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Commitments	- 700 000
Payments	- 700 000

TO

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ITEM - 06 02 02 03 European Maritime Safety Agency – Anti-pollution measures

Commitments	700 000
Payments	700 000

I. INCREASE

a) Heading

06 02 02 03 - European Maritime Safety Agency – Anti-pollution measures

b) Figures at 28/7/2004

	Commitments	Payments
	p.m.	p.m.
1A. Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	0	0
1B. Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0	0
2. Transfers	0	0
3. Final appropriation for year (1A+1B+2)	0	0
4. Utilisation of final appropriation	0	0
5. Amount not used/available (3-4)	0	0
6. Requirements up to year-end	700 000	700 000
7. Increase proposed	700 000	700 000
8. Increase as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	N/A	N/A

c) Detailed grounds for the increase

The budgetary authority decided to enter €2 million in commitment appropriations and €1 million in payment appropriations on line 06 02 02 03 "European Maritime Safety Agency – Anti-pollution measures" for the 2004 financial year.

These amounts were entered in the reserve pending adoption of the proposal for a regulation enlarging EMSA's mandate and the Council decision on the definitive headquarters of the Agency.

In December 2003 the Council decided that EMSA headquarters would be in Lisbon and, following regular contact with the Portuguese authorities, the move is envisaged for 2005.

On 31 March 2004 Parliament and the Council adopted Regulation (EC) No 724/2004 (OJ L129, 30 April 2004) amending Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 establishing a European Maritime Safety Agency.

EMSA's Executive Director has drawn up a detailed action plan in consultation with the Commission and an initial draft has been submitted to the Agency's Administrative Board.

The Commission asks for €700 000 to be released from the reserve to cover implementation of the proposed action plan in 2004.

For 2004 several actions are planned:

1) it is the intention of the Agency to establish an Oil Pollution Response Unit,

2) the inventory study contracted by the Commission regarding oil pollution response equipment in Member States will have to be supplemented by undertaking a similar study for the 10 new Member States. This may include visiting the competent authorities in each of the new Member States,

- 3) a database is urgently needed which will provide information regarding previous incidents, responses and the impacts,
- 4) EMSA will have to organise consultations with Member States in order to facilitate a common understanding of the existing means to combat pollution and in particular the use of different types of dispersants and their implications,
- 5) EMSA will work closely with the services of the European Commission to cooperate within the existing co-ordination mechanisms to avoid any duplication of activities There is a need to establish common criteria for the classification of oil pollution response equipment to facilitate immediate and effective coastal state assistance by the Agency or any other coastal state through Community mechanisms,
- 6) Preparatory work will have to be carried out defining the “terms of operation” for the readiness of oil pollution response equipment,
- 7) a risk assessment is needed to define how urgent it is to conduct contingency planning regarding accidents involving hazardous and noxious ("chemical") substances.

II. DECREASE

a) Heading

31 02 - RESERVES FOR FINANCIAL INTERVENTIONS – Item 06 02 02 03 - European Maritime Safety Agency – Anti-pollution measures

b) Figures at 23/7/2004

	Commitments	Payments
1A. Appropriation in budget (initial budget + AB)	2 000 000	1 000 000
1B. Appropriation in budget (EFTA)	0	0
2. Transfers	0	0
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3. Final appropriation for year (1A+1B+2)	2 000 000	1 000 000
4. Utilisation of final appropriation	0	0
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5. Amount not used/available (3-4)	2 000 000	1 000 000
6. Requirements up to year-end*	0	0
7. Decrease proposed	700 000	700 000
8. Decrease as percentage of appropriation in budget (7/1A)	35.00%	70.00%
(*) Not relevant for a provisions line or reserve line		

c) Detailed grounds for the decrease

See grounds for the increase