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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 of 17 May 1999 on support for rural development from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF)⁽¹⁾, and in particular to Article 46(2) thereof,

- (1) Whereas the allocation of commitment appropriations for rural development measures integrated into Objective No 1 programmes shall be cofinanced by the EAGGF Guidance Section in accordance with Article 35(2), first indent, of Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999;
- (2) Whereas Community support for other rural development measures shall be cofinanced by the EAGGF Guarantee Section in accordance with Article 35(2), second indent, of Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999;
- (3) Whereas, paragraph 23 of the Presidency Conclusions of the Berlin European Council of 24 and 25 March 1999 fixed the financial perspective pertaining to rural development and accompanying measures financed by the EAGGF Guarantee Section for the period 2000 to 2006;
- (4) Whereas according to Article 46(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 the Commission shall make initial allocations to Member States for rural development measures cofinanced under the EAGGF Guarantee Section, broken down on an annual basis and using objective criteria which take into account particular situations and needs, and efforts to be undertaken especially for the environment, job creation and maintenance of the landscape;
- (5) Whereas in view of the particular structural difficulties in rural areas eligible under Objective No 2 of the Structural Funds, the Commission shall seek to ensure that in the programming of rural development measures, the intensity of Community aid per head of population is significantly higher in these areas than in areas not covered by Objective No 1 or Objective No 2 as far as the measures set out in Article 33 of Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 are concerned;
- (6) Whereas paragraph 22 of the Presidency Conclusions of the Berlin European Council of 24 and 25 March 1999 has been taken into account;
- (7) Whereas according to Article 46(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 the Commission shall adjust the initial allocations on the basis of actual expenditure and revised expenditure forecasts submitted by the Member States taking into account programme objectives,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The initial allocations to Member States for rural development support cofinanced by the EAGGF Guarantee Section for the period 2000 to 2006 shall be as set out in the Annex.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80.

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The allocations referred to in the first paragraph shall also cover:

- (a) expenditure incurred by the EAGGF Guarantee Section on accompanying measures under Council Regulations (EEC) No 2078/92, (EEC) No 2079/92 and (EEC) No 2080/92 as from the 2000 budget year and, in accordance with the rules laid down in Article 7 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 296/96, payments by the paying agencies as from 16 October 1999;
- (b) the other rural-development measures approved before 1 January 2000 and included in the new programming pursuant to Article 4(2) and (3) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2603/1999⁽¹⁾.

For the period 16 October to 31 December 2006, the maximum amount eligible under the EAGGF for expenditure paid by the paying agencies of the Member States must not exceed the total expenditure incurred by those Member States in the period 16 October to 31 December 1999.

▼B*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 316, 10.12.1999, p. 26.

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ANNEX

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Support for rural development (2000 to 2006)

Annual allocations to Member States

(in million EUR)

Ceiling	Annual average 1999 prices ⁽¹⁾	Financial allocation (EUR million)						
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
R 1(b) (1999 prices)		4 300	4 320	4 330	4 340	4 350	4 360	4 370
Deflator ⁽²⁾		1,02000	1,04040	1,06121	1,08243	1,10408	1,12616	1,14869
R 1(b) (current prices)		4 386,0	4 494,5	4 595,0	4 697,8	4 802,8	4 910,1	5 019,8
Belgium	50	50,5	51,8	52,9	54,1	55,3	56,6	57,8
Danmark	46	46,5	47,6	48,7	49,8	50,9	52,1	53,2
Germany	700	707,6	725,1	741,3	757,9	774,8	792,1	809,8
Greece	131	132,4	135,7	138,7	141,8	145,0	148,2	151,6
Spain	459	464,0	475,4	486,1	497,0	508,1	519,4	531,0
France	760	768,2	787,2	804,8	822,8	841,2	860,0	879,2
Ireland	315	318,4	326,3	333,6	341,0	348,7	356,5	364,4
Italy	595	601,4	616,3	630,1	644,2	658,6	673,3	688,4
Luxembourg	12	12,1	12,4	12,7	13,0	13,3	13,6	13,9
Netherlands	55	55,6	57,0	58,2	59,5	60,9	62,2	63,6
Austria	423	427,6	438,2	448,0	458,0	468,2	478,7	489,4
Portugal	200	202,2	207,2	211,8	216,5	221,4	226,3	231,4
Finland	290	293,1	300,4	307,1	314,0	321,0	328,2	335,5
Sweden	149	150,6	154,3	157,8	161,3	164,9	168,6	172,4
United Kingdom	154	155,7	159,5	163,1	166,7	170,5	174,3	178,2
Total	4 339	4 386,0	4 494,5	4 595,0	4 697,8	4 802,8	4 910,1	5 019,8

(1) Average annual allocation by Member State: the percentages resulting from this breakdown apply to the amounts in the annual financial perspectives in point 23 of the Presidency's Conclusions of 24 and 25 March 1999.

(2) Deflator: the table is based on a constant deflator of 2 % a year in accordance with point 15 of the Interinstitutional Agreement on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure of 6 May 1999 (OJ C 172, 18.6.1999, p. 1). The amounts are rounded off to one decimal point.