health to citizens (as they relate to food safety, human health and the economy), and to support activities to promote these messages at a local level.

IMPLEMENTATION

Direct centralised

INDICATIVE TIMEFRAME FOR LAUNCHING THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

Throughout 2013

INDICATIVE AMOUNT OF THE CALL FOR TENDERS

EUR 1 030 000

I.3.5. EXTERNAL PRE-ASSESSMENT OF THE ERADICATION/SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMMES FOR 2014

LEGAL BASIS

Article 27 of Decision 2009/470/EC

BUDGETARY LINE

17 04 02 01

INDICATIVE NUMBER AND TYPE OF CONTRACTS ENVISAGED

Conclusion of at least 30 expert contracts with external experts to be selected via Appel à Manifestation d'Intérêt (A. M. I).

SUBJECT OF THE CONTRACTS ENVISAGED (IF POSSIBLE)

According to that Article 27 of Decision 2009/470/EC, the Commission shall assess the programmes submitted for 2014. Programmes can be submitted for 11 diseases. The aim is to look for a pre-assessment of these programmes by 2 external technical assistants per disease.

IMPLEMENTATION

Direct centralised

INDICATIVE TIMEFRAME FOR LAUNCHING THE PROCEDURE

June-July 2013

INDICATIVE AMOUNT OF THE ACTION

EUR 150 000

ANNEX II

Work programme for 2013**Pesticide legislation****II.1. INTRODUCTION**

This programme contains one implementing measure for the year 2013.

II.2. PROCUREMENT

STUDY ON ILLEGAL AND COUNTERFEITED PESTICIDES PROVIDING AN EVALUATION OVERVIEW OF CONTROL ACTIVITIES BY MEMBER STATES' AUTHORITIES AND INFORMATION ON THE TRADE OF ILLEGAL AND COUNTERFEITED PESTICIDES

LEGAL BASIS

Article 76(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009

BUDGETARY LINE

17 04 04 01

INDICATIVE NUMBER AND TYPE OF CONTRACTS ENVISAGED

One contract

SUBJECT OF THE CONTRACTS ENVISAGED (IF POSSIBLE)

- evaluate existing control measures performed by Member States' authorities for plant protection products and active substances and other substances contained in plant protection products,
- collect information on trade of counterfeited and illegal pesticides, and
- assess adequacy of the regulatory framework and of the measures and make suggestions for improvement/best practices.

IMPLEMENTATION

Direct centralised

INDICATIVE TIME FRAME FOR LAUNCHING THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

3rd quarter of 2013

INDICATIVE AMOUNT OF THE CALL FOR TENDERS

EUR 100 000

ANNEX III

Work programme for 2013
Regulation (EC) No 882/2004**III.1. INTRODUCTION**

This programme contains three implementing measures for the year 2013. On the basis of Article 66(1)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 on Union financial support of measures necessary to ensure the application of the Regulation, the distribution of the budget and the main actions are the following:

For procurement:

- verification of the validity of CEN detection method EN 1785:2003 for food treated with ionising: EUR 60 000 (point III.2.1);
- economic study on antimicrobial resistance, to be developed by OECD: EUR 50 000 (point III.2.2);
- horizontal contribution towards communication related to food and feed control, notably for the update of relevant parts of websites, and design and creation of audiovisual and printed material: EUR 203 582 (point III.2.3);
- communication on FVO inspection tasks: EUR 150 000 (point III.2.4);
- impact assessment on the need to set EU provisions concerning a voluntary GMO-free labelling scheme: EUR 100 000 (point III.2.5);
- development of a common methodology for gathering of information by the Member States on the consumption and use of food additives and flavourings in the European Union: EUR 150 000 (point III.2.6);
- external pre-assessment of the programmes presented by the EU reference laboratories: EUR 75 000 (point III.2.7);
- study to collect new and existing data for assessing the impact on the internal market as well as on feed, livestock and operators on the implementation of Commission Regulation (EU) No 619/2011: EUR 100 000 (point III.2.8).

III.2. PROCUREMENT

The global budgetary envelope reserved in 2013 for the procurement contracts amounts to EUR 694 000.

III.2.1. VERIFICATION OF THE VALIDITY OF CEN DETECTION METHOD EN 1785:2003 FOR FOOD TREATED WITH IONISING

LEGAL BASIS

Article 66(1)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004

BUDGETARY LINE

17 04 07 01

INDICATIVE NUMBER AND TYPE OF CONTRACTS ENVISAGED

One administrative arrangement

SUBJECT OF THE CONTRACTS ENVISAGED (IF POSSIBLE)

Tests by Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the robustness of the available methods to detect markers for irradiation

IMPLEMENTATION

Direct centralised

INDICATIVE TIME FRAME FOR LAUNCHING THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

First half of 2013

INDICATIVE AMOUNT OF THE CALL FOR TENDERS

EUR 60 000

III.2.2. ECONOMIC STUDY ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE, TO BE DEVELOPED BY OECD

LEGAL BASIS

Article 66(1)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004

BUDGETARY LINE

17 04 07 01

INDICATIVE NUMBER AND TYPE OF CONTRACTS ENVISAGED

One contract

SUBJECT OF THE CONTRACTS ENVISAGED (IF POSSIBLE)

The Commission's current policy initiative regarding antimicrobial resistance should be supported by economic analysis making evident the impact of antimicrobial resistance.

IMPLEMENTATION

Direct centralised

INDICATIVE TIME FRAME FOR LAUNCHING THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

Second half of 2013

INDICATIVE AMOUNT OF THE CALL FOR TENDERS

EUR 50 000

III.2.3. HORIZONTAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS COMMUNICATION RELATED TO FOOD AND FEED CONTROL, NOTABLY FOR THE UPDATE OF RELEVANT PARTS OF WEBSITES, AND DESIGN AND CREATION OF AUDIOVISUAL AND PRINTED MATERIAL

LEGAL BASIS

Article 66(1)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004

BUDGETARY LINE

17 04 07 01

INDICATIVE NUMBER AND TYPE OF CONTRACTS ENVISAGED

Approximately 10 service contracts using several framework contracts

SUBJECT OF THE CONTRACTS ENVISAGED (IF POSSIBLE)

Horizontal contribution towards communication related to food and feed control notably for the update of relevant parts of websites, and design and creation of audiovisual and printed material

IMPLEMENTATION

Direct centralised

INDICATIVE TIME FRAME FOR LAUNCHING THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

Throughout the year 2013

INDICATIVE AMOUNT OF THE CALL FOR TENDERS

EUR 203 582

III.2.4. COMMUNICATION ON FVO INSPECTION TASKS

LEGAL BASIS

Article 66(1)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004

BUDGETARY LINE

17 04 07 01

INDICATIVE NUMBER AND TYPE OF CONTRACTS ENVISAGED

Approximately five specific contracts using several framework contracts

SUBJECT OF THE CONTRACT ENVISAGED

Production of publication and promotional material linked to inspection activities

IMPLEMENTATION

Direct centralised

INDICATIVE TIME FRAME FOR LAUNCHING THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

Spread all over 2013

INDICATIVE AMOUNT OF THE CALL FOR TENDERS

EUR 150 000

III.2.5. IMPACT ASSESSMENT ON THE NEED TO SET EU PROVISIONS CONCERNING A VOLUNTARY GMO-FREE LABELLING SCHEME

LEGAL BASIS

Article 66(1)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004

BUDGETARY LINE

17 04 07 01

INDICATIVE NUMBER AND TYPE OF CONTRACTS ENVISAGED

One or several contracts, depending on the outcome of the ongoing study launched by the Commission

SUBJECT OF THE CONTRACTS ENVISAGED (IF POSSIBLE)

Data collection and option appraisal in support to the impact assessment of EU approaches for harmonisation at EU level of voluntary labelling rules on GMO-free schemes

IMPLEMENTATION

Direct centralised

INDICATIVE TIME FRAME FOR LAUNCHING THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

