COMMISSION DECISION

of 3 May 1977

amending Decision 77/268/EEC on certain measures to prevent the spread of classical swine fever

(77/345/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 64/432/EEC of 26 June 1964 on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine [1], as last amended by Directive 77/98/EEC [2], and in particular Article 9 (4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/461/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat [3], as last amended by Directive 77/98/EEC, and in particular Article 8 (4) thereof,

Whereas, by Decision 77/268/EEC of 30 March 1977 [4], as last amended by Decision 77/293/EEC [5], the Commission adopted measures requiring the Member States to prohibit the introduction into their territory of pigs for rearing and fattening from the Netherlands in general, and of pigs for slaughter from a well delimited zone, which is subject to animal health measures prohibiting the exit of live pigs to all other parts of Netherlands territory; whereas, moreover, these measures also prohibit the introduction into intra-Community trade of fresh meat obtained from pigs from this zone, which, under the strict official provisions applied by the Netherlands authorities, must not be considered as excluding the marketing in intra-Community trade of fresh meat obtained in certain abattoirs in the said zone, but from live pigs from free zones;

Whereas the health situation in the Netherlands now justifies a reduction of the said zone as regards the export of fresh meat for intra-Community trade; whereas on the other hand it is premature to lift the measures in force regarding live animals;

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 Decision 77/268/EEC is hereby amended to read as follows:

'1. Member States shall prohibit until 10 May 1977 the introduction into their territory of pigs for rearing and fattening from the Netherlands.

2. From 4 May 1977 the Netherlands may only send to other Member States fresh meat of pigs

(a) which does not originate from the area bordered by the highway E 35 from Harderwijk to Amersfoort, the ringway around Amersfoort in a southerly direction as far as the Leusden exit, the road via Leusden, Woudenberg, Maarsbergen, Leersum to Elst, from Elst to the Rhine in an easterly direction as far as Renkum, from Renkum in an easterly direction to the traffic junction near Heelsum, from Heelsum in a northerly direction, via Schaarsbergen, Otterlo and Harskamp to the highway E 8, the highway E 8 in easterly direction to Nieuw-Milligen, from Nieuw-Milligen the road in a northerly direction to Harderwijk; or from regions which are subject to prohibition measures laid down by the Netherlands authorities; and

(b) which were slaughtered after 3 May 1977 in abattoirs situated outside the said regions, or, by way of exception from 7 April 1977, in abattoirs situated within the said regions provided that the Netherlands authorities ensure that a period of at least 24 hours is reserved after cleaning and disinfection for the exclusive slaughter of these pigs.

[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.
[4] OJ No L 87, 5. 4. 1977, p. 34.
[5] OJ No L 98, 22. 4. 1977, p. 24.

3. From 20 April 1977 the Netherlands may only send to other Member States pigs for slaughter which do not originate

— from the coastal region of the North Sea delimited by the following waters: Haringvliet — Hollandsch Diep — Amer — Bergsche Maas — Maas — Maas-Waalkanaal — Waal-Pannerdenkanaal — IJssel — Ketelmeer — Vossemeer — Drontermeer — Veluwemeer — Eemmeer — