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## COMMISSION

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 May 1999

on the eligibility of expenditure to be incurred by certain Member States in 1999 for the purpose of introducing monitoring and control systems applicable to the common fisheries policy

(notified under document number C(1999) 1324)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(1999/354/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 95/527/EC of 8 December 1995 on a Community financial contribution towards certain expenditure incurred by the Member States in implementing the monitoring and control systems applicable to the common fisheries policy<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 6 thereof,

(1) Whereas the Commission has received five-year programmes from Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom that describe the controls they intend to operate between 1 January 1996 and 31 December 2000;

(2) Whereas Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Spain, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom have sent the Commission applications within the required deadlines for a financial contribution in respect of the expenditure referred to in Article 2 of Decision 95/527/EC and planned for 1999;

(3) Whereas some applications relate to investment expenditure for the purchase or modernisation of vessels, aircraft, land vehicles, systems to locate and record fishing activities and systems to record, manage and transmit data on the controls, including computer and software applications;

(4) Whereas some applications relate to expenditure for specific measures designed to improve the quality and effectiveness of the monitoring of fishing and related activities;

(5) Whereas some applications relate to expenditure for the training of national officials involved in control activities; whereas Commission Decision 96/286/EC of 11 April 1996 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Decision 95/527/EC on a Community financial contribution towards certain expenditure incurred by the Member States in implementing the monitoring and control systems applicable to the common fisheries policy<sup>(2)</sup> lays down rules for determining the amount of eligible expenditure for training;

(6) Whereas some applications also relate to expenditure for trying out or introducing new technology to improve the monitoring of fishing activity and related activities, which can accordingly qualify for

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 301, 14.12.1995, p. 30; OJ L 302, 15.12.1995, p. 45 (Corrigendum).

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 106, 30.4.1996, p. 37.

a higher rate of Community contribution under the second subparagraph of Article 3(2) of Decision 95/527/EC; whereas priority should be given, within the annual budget allocation earmarked for these measures, to reimbursing investment costs associated with satellite monitoring systems in view of their importance for monitoring fishing activities;

- (7) Whereas this expenditure will help to mobilise monitoring for the proper application of the common fisheries policy;
- (8) Whereas the eligibility of the planned expenditure, the rate of the Community contribution and the conditions that may be attached to the grant of the financial contribution should be established;
- (9) Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fisheries and Aquaculture,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

#### *Article 1*

The planned expenditure for 1999 referred to in Annex I hereto for the purchase or modernisation of inspection and control equipment and for specific measures, amounting to EUR 107 081 558, shall be eligible for a financial contribution under Decision 95/527/EC. The Community contribution shall be 50 % of the eligible expenditure incurred within the limits set out in Annex I, amounting to EUR 29 611 772, as set out in the table forwarded to each Member State.

#### *Article 2*

1. The planned expenditure for 1999 on the activities and projects listed in Article 3(2) of Decision 95/527/EC and referred to in Annex II, amounting to EUR 24 001 438, shall be eligible for a financial contribution under Decision 95/527/EC. The Community contribution shall be 50 % of the eligible expenditure incurred within the limits set out in Annex II, amounting to EUR 11 258 367, as set out in the table forwarded to each Member State.

The maximum amount taken into consideration in calculating the contribution towards investment expenditure for the purchase of a satellite-based vessel monitoring system, hereinafter called a 'VMS', shall be EUR 4 000 per vessel. The contribution shall not exceed EUR 2 000 per vessel.

2. Paragraph 1 notwithstanding, the Community contribution shall be 100 % of the eligible expenditure incurred in purchasing satellite tracking devices installed in Community fishing vessels being monitored by a VMS, in accordance with Article 3(2) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93<sup>(1)</sup>, up to a maximum to EUR 2 450 per vessel. For the share of expenditure in excess of EUR 2 450, the contribution shall be 50 %.

The total contribution per vessel shall not exceed EUR 3 225.

The contribution at the rate of 100 % shall be granted up to a maximum of EUR 6 600 000.

#### *Article 3*

1. The euro exchange rate in force in January 1999 shall be used to calculate the eligible amounts under this Decision.

2. The expenditure declarations and applications for advances in national currency for the Member States not participating in the third stage of economic and monetary union shall be converted into euros at the rate for the month in which they are received by the Commission.

#### *Article 4*

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the Italian Republic, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Portuguese Republic, the Republic of Finland, the Kingdom of Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 20 May 1999.

*For the Commission*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 261, 20.10.1993, p. 1.

ANEXO I — BILAG I — ANHANG I — ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ I — ANNEX I — ANNEXE I —  
ALLEGATO I — BIJLAGE I — ANEXO I — LIITE I — BILAGA I

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Danmark	DKR 16 800 000	2 255 403	1 006 876
Deutschland		21 100 101	10 155 535
Ελλάδα	DRA 7 084 000 000	21 486 916	2 682 831
España		8 310 194	1 961 403
Italia		2 076 157	754 027
Nederland		5 208 489	2 484 447
Portugal		10 852 594	5 338 025
Suomi		462 517	146 744
Sverige	SKR 25 701 000	2 708 781	907 038
United Kingdom	UKL 23 007 586	32 614 208	4 171 747
Total / I alt / Σύνολο / Totale / Totaal / Yhteensä		107 081 558	29 611 772

*ANEXO II — BILAG II — ANHANG II — ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ II — ANNEX II — ANNEXE II —  
ALLEGATO II — BIJLAGE II — ANEXO II — LIITE II — BILAGA II*

Estado miembro Medlemsstat Mitgliedstaat Κράτος μέλος Member State État membre Stato membro Lidstaat Estado-Membro Jäsenvaltio Medlemsstat	Gastos subvencionables en moneda nacional Støtteberettigede udgifter i national valuta Erstattungsfähige Ausgaben in nationaler Währung Επιλέξιμες δαπάνες σε εθνικό νόμισμα Eligible expenditure in national currency Dépenses admissibles en monnaie nationale Spese ammissibili in moneta nazionale In aanmerking komende uitgaven in nationale valuta Despesas elegíveis em moeda nacional Hyväksyttävät kustannukset kansallisessa valuutassa Bidragsberättigande kostnader i nationell valuta	Gastos subvencionables Støtteberettigede udgifter Erstattungsfähige Ausgaben Επιλέξιμες δαπάνες Eligible expenditure Dépenses admissibles Spese ammissibili In aanmerking komende uitgaven Despesas elegíveis Hyväksyttävät kustannukset Bidragsberättigande kostnader ( )	Contribución máxima de la Comunidad Fællesskabets maksimale finansielle bidrag Maximaler Gemeinschaftsbeitrag Μέγιστη κοινοτική συμμετοχή Maximum Community contribution Participation communautaire maximale Contributo massimo della Comunità Maximale bijdrage van de Gemeenschap Contribuição máxima da Comunidade Yhteisön osuus enintään Gemenskapens maximala bidrag ( )
België/Belgique		678 000	349 725
Danmark	DKR 6 900 000	926 326	511 688
Deutschland	DM 610 000	680 635	301 754
Ελλάδα	DRA 475 000 000	1 440 752	635 408
España	PTA 374 178 760	8 354 068	4 458 461
Italia	LIT 2 160 000 000	8 831 413	2 999 821
Nederland	HFL 567 000	1 905 877	1 303 634
Portugal	ESC 0	349 159	178 880
Suomi	FMK 1 600 000	336 376	196 969
Sverige	SKR 2 850 000	300 378	222 799
United Kingdom	UKL 140 000	198 453	99 227
Total / I alt / Σύνολο / Totale / Totaal / Yhteensä		24 001 438	11 258 367