COMMISSION DECISION

of 22 March 1977

concerning certain measures to prevent the spread of swine fever

(77/253/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive of 26 June 1964 on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine (1), as last amended by Council Directive of 21 December 1976 (2), and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive of 12 December 1972 on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat (3), as last amended by the Council Directive of 21 December 1976, and in particular Article 8 thereof,

Whereas an outbreak of swine fever has occurred in the Netherlands; whereas this disease is liable to endanger the livestock of other Member States, in view of the large quantities both of animals and of fresh meat imported by them;

Whereas, in consequence, it is necessary that the other Member States adopt appropriate measures for their protection for the period of time necessary for the eradication of this epidemic, which has become widespread;

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

Member States shall prohibit until 30 March 1977 the introduction into their territory from the Netherlands of live swine and of the fresh meat of swine.

Article 2

The Commission will keep the situation under review and this Decision may be amended in the light of developments therein.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22 March 1977.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

(1) OJ No 121, 29. 7. 1964, p. 1977/64.
(2) OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 81.
(3) OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 24.