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(Preparatory Acts)

COMMISSION

Draft Council Decision setting up an Advisory Committee on Pharmaceutical Training

(Submitted by the Commission to the Council on 3 February 1981)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the draft decision submitted by the Commission,

Whereas, in its resolution of 6 June 1974 concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications (1), the Council declared itself in favour of the establishment of advisory committees;

Whereas, in the context of the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualification in pharmacy, it is important to ensure a comparable standard of training;

Whereas, to contribute to the achievement of this objective, it is desirable to set up an Advisory Committee to advise the Commission.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

An Advisory Committee on Pharmaceutical Training, hereinafter called the 'Committee', shall be set up to assist the Commission.

Article 2

1. The task of the Committee shall be to help to ensure a comparably high standard of pharmaceutical training in the Community.

2. It shall carry out this task in particular by the following means:

— exchange of comprehensive information as to the training methods and the content, level and structure of theoretical and practical courses provided in the Member States;

— discussion and consultation with the object of developing a common approach to the standard to be attained in the training of pharmacists and, as appropriate, to the structure and content of such training;

— keeping under review the adaptation of pharmaceutical training to developments in pharmaceutical science and teaching methods.

3. The Committee shall communicate to the Commission and the Member States its opinions and recommendations including, when it considers it appropriate, suggestions for amendments to be made in the Articles relating to pharmaceutical training in Council Directives .../.../EEC and .../.../EEC.

4. The Committee shall also advise the Commission on any other matter which the Commission may refer to it in relation to pharmaceutical training.

(1) OJ No C 98, 20. 8. 1974, p. 1.

Article 3

1. The Committee shall consist of three experts from each Member State, as follows:

— one expert from the practising pharmaceutical profession;

— one expert from the faculties of pharmacy of the universities;

— one expert from the competent authorities of the Member State.

2. There shall be an alternate for each member. Alternates may attend the meetings of the Committee.

3. The members and alternates described in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be nominated by the Member States. The members referred to in the first and second indents of paragraph 1 and their alternates shall be nominated upon the proposal of the practising pharmaceutical profession and the faculties of pharmacy of the universities. The alternate members thus nominated shall be appointed by the Council.

Article 4

1. The term of office for a member of the Committee shall be three years. After the expiry of this period the members of the Committee shall remain in office until replacements have been provided for or until their term of office is renewed.

2. The term of office of a member may end before expiry of the period of three years in the event of the resignation or death of the member, or of his being replaced by another person, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 3. The appointment of a new member shall be for the remainder of the term of office.

Article 5

The Committee shall elect a chairman and two vice-chairmen from among its members. It shall adopt its own rules of procedure. The agenda for meetings shall be drawn up by the chairman of the Committee in consultation with the Commission.

Article 6

The Committee may set up working parties and call upon and allow observers or experts to assist it in connection with all the special aspects of its work.

Article 7

The secretariat of the Committee shall be provided by the Commission.

Proposal for a Council Regulation

I. establishing a common measure for the development of beef cattle production in Ireland

II. introducing temporary financial aid from the Community to Ireland for pre-movement tuberculin testing and brucellosis blood sampling of cattle

III. on the granting of an additional premium for maintaining suckler cows in Ireland

(Submitted by the Commission to the Council 11 March 1981)

I

Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a common measure for the development of beef cattle production in Ireland

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and particularly Articles 42 and 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal of the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas Article 39 (2) (a) of the Treaty provides that, in working out the common agricultural policy, account should be taken of the social structure of agriculture and of the structural and natural disparities between the various agricultural regions;

Whereas in order to achieve the objectives set out in Article 39 (1) (a) and (b) of the Treaty, special measures appropriate to production conditions in certain less favoured areas should be adopted at Community level; whereas similar measures may be necessary on a temporary basis in other areas facing special handicaps;

Whereas Irish agriculture is dependent mainly on livestock production; whereas the raising of cattle and beef production forms a significant aspect of the livestock economy of the country; whereas recent developments in this sector, including a substantial increase in the slaughtering of animals normally kept for breeding purposes, have been major factors contributing to the current decline in farm incomes;

Whereas a comprehensive beef cattle development programme, emphasizing both the breeding and feeding of quality animals, can have a positive impact in redressing the current adverse income situation in Irish agriculture;

Whereas the impovement in cattle breeding can best be undertaken through the intensification of both performance testing and progeny testing of beef bulls with a view to the selection of stock bulls of acceptable genetic merit;

Whereas the recent downturn in the use of artificial insemination of cows, because of its high costs, has had an adverse impact on the development of the beef cattle sector; whereas a special financial aid is necessary in order to reduce insemination costs to farmers;

Whereas, the development of cattle production has also been hindered in recent years because of the poor quality of many pastures and meadows due to lack of application of lime and fertilizers;

Whereas, in addition, a lack of adequate supplies of good winter fodder is a further contributory factor to this situation; whereas, a special incentive scheme is needed in order to encourage more farmers to make silage and thereby improve both the quantity and quality of winter keep;

Whereas because of economic and budgetary constraints Ireland does not have sufficient means to

finance such a programme and in the circumstances, Community financial aid will be required;

Whereas the foregoing constitutes a common measure within the meaning of Article 6 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 929/79 (2),

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

A common measure within the meaning of Article 6 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70, to be implemented by Ireland, is hereby established.

Article 2

The Commission may grant aid for the common measure by financing through the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, hereinafter called 'the Fund', measures as outlined in Article 3 and concerning the improvement of the quality of beef cattle production.

Article 3

1. The measures referred to in Article 2 shall concern aids for:

(a) the intensification of performance testing of beef bulls in order to make an initial selection of bulls which exhibit characteristics appropriate to the efficient production of beef;

(b) the intensification of progeny testing of beef bulls in order to make a definite selection of bulls of acceptable genetic merit for use in up-grading the quality of beef cattle production;

(c) encouraging greater use of artificial insemination;

(d) the improvement of pastures and meadows through increased use of lime;

(e) the improvement of the quality and quantity of winter feed supplies through encouraging greater conservation and use of silage.

2. Detailed rules for the application of this Article shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 18 (2) and (3) of Council Directive 72/159/EEC (3).

Article 4

1. The duration of the common measure shall be limited to two years from the date of the approval by the Commission of the measures outlined in Article 3.

2. The expenditure incurred by Ireland on these measures shall be eligible for assistance from the Fund up to a maximum of:

— 3 million ECU (A) for the measures referred to under Article 3 (a) and (b);

— 22·5 million ECU (A) for the measure referred to under Article 3 (c);

— 7·0 million ECU (A) for the measure referred to under Article 3 (d);

— 16·0 million ECU (A) for the measure referred to under Article 3 (e).

3. The Fund shall reimburse Ireland (50 %) of the eligible expenditure. However the maximum eligible expenditure may not exceed:

— 7·5 ECU (A) per cow in respect of the measure referred to under Article 3 (c);

— 4·0 ECU (A) per tonne of lime in respect of the measure referred to under Article 3 (d);

— 4·5 ECU (A) per tonne of silage in respect of the measure referred to under Article 3 (e).

Article 5

1. The estimated total cost of the common measure to the Fund shall be 23·8 million ECU for the period laid down in Article 6 (1).

2. The Commission shall, by agreement with the Irish Government, establish the procedure for its being informed periodically of the progress of the measures. At the same time the Irish Government

(1) OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 13.
(2) OJ No L 117, 12. 5. 1979, p. 4.
(3) OJ No L 96, 23. 4. 1972, p. 1.

shall designate, where appropriate, the body responsible for their technical execution.

Article 6

1. Applications for reimbursement shall relate to expenditure incurred by Ireland in the course of a single calendar year and shall be submitted to the Commission before 1 July the following year.

2. The decision whether to grant aid from the Fund shall be taken in accordance with Article 7 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70.

3. The detailed rules for implementing this Article shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70.

Article 7

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following that of 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.

II

Proposal for a Council Regulation introducing temporary financial aid from the Community to Ireland for pre-movement tuberculin testing and brucellosis blood sampling of cattle

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas, in order to prevent the spread of bovine tuberculosis in Ireland bovine animals over six weeks of age, excluding those intended for immediate slaughter, must undergo a tuberculin test before being transferred from their herd of origin;

Whereas in order to prevent the spread of bovine brucellosis in Ireland, female bovines over 12 months of age and non-castrated male bovines over nine months of age, excluding those intended for immediate slaughter, must undergo blood sampling with a view to testing for brucellosis;

Whereas the cost of these tests and blood sampling is normally borne by the owner of the animal; whereas in view of the structure of stockfarming in Ireland, which necessitates frequent and numerous transfers of animals, and in view of the present level of earnings of stockfarmers in Ireland it is desirable to relieve Irish stockfarmers temporarily of the cost of these compulsory tests and blood sampling; whereas, where the performance of these tests is financed completely from public funds, part of the cost should be borne by the Community;

Whereas in order to improve the effectiveness of the measure, aid should be limited to the partial reimbursement of the cost of these tests and blood sampling performed by official veterinarians employed by the Irish Department of Agriculture;

Whereas the foregoing constitutes a common measure within the meaning of Article 6 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 929/79 (2),

(1) OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 13.
(2) OJ No L 117, 12. 5. 1979, p. 4.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. A special measure shall be introduced to finance tuberculin tests performed before transit, in accordance with the rules in force in Ireland, on bovine animals aged more than six weeks, and also the sampling of blood with a view to the serological testing of blood for brucellosis, where this is carried out at the same time as the tuberculin testing, on female bovine animals over the age of 12 months and non-castrated male bovine animals over the age of nine months, provided that such tests are carried out by official veterinarians employed by the Irish Department of Agriculture and the costs are totally borne by public funds.

2. The measure provided for in paragraph 1 shall constitute a common measure within the meaning of Article 6 (1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70.

Article 2

1. The duration of the measure shall be two years from the entry into force of this Regulation.

2. The estimated cost to the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, hereinafter called 'the Fund', amounts to 6 million ECU. This figure has only an indicative value.

Article 3

1. Expenditure by Ireland under the measure provided for in Article 1 shall be eligible for reimbursement from the Guidance Section of the Fund up to an annual total of one million animals tested.

2. The Guidance Section of the Fund shall reimburse to Ireland 50 % of the eligible expenditure as provided for in paragraph 1.

3. Detailed rules for implementing this Article shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 13 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70.

Article 4

1. Applications for reimbursement shall relate to expenditure by Ireland in the course of the calendar year and shall be submitted to the Commission before 1 April of the following year.

2. The contribution from the Fund shall be decided on in accordance with Article 7 (1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following that of 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.

Proposal for Council Regulation on the granting of an additional premium for maintaining suckler cows in Ireland

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas the incomes of Irish farmers have fallen considerably during the 1980/81 marketing year; whereas it would seem necessary to take measures to assist the beef and veal producers most affected by this drop in income;

Whereas such a measure could take the form of a premium additional to the premium for maintaining suckler cows provided for in Council Regulation (EEC) No 1357/80 (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No . . ./81,

(1) OJ No L 140, 5. 6. 1980, p. 1.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Ireland is hereby authorized to grant a premium additional to the premium for maintaining suckler cows provided for in Council Regulation (EEC) No 1357/80, in so far as it does not apply the provisions of Article 3 (2) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1357/80.

For the 1981/82 marketing year, the amount of this premium shall be . . . ECU for each suckler cow kept by the producer on the day on which the application is lodged.

The premium shall be paid in a single instalment.

The amount of this premium shall be financed by the Guarantee Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of 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.