COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION
of 7 July 2016

on the financing of the 2016 work programme on training in the field of food and feed safety, animal health, animal welfare and plant health in the framework of the ‘Better Training for Safer Food’ programme

(2016/C 248/05)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,


Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council (3) lays down general rules for the performance of official controls to verify compliance with rules aiming, in particular, at preventing, eliminating or reducing to acceptable levels risks to humans and animals and guaranteeing fair practices in feed and food trade and protecting consumer interests. Article 51 of that Regulation provides that the Commission may organise training courses for the staff of the competent authorities of Member States responsible for the official controls referred to in that Regulation, which may be opened to participants from third countries, in particular developing countries. Those courses may include, in particular, training on European Union feed and food law and animal health and animal welfare rules.


(3) The ‘Better Training for Safer Food’ Programme has been established by the Commission in 2006 in order to achieve the aims set out in Regulation (EC) No 882/2004. The Commission Communication of 20 September 2006 on ‘Better training for safer food’ (5) explores options for future organisation of training.

(4) Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 establishes provisions for the management of expenditure from the general budget of the European Union in the fields governing food and feed safety, animal health and welfare and plant health rules. Article 31 provides that the Union may finance the training of the staff of the competent authorities responsible for official controls, as referred to in Article 51 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, in order to develop a harmonised approach to official controls and other official activities to ensure a high level of protection of human, animal and plant health.

In order to ensure implementation of the ‘Better Training for Safer Food’ Programme in Member States it is necessary to adopt a financing decision and the work programme on training in the field of food and feed safety, animal health, animal welfare and plant health for 2016. Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 (1) establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.

Commission Implementing Decision 2013/770/EU (2) establishes the ‘Consumer, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency’ (hereafter ‘the Agency’). This Decision entrusts the Agency with certain management and programme implementation tasks relating to the food safety training measures performed pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 and Directive 2000/29/EC.

In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to define the term ‘substantial change’, within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.

The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The work programme

The annual work programme for the implementation of the Better Training for Safer Food Programme for 2016, as set out in the Annex, is adopted. It constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

Article 2

Union contribution

1. The maximum contribution for the implementation of the work programme for the year 2016 is set at EUR 15 500 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the budget line 17.04.03 of the general budget of the European Union for 2016.

2. The appropriations provided for in point 1 may also cover interest due for late payment.

Article 3

Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20 % of the maximum contribution provided for in Article 2(1) of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and the objective of the work programme. The increase of the maximum contribution set in Article 2(1) of this Decision shall not exceed 20 %.

The responsible authorising officer may apply the type of changes referred to in the first paragraph. Those changes shall be applied in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and of proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 7 July 2016.

For the Commission

Vytenis ANDRIUKAITIS

Member of the Commission

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ANNEX

1.1. Introduction
On the basis of the objectives laid down in Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 and Directive 2000/29/EC, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2016 as follows:

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<th>Procurement (implemented under direct management): External contracts for the execution of the training programme and other learning tools</th>
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1.2. Procurement
1.2.1. External contract for the execution of the training programme and other learning tools
The overall budgetary allocation reserved for procurement contracts in 2016 amounts to EUR 15 500 000.

LEGAL BASIS
Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, Article 51
Directive 2000/29/EC, Article 2(1)(i)
Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, Articles 31 and 36(1)

BUDGETARY LINE
Budget line: 17.04.03

INDICATIVE NUMBER AND TYPE OF CONTRACTS ENVISAGED
For each of the technical issues referred to below, one or more direct or framework service contracts will be signed. It is estimated that around 15 direct or specific service contracts will be signed. External contractors are mainly involved in the organisational and logistical aspects of the training activities.

SUBJECT OF THE CONTRACTS ENVISAGED (IF POSSIBLE)
For 2016, the training actions will concern the following subjects:

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<td>Anti–microbial resistance</td>
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<td>Plant health controls</td>
<td>1 150 000</td>
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<td>Pesticide application equipment control</td>
<td>320 000</td>
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<td>Risk assessment</td>
<td>935 000</td>
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<td>Food hygiene at primary production level</td>
<td>1 095 000</td>
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<td>Outbreak preparedness and management in food</td>
<td>745 000</td>
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<td>Food information and composition</td>
<td>870 000</td>
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<td>Feed law</td>
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<td>Control of contaminants</td>
<td>880 000</td>
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<td>Control checks at Border Inspection Posts</td>
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<td>Control of movements of dogs and cats</td>
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<td>TRACES (sanitary, phytosanitary and quality aspects)</td>
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<td>Animal welfare</td>
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<td>Food testing</td>
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<td>EU food standards</td>
<td>1 950 000</td>
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<td>Assistance and support to e-learning project</td>
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<td>Animal health and welfare, plant health and food safety contingency trainings, conferences and learning and dissemination tools</td>
<td>340 000</td>
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**IMPLEMENTATION**

EUR 15 365 000 (financing of food safety measures under Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 and Directive 2000/29/EC) will be managed and implemented by the Consumer, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (Implementing 2013/770/EU). The remaining EUR 135 000 will be managed by the Commission to cover the assistance and support to e-learning project.

**INDICATIVE TIMEFRAME FOR LAUNCHING THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE**

Approximately during 3rd-4th quarter of 2016.

**INDICATIVE AMOUNT OF THE CALL FOR TENDERS**

EUR 15 500 000

1.2.2. Framework contract for the provision of services in the areas of evaluation, studies, impact assessment, monitoring and of other related services, in relation to the Health and Food Safety policies

**SUBJECT MATTER OF THE CONTRACTS ENVISAGED**

Provision of services in the areas of evaluation, studies, impact assessment, monitoring and of other related services, in relation to the Health and Food Safety policies

**TYPE OF CONTRACT**

New framework contract for services

**INDICATIVE NUMBER OF CONTRACTS ENVISAGED**

One framework contract.

**INDICATIVE TIMEFRAME FOR LAUNCHING THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE**

Second half 2016.