COMMISSION DECISION

of 18 March 1974

on certain measures to prevent the spread of foot-and-mouth disease

(74/143/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to the Council Directive of 26 June 1964 [1] on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine, as last amended by the Council Directive of 7 February 1972 [2], and in particular Article 9 thereof;

Having regard to the Council Directive of 12 December 1972 [3] on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat, and in particular Article 8 thereof;

Whereas an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease has occurred in France; whereas the disease is liable to endanger the livestock of other Member States, who import both animals and fresh meat in large quantities;

Whereas, without prejudice to the provisions already available to the new Member States which are contained either in the Act concerning the Conditions of Accession and the Adjustments to the Treaties or in the Directive of 12 December 1972, the other Member States should therefore be permitted to take measures to protect their livestock which will apply for the time necessary to eradicate this epizootic disease;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the Opinion of the Permanent Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Member States may prohibit the introduction into their territory of bovine animals and swine and of the fresh meat of bovine animals, swine, sheep and goats from the following French departments: Côtes-du-Nord, Ille-et-Vilaine, Morbihan, Manche, Mayenne, Loire-Atlantique.

Article 2

Countries to which animals and fresh meat are sent may demand presentation of a certificate certifying that the animals and fresh meat sent from France do not come from the departments referred to in Article 1.

Article 3

The Commission will follow the development of the situation and the present Decision may be amended depending on such development.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 18 March 1974.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

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(1) OJ No 121, 29. 7. 1964, p. 1977/64.
(2) OJ No L 38, 12. 2. 1972, p. 95.
(3) OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 24.