Exceptional market support measures in case of outbreaks of diseases

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PURPOSE: to share the cost of exceptional market support measures in the case of epizootic outbreaks between the Commission and the Member States.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Regulation 1913/2005 amending Regulation 2759/75, 2771/75, 1254/1999, 1255/1999 and 2529/2001 as regards exceptional market support measures.

CONTENT: The Council adopted this Regulation with a qualified majority. The Danish and Portuguese delegation voted against the Regulation. The Polish and Greek delegations abstained.

This Regulation introduces a system of co-financing under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). Specifically, the co-financing between the Community and the Member States will apply in cases where restrictive market measures need to be introduced in order to prevent the spread of animal diseases. The Regulation applies to pig meat, eggs, poultry meat, beef and veal, milk and milk products, sheep meat and goat meat. Under the terms of the Regulation, the Community will provide part-financing equivalent to 50% of the expenditure borne by the Member States. In cases of foot and mouth, the Community will provide 60% of the expenditure. Member States must ensure that, where producers contribute to the expenditure borne by the Member States that it does not result in a distortion of competition with producers from other EU Member States.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 02 December 2005.