

COMMISSION DECISION

of 18/07/2008

approving Part Two of the 2008 Annual Action Programme in favour of the Mediterranean region to be financed under Article 19 08 01 01 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 1638/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument¹, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Under the European Neighbourhood Policy² the Commission has adopted the Regional Strategy Paper (2007-2013) and the Regional Indicative Programme (2007-2013) for the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership³, which give priority to support for economic and social reform in the region.
- (2) Part Two of the 2008 Action Programme covers the programme "Support to FEMIP".
- (3) This decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002⁴ and Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002⁵.
- (4) The term "substantial change" within the meaning of Article 90(4) of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 should be defined for the purpose of applying this decision.
- (5) The measures provided for in this decision are in accordance with the opinion of the ENPI Committee set up under Article 26 of Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006,

¹ OJ L 310, 9.11.2006, p. 1.

² This action programme covers the following Mediterranean partners: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, the Palestinian Territories and Tunisia.

³ C(2007) 672.

⁴ Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of European Communities (OJ L 248, 16.9.2002), as last amended by Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1525/2007 of 17 December 2007 (OJ L 343, 27.12.2007).

⁵ Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 357, 31.12.2007, p. 1), as last amended by Commission regulation No 478/2007 of 23 April 2007 (OJ L 111, 28.4.2007, p. 1).

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Part Two of the 2008 Action Programme for the Southern Mediterranean region under the European Neighbourhood Policy, the text of which is annexed to this decision, is hereby approved. These measures will be implemented under the FEMIP support fund.

Article 2

The maximum contribution of the Community is set at EUR 32 million to be financed from budget line 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2008.

Article 3

Within the maximum indicative budget for all the specific actions, cumulated changes not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution of the Community are not considered to be substantial provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the 2008 Action Programme.

The authorising officer may adopt such changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Done at Brussels, 18 July 2008

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission