COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 November 2002

on a Community financial contribution to expenditure by Portugal on establishing the Community vineyard register

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(Only the Portuguese text is authentic)

(2002/948/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2392/86 of 24 July 1986 establishing a Community vineyard register ([1]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1631/98 ([2]), and in particular Article 9(3) thereof,

After consulting the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund Committee,

Whereas:

(1) Article 9(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2392/86 states that the Community is to contribute 50 % of the actual cost of establishing the Community vineyard register in the Member States and of the investment in data-processing facilities needed to manage the register.

(2) On the basis of Article 9(3) of that Regulation, an advance has been paid to Portugal. It is to be deducted from the total amount of the Community contribution.

(3) Under Article 9(4) of that Regulation, Articles 8 and 9 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1258/1999 ([3]) apply to the Community contribution to establishing the vineyard register.

(4) Portugal has sent the Commission the documents needed to decide on the amount to be defrayed as expenditure incurred in establishing the register.

(5) The Commission has carried out the checks provided for in Article 9(2) of Council Regulations (EEC) No 729/70 ([4]) and (EC) No 1258/1999.

(6) In the light of the checks carried out, some of the expenditure declared by Portugal does not meet the statutory requirements provided for in Article 9(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2392/86 and therefore may not be funded by the Community.

(7) Under Article 4(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2392/86, the final date for establishing the register in Portugal was 31 December 2000. A Community contribution should therefore be refused for expenditure on work completed after that date.

(8) A breakdown of the amounts to be defrayed and the amounts to be excluded for failure to comply with Community rules was sent to Portugal on 23 October 2002,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Community contribution to the expenditure incurred by Portugal in establishing the Community vineyard register shall be as set out in the table annexed to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Portuguese Republic.

Done at Brussels, 29 November 2002.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

([1]) OJ L 208, 31.7.1986, p. 1.
([2]) OJ L 210, 28.7.1998, p. 14.
([3]) OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 103.
([4]) OJ L 94, 28.4.1970, p. 13.

ANNEX

Year	Eligible expenditure (PTE)	Conversion rate (OJ for 1st working day)	Eligible expenditure (EUR)	Part-financing at 50 % (EUR)
1991	132 911 852	182,054	730 068,29	365 034,14
1992	44 684 986	179,131	249 454,23	124 727,12
1993	7 644 214	175,652	43 519,08	21 759,54
1994	10 054 400	196,964	51 046,89	25 523,45
1995	29 014 361	195,876	148 126,17	74 063,08
1996	586 509 813	196,283	2 988 082,58	1 494 041,29
1997	801 466 523	195,714	4 095 090,40	2 047 545,20
1998	1 192 000	202,077	5 899,74	2 949,37
1999	512 025 480	200,482	2 553 972,33	1 276 986,16
2000	2 104 034 081	200,482	10 494 877,74	5 247 438,87
Total	4 229 537 710		21 360 136	10 680 068
			Advances	– 2 013 091
			Balance to be paid	8 666 977