

WHAT IS THE VET FUND?

COUNCIL DECISION

of 26 June 1990

on expenditure in the veterinary field

(90/424/EEC)

(OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p.19)

Programmes of eradication and control of animal diseases co-financed by the Community

WHAT IS THE VET FUND?

- Emergency Measures
- Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease
- Protection of Animals
- Technical and Scientific Measures
- Eradication and Monitoring of animal Diseases – recently amended to include Avian Influenza surveillance
- Veterinary Inspections
 - Liaison and reference labs
 - Inspections aimed at prevention of zoonoses
 - Contribute towards Inspection Strategy

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Claims for this year will include:

- Final report for expenditure in 2005
- Mid year report for expenditure in 2006
- Claim for (programme) expenditure in 2007

Deadline for claims is 31 May

Funding is approved by the Community at SCOFCAH usually in October

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Percentage of funding received:

- Monitoring of TSE – 100%
- Eradication of BSE – 50% culling
- Eradication of SCRAPIE – 50% culling, 100% genotyping
- All claims are subject to a financial cap as set out in relevant Commission Decision

SOME DETAIL

- Monthly reporting on approved claims throughout the year
- Commission undertakes finance audits
- Post FMD – UK implemented Disease Finance systems
- SVS administers system which captures costs at farm level

FUTURE?

- Community Animal Health Policy (CAHP) being implemented and will have strategic aims for 2007-2013 to coincide with Community financial perspectives 2007-2013
- Envisage Vet Fund to be revised to also tie into CAHP strategic aims
- Yet to see proposal but expect a key issue will be what costs should be funded at Community level vs. National level