

**COMMISSION DECISION
of 12/08/2009**

the early measure programme¹ "Regional cooperation programme on highly pathogenic and emerging and re-emerging diseases in Asia" in favour of Asia for Highly pathogenic and re-emerging disease to be financed under Article 19.100101 of the general budget of the European Communities

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 establishing a financing instrument for development co-operation, and in particular Article 22.1 thereof

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Country Strategy Paper for the Asia Region² and the Multi-Annual Indicative Programme for the period 2007-2010³, point 2 of the latter indicating the priority of Regional Integration.
- (2) The regional cooperation programme on highly pathogenic and emerging and re-emerging diseases (HPED) is designed to strengthen in a sustainable manner the institutional capacities of the Association of South-East Asia Nations (ASEAN) and the South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) and their Secretariats (including, when needed, the capacities of selected individual countries in Asia) to control HPED and improve epidemic and pandemic preparedness in the region.
- (3) With ASEAN and SAARC countries suffering from varying incidence of outbreaks of HEPD at national levels, and the need for regional cooperation to control HEPD and improve epidemic and pandemic preparedness in the region the measure should be adopted and implemented without delay.
- (4) The 4 pillar assessment of the World Organisation of Animal Health (OIE) that is to implement component 3 of this action is completed and in line with art. 53 of the Financial Regulation.
- (5) The present decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial

¹ As the first part of the 2009 AAP for the Asia Region

² C(2007)3503

³ C(2007)3504

Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁴ and Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁵.

- (6) The Commission is required to define the term “substantial change” in the meaning of Article 90 (4) of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 to ensure that any substantial change in this decision shall follow the same procedure as the initial decision.
- (7) The measures provided for in this decision are in accordance with the opinion of the DCI Committee set up under Article 35.1 of Regulation (EEC) No 1905/2006

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The measure "**Regional cooperation programme on highly pathogenic and emerging and re-emerging diseases in Asia**" in favour of Asia, the text of which is set out in the attached Annex, *is* approved.

Article 2

The maximum contribution of the Community to the Programme is set at EUR 20 000 000 to be financed from budget line 19.100101 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2009, under condition of the approval of the 2009 budget by the Budget Authority.

Article 3

Within the global indicative budget of all the specific actions, cumulated changes not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution of the Community, shall not be considered substantial, provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the Programme.

The authorising officer may introduce non substantial changes to the Programme in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

⁴ OJEU L 248 of 16.09.2002 p. 1. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No1995/2006 (OJEU L 390, 30.12.2006, p.1)) and by Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N° 1525/2007 of 17 December 2007 (OJ L 343, 27.12.2007, p.9.).

⁵ OJEU L 357 of 31.12.2002, p.1. Regulation last amended by Regulation (CE, Euratom) No 478/2007 (OJEU L 111, 28.04.2007, p.13).

Done at Brussels, [...]

For the Commission

[...]

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Regional cooperation programme on highly pathogenic and emerging and re-emerging diseases in Asia