Second half of 2013

INDICATIVE AMOUNT OF THE CALL FOR TENDERS

EUR 100 000

III.2.6. DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMON METHODOLOGY FOR GATHERING OF INFORMATION BY THE MEMBER STATES ON THE CONSUMPTION AND USE OF FOOD ADDITIVES AND FLAVOURINGS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

LEGAL BASIS

Article 29 of Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 and Article 23 of Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008

BUDGETARY LINE

17 04 07 01

INDICATIVE NUMBER AND TYPE OF CONTRACTS ENVISAGED

One or several contracts

SUBJECT OF THE CONTRACTS ENVISAGED (IF POSSIBLE)

- Gathering of information on current monitoring systems of food additives and flavourings
- Identify specific needs of the European Food Safety Authority
- Recommending guidelines for a EU wide approach on the monitoring of food additives and flavourings

IMPLEMENTATION

Direct centralised

INDICATIVE TIME FRAME FOR LAUNCHING THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

Second half of 2013

INDICATIVE AMOUNT OF THE CALL FOR TENDERS

EUR 150 000

III.2.7. EXTERNAL PRE-ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAMMES FOR 2014 FROM THE EU REFERENCE LABORATORIES

LEGAL BASIS

Article 66(1)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004

BUDGETARY LINE

17 04 07 01

INDICATIVE NUMBER AND TYPE OF CONTRACTS ENVISAGED

Conclusion of at least 15 expert contracts with external experts to be selected via Appel à Manifestation d'Intérêt (A.M.I.)

SUBJECT OF THE CONTRACTS ENVISAGED (IF POSSIBLE)

The EURL's should submit the working programme for 2014 by the end of September 2013. The Commission shall assess these programmes. Programmes can be submitted for 44 topics. The aim is to look for a pre-assessment of some programmes by external experts.

IMPLEMENTATION

Direct centralised

INDICATIVE TIME FRAME FOR LAUNCHING THE PROCEDURE

Autumn 2013

INDICATIVE AMOUNT OF ACTION

EUR 75 000

III.2.8. STUDY TO COLLECT NEW AND EXISTING DATA FOR ASSESSING THE IMPACT ON THE INTERNAL MARKET AS WELL AS ON FEED, LIVESTOCK AND OPERATORS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 619/2011.

LEGAL BASIS

Article 66(1)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004

BUDGETARY LINE

17 04 07 01

INDICATIVE NUMBER AND TYPE OF CONTRACTS ENVISAGED

Conclusion of one specific service contract

SUBJECT OF THE CONTRACT ENVISAGED (IF POSSIBLE)

Collection and analysis of data from all concerned stakeholders regarding the likely impact of the extension or non-extension of the scope of Regulation (EU) No 619/2011 to food, in preparation for an impact assessment

IMPLEMENTATION

Direct centralised

INDICATIVE TIME FRAME FOR LAUNCHING THE PROCEDURE

Autumn 2013

INDICATIVE AMOUNT OF ACTION

EUR 100 000

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION**of 10 June 2013****on financing the 2013 work programme on training in the field of food and feed safety, animal health, animal welfare and plant health in the framework of the 'Better training for safer food' programme**

(2013/C 170/07)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002⁽¹⁾ (hereinafter referred to as the 'Financial Regulation'), and in particular Article 84 thereof,

Having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union⁽²⁾ (hereinafter referred to as the 'Rules of Application'), and in particular Article 94 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003 of 19 December 2002 laying down the statute for executive agencies to be entrusted with certain tasks in the management of Community programmes⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 12(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 2000/29/EC of 8 May 2000 on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 2(1)(i) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 66(1)(b) and (c) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 lays down general rules for the performance of official controls to verify compliance with rules aiming, in particular, at preventing, eliminating or reducing to acceptable levels risks to humans and animals and guaranteeing fair practices in feed and food trade and protecting

consumer interests. Article 51 of that Regulation provides that the Commission may organise training courses for the staff of the competent authorities of Member States responsible for the official controls referred to in that Regulation, which may be opened to participants from third countries, in particular developing countries. Those courses may include in particular training on Community feed and food law and animal health and animal welfare rules.

- (2) Article 2(1)(i) of Directive 2000/29/EC on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community provides the legal instrument for organising courses in the field of plant health.
- (3) The 'Better training for safer food' programme has been established by the Commission in order to achieve the aims set out in Regulation (EC) No 882/2004. The Commission Communication of 20 September 2006 on 'Better training for safer food'⁽⁶⁾ explores options for future organisation of training.
- (4) The 2013 work programme on training in the field of food and feed safety, animal health, animal welfare and plant health for the implementation of 'Better training for safer food' programme in Member States should therefore be adopted.
- (5) Commission Decision 2008/544/EC⁽⁷⁾ of 20 June 2008 transformed the 'Executive Agency for the Public Health Programme' into the 'Executive Agency for Health and Consumers' (hereafter 'the Agency'). Commission Decision C(2008) 4943 of 9 September 2008 delegated to the Agency certain management and programme implementation tasks pertaining to the food safety training measures performed pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 and Directive 2000/29/EC. A subsidy should therefore be granted to the Agency in 2013 for financing the operating costs of the activities related to the 'Better training for safer food' programme.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 11, 16.1.2003, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 169, 10.7.2000, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 165, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ COM(2006) 519 final of 20 September 2006.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 173, 3.7.2008, p. 27.

- (6) In accordance with Article 84 of the Financial Regulation and Article 94(1) of the Rules of Application, the commitment of expenditure from the budget of the European Union shall be preceded by a financing decision setting out the essential elements of the action involving expenditure and adopted by the institution or the authorities to which powers have been delegated by the institution.
- (7) The 2013 work programme being a sufficiently detailed framework, the present decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 94(2) and (3) of the Rules of Application.
- (8) For the application of this Decision, it is appropriate to define the term 'substantial change', within the meaning of Article 94(4) of the Rules of Application.
- (9) Pursuant to Article 92 of the Financial Regulation, the validation, authorisation and payment of expenditure must be completed within the time limits laid down in the Rules of Application. Those rules are also to specify the circumstances in which creditors paid late are entitled to receive default interest charged to the line from which the principal was paid.
- (10) This Decision should therefore provide rules on the payment of default interest due for late payments related to actions included in the 2013 work programme,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The work programme for the implementation in 2013 of the 'Better training for safer food' programme as set out in the Annex is hereby adopted. It constitutes a financing decision in the meaning of Article 84 of the Financial Regulation.

Article 2

1. The total amount of the financial contribution for the implementation of the work programme shall be EUR

16 170 000, to be financed from the following budget lines of the general budget of the European Union for 2013:

- (a) budget line No 17 04 07 01: EUR 14 200 000;
- (b) budget line No 17 04 04 01: EUR 600 000;
- (c) budget line No 17 01 04 05: EUR 200 000;
- (d) budget line No 17 01 04 31: EUR 1 170 000.

2. The amount provided for in paragraph 1(d) shall be paid to the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers and shall constitute an operating subsidy.

3. Default interest due for late payment may also be paid from the budget lines referred to in point 1(a) and (b), in accordance with Article 92 of the Financial Regulation.

Article 3

Cumulated changes of the allocations to the specific actions covered by the work programme not exceeding 20 % of the maximum financial contribution provided for in Article 2(1) shall not be considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of the Rules of Application, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objective of the work programme.

The authorising officer may adopt such changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and of proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 10 June 2013.

For the Commission

Tonio BORG

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

2013 work programme on training in the field of food and feed safety, animal health, animal welfare and plant health in the framework of the 'Better training for safer food' programme**1.1. Introduction**

This work programme contains three implementing measures for 2013. On the basis of the objectives laid down in Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 and Directive 2000/29/EC, the distribution of budget and the main actions are the following:

1.2. Procurement (implemented in indirect centralised management)	
1.2.1. Training: external contracts for the execution of the training programme	EUR 14 800 000
1.2.2. Training: IT equipment, tools and support, promotional material, information and communication support and conferences	EUR 200 000
1.3. Other actions: operating subsidy for the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers	EUR 1 170 000
TOTAL	EUR 16 170 000

1.2. Procurement

The global budgetary envelope reserved in 2013 for the procurement contracts amounts to EUR 15 000 000.

1.2.1. Training: external contract for the execution of the training programme

LEGAL BASIS

Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, Article 51 and Article 66(1)(b)
Directive 2000/29/EC, Article 2(1)(i)

BUDGETARY LINE

Budget lines: 17 04 07 01 and 17 04 04 01

INDICATIVE NUMBER AND TYPE OF CONTRACTS ENVISAGED

For each of the technical issues referred to below, one or more direct or framework service contracts will be signed. It is estimated that around 15 direct or specific service contracts will be signed. External contractors are mainly involved in the organisational and logistical aspects of the training activities.

SUBJECT OF THE CONTRACTS ENVISAGED (IF POSSIBLE)

For 2013, the training action in Member States will concern the following subjects:

Activities	Amount in EUR
HACCP	1 930 000
Animal health (bees and exotic animals)	1 240 000
Control of food additives	1 085 000
Control of residues of veterinary medicinal products	855 000
Risk assessment	880 000
Contingency planning and disease control	1 090 000
Control of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies	515 000
Surveillance in new and emerging plant health risks	600 000

Activities	Amount in EUR
Support to Union overview audits	855 000
Plant protection products (authorisation and sustainable use)	1 165 000
Food hygiene and controls at primary production	975 000
Food hygiene and flexibility	1 165 000
New food investigation techniques	615 000
RASFF	600 000
Control of semen and embryos production	640 000
Other animal health and welfare, plant health and food safety issues and studies, conferences, assistance, learning tools and assessments	590 000
TOTAL	14 800 000

IMPLEMENTATION

EUR 14 620 000 (financing of food safety measures under Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 and Directive 2000/29/EC) will be managed and implemented by the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers (Commission Decision 2008/544/EC). The remaining EUR 180 000 will be used by the Commission to cover studies, conferences and assessments.

INDICATIVE TIME-FRAME FOR LAUNCHING THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

Approximately between May and September in order to have the contracts signed during 2013.

INDICATIVE AMOUNT OF THE CALL FOR TENDERS

EUR 14 800 000

1.2.2. *Training: IT equipment, tools and support, promotional material, information and communication support and conferences*

LEGAL BASIS

Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, Article 66(1)(c)

BUDGETARY LINE

Budget line: 17 01 04 05

INDICATIVE NUMBER AND TYPE OF CONTRACTS ENVISAGED

It is estimated that around two specific contracts will be signed on existing framework contracts.

SUBJECT OF THE CONTRACTS ENVISAGED (IF POSSIBLE)

The actions to be financed under this budget are aimed at arranging the training programmes, IT and e-learning equipment, tools and support, promotional material, information and communication supports as well as conferences.

IMPLEMENTATION

This action will be implemented directly by DG Health and Consumers.

INDICATIVE TIME-FRAME FOR LAUNCHING THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

Approximately between May and October.

INDICATIVE AMOUNT OF THE CALL FOR TENDERS

EUR 200 000

1.3. **Other actions: operating subsidy for the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers**

LEGAL BASIS

Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003, in particular Article 12(3)

BUDGETARY LINE

Budget line: 17 01 04 31

AMOUNT

EUR 1 170 000

DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVE OF THE IMPLEMENTING MEASURE

This budget finances the Agency's operating subsidy for 2013 related to the programmes under 'FP Heading 2'. Budget line 17 01 04 31 finances the Agency's 2013 operating subsidy for the part related to the 'Better training for safer food' programme. According to Article 12(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 58/2003, the operating subsidy is to be drawn from the financial allocation to the Union programmes managed by the Agency. Two separate budget lines have been created in the 2013 budget for the subsidy to be paid to the Agency, one for programmes under heading 2 and another for programmes under heading 3b of the Financial Perspectives.
