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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 June 1974

amending the Commission Decisions of 18 March 1974 and 24 April 1974 concerning certain measures to prevent the spread of foot-and-mouth disease

(74/289/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, and in particular Article 9 thereof, as last amended by the Act of Accession [2], and of the Council Decision of 1 January 1973 [3] adjusting the instruments concerning the Accession of the new Member States to the European Communities;

Having regard to the Council Directive of 12 December 1972 [4] on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat, and in particular Article 8 thereof, as last amended by the Council Directive of 19 November 1973 [5] amending certain Directives following the enlargement of the Community;

Whereas the Commission Decision of 18 March 1974 [6] concerning certain measures to prevent the spread of foot-and-mouth disease, as amended by the Commission Decision of 24 April 1974 [7], authorized Member States to prohibit the introduction into their territory of bovine animals and swine and fresh meat from certain French departments;

Whereas this Decision was based on a situation which has since improved; whereas the number of outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease is steadily declining and these outbreaks are situated in a clearly defined geographical area;

Whereas the measures laid down in the said Decision should accordingly be relaxed;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Article 1 of the Commission Decision of 18 March 1974, as amended by the Commission Decision of 24 April 1974 is replaced by the following:

'Member States may prohibit the introduction into their territory of bovine animals and swine, and the fresh meat of bovine animals, swine, sheep and goats, from the French department of Côtes-du-Nord.'

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 7 June 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 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.
(3) OJ No L 2, 1. 1. 1973, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 24.
(5) OJ No L 326, 27. 11. 1973, p. 17.
(6) OJ No L 77, 22. 3. 1974, p. 40.
(7) OJ No L 112, 25. 4. 1974, p. 20.