

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION**of 27 May 2014****concerning the adoption of the work programme and the financing for the year 2014 of activities in the food and feed area to ensure the application of the food and feed legislation**

(2014/C 166/05)

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⁾, 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 order to ensure implementation of activities in the food and feed area to ensure the application of the food and feed and the plant health legislation, it is necessary to adopt a financing decision and the work programme for 2014. Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012⁽⁵⁾ on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) It is appropriate to authorise award of grants without a call for proposals to the bodies identified in the work programme and for the reasons provided therein.
- (3) This Decision should allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of the Financial Regulation and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.
- (4) For the application of this Decision, it is appropriate to define the term 'substantial change' within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

⁽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⁾ 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 (OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1).

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The work programme

The annual work programme for the implementation of Articles 16, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 27 of Council Decision 2009/470/EC, Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009, Article 66(1)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The annual work programme constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

Article 2

Union contribution

The maximum contribution for the implementation of the programme for the year 2014 is set at EUR 5 177 230 and shall be financed from the following lines of the general budget of the European Union for 2014:

- (a) budget line 17.04.01 EUR 1 000 000;
- (b) budget line 17.04.03 EUR 4 177 230.

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

Article 3

Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions within each work programme not exceeding 20 % of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and objective of the work programme.

The authorising officer responsible may adopt the changes referred to in the first paragraph in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Article 4

Grants

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the bodies identified in the Annex, in accordance with the conditions specified therein.

Done at Brussels, 27 May 2014.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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ANNEX

2014 Annual Work Programme in the Food and Feed Area**1. INTRODUCTION**

This work programme contains implementing measures for the year 2014. On the basis of the objectives given in Council Decision 2009/470/EC, Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009, Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008, Regulation (EU) No 609/2013, Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011, Council Directive 2001/89/EC this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown as follows:

Indicative actions	Indicative amount
Grants (1)	660 000 EUR
Procurements (23)	4 132 000 EUR
Administrative Agreements (4)	385 230 EUR
TOTAL (28 actions)	5 177 230 EUR

2. GRANTS

2.1. *OIE conferences and seminars*

2.2. *Legal basis*

Article 22 of Council Decision 2009/470/EC.

2.3. *Budget line*

17.04.03 — EUR 660 000

2.4. *Indicative list of envisaged actions*

Actions	Estimated no of action	Indicative date	Indicative amount (in EUR)
OIE global conferences, regional seminars and regional meetings and activities on animal health and welfare	1 grant agreement	2nd Q 2014	660 000

2.5. *Description, objectives and foreseen results of the implementing measures*

OIE global conferences, regional seminars and regional meetings and activities on animal health and welfare

The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) is an intergovernmental organisation responsible for improving animal health worldwide. In order to improve the animal health status worldwide and consequently lower the animal disease risk in the EU, it is important that the EU approach to animal health and welfare be shared with all member countries of the OIE and that the EU actively supports conferences, training seminars and meetings and activities organised by the OIE in order to promote the Union's animal health and welfare policy at the occasion.

Global conferences of the OIE reference centres and on aquatic animal health; regional seminars for OIE focal points of Europe for communication, for animal disease notification and for veterinary products; regional meetings and activities of the animal welfare platform for Europe; regional meetings and activities on African Swine Fever in the region of Europe and to implement Foot and Mouth Disease Progressive Control Pathway (FMD PCP) in Central Asia and West Eurasia; regional meetings and activities of the Mediterranean Animal Health Network (REMESA) including rabies vaccine bank and FMD PCP in Northern Africa; regional education activities on OIE animal welfare standards in the OIE region of Asia, Far East and Oceania.

The objective of the action is 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 at the occasion of conferences, training seminars and meetings and activities organised by the OIE. Eventually to improve the animal health, welfare and veterinary public health status worldwide and lower the risk in the EU.

Expected results: Increased awareness and approximation with the Union's animal health and welfare policy, and improved animal health and welfare standards in neighbouring countries and throughout the OIE region of Europe, thus lower risk of animal disease incursion in the EU.

2.6. Implementation

Implementation: directly by DG SANCO

Direct grant to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)

In its capacity as reference organisation, recognised by the World Trade Organisation for improving animal health worldwide, the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) has a de facto monopoly in this sector, hence, in accordance with Article 190(1)(c) RAP, a call for proposals is not required in order for the EU to contribute to the organisation of global conferences and regional seminars on animal health and welfare.

Maximum EU co-financing rate: 50 % of the eligible costs

Award criteria:

- Relevance of the proposal to the objectives of the activities of capacity building of Member States and Third Country officials in relation to the EU policy and OIE standards on animal health, animal welfare and veterinary public health.
- Impact of the expected results of the proposal on the general objectives of lowering the animal disease risk in the EU and promoting the EU policy and OIE standards on animal health, animal welfare and veterinary public health as regards products imported from Third Countries.

3. PROCUREMENTS

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for procurement contracts in 2014 amounts to EUR 4 132 000.

3.1. Legal Basis

Article 8, 10, 20 and 23 of Council Decision 2009/470/EC, Article 66 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, Article 29 of Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008, Article 13 and Recital 33 of Regulation (EU) No 609/2013, Article 18(2) of Council Directive 2001/89/EC.

3.2. Budget line

17.04.01 — EUR 1 000 000
17.04.03 — EUR 3 132 000

3.3. Indicative list of envisaged contracts

Action (17.04.01)	Type of contract	Estimated no of contracts	Indicative date	Indicative amount (in EUR)
Purchase of vaccines against animal diseases	Supply	1	2nd half of 2014	1 000 000

Actions (17.04.03)	Type of contracts	Estimated nr of contracts	Indicative date	Amount (in EUR)
Study — Monitoring of the implementation of Directive 2006/52/EC as regards the use of nitrites by industry in different categories of meat products.	Service	1	1st half of 2014	50 000
Study — Report on food intended for sportspeople	Service	1	Throughout 2014	100 000
Study on the impact on official controls and enforcement action of the current legal framework applicable to food fraud	Specific/service	1	1st half of 2014	150 000
Study to prepare entry into force of the new Official Controls legislation	Service	1	2nd half of 2014	250 000
Horizontal contribution to communication	Specific/service	10	Throughout 2014	427 000
Preparation to EXPO 2015	Service	5	Throughout 2014	260 000
Production of communication materials, publication, multimedia, web content, events, promotional material, etc. linked to the Food and Veterinary Office's mandate	Specific/service	5	Throughout 2014	80 000

Actions (17.04.03)	Type of contracts	Estimated nr of contracts	Indicative date	Amount (in EUR)
Events as part of EXPO Milan 2015	Specific/service	5	2nd Q 2014 - 2nd Q 2015	250 000
Study on Cost of non-compliance with international standards	Specific/service	1	2nd half of 2014	125 000
WildLife Conference	Specific/service	1	2nd half of 2014	100 000
Student Seminar	Specific/service	1	2nd half of 2014	75 000
Participation on international events	Specific/service	4	2nd Q 2014 - 1st Q 2015	500 000
Promotion of the integrated computerised veterinary system TRACES (Trade Control and Expert System)	Service	2	2nd half of 2014	55 000
Actions to support ongoing policy on Animal Welfare: Organisation of 3 regional workshops for veterinary practitioners	Specific/service	1	2nd Q 2014 - 3rd Q 2014	150 000
Production of written publications on animal welfare	Specific/service	1	2nd Q 2014 - 3rd Q 2014	35 000
Promotion of educational materials for animal welfare	Specific/service	1	2nd Q 2014 - 3rd Q 2014	75 000
Conference on the welfare of dogs and cats	Specific/service	1	2nd Q 2014 - 3rd Q 2014	50 000
Production of a series of video or e-learning tools on the protection of pigs	Specific/service	1	2nd Q 2014 - 3rd Q 2014	130 000

Actions (17.04.03)	Type of contracts	Estimated nr of contracts	Indicative date	Amount (in EUR)
Study to define policy indicators on animal welfare	Specific/service	1	2nd Q 2014 - 3rd Q 2014	60 000
Study on the use of animal welfare indicators in the context of the preparation of a possible animal welfare framework law	Specific/service	1	2nd Q 2014 - 3rd Q 2014	60 000
Study on methods of anaesthesia for pigs which need to be surgically castrated	Service	1	2nd Q 2014 - 3rd Q 2014	100 000
External evaluation for European Union Reference Laboratories	Service	5	June 2014	50 000

3.4. Implementation

The actions will be implemented directly by DG SANCO.

4. OTHER ACTIONS

4.1. Administrative arrangements

4.2. Legal Basis

Article 66 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, Article 76 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009, Article 30 of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011.

4.3. Budget line

17.04.03 — EUR 385 230

4.4. Indicative list of envisaged administrative agreements

Actions	Estimated no of administrative agreements	Indicative date	Indicative amount (in EUR)
Study — Impact Assessment endocrine disruptors (identification of substances)	1	2nd Q 2014	125 000
Study — Distinction colouring foodstuffs from food colours	1	1st half of 2014	75 230

Actions	Estimated no of administrative agreements	Indicative date	Indicative amount (in EUR)
Study — Contribution to Joint Research Centre on the Trans fats acid report	1	1st Q - 3rd Q 2014	60 000
Study — Food contact materials other than plastics	1	2nd Q 2014	125 000

4.5. Description, objectives and foreseen results of the implementing measures

The Commission intends to carry out the following studies in cooperation with Joint Research Centre (JRC):

Study — Impact Assessment endocrine disruptors (identification of substances)

Objectives: carrying out an impact assessment on different options for scientific criteria for the determination of endocrine disrupting properties of chemicals.

Study — Distinction colouring foodstuffs from food colours

Objectives: in order to implement the Guidance on the classification of food extracts with colouring properties as colours or colouring foods, reference values for the source materials have to be established.

Study — Contribution to Joint Research Centre on the Trans fats acid report

Objectives: Assess the impact of appropriate means that could enable consumers to make healthier food and overall dietary choices or that could promote the provision of healthier food options to consumers, including, among others, the provision of information on trans fats to consumers or restrictions on their use.

Study — Food contact materials other than plastics

Objectives: Additional provisions on food contact materials may be necessary to ensure the enforceability of food contact materials legislation. Specific information and analysis are needed to assess the current situation.

4.6. Implementation

The actions will be implemented directly by DG SANCO, through Administrative Arrangements with the Joint Research Centre (JRC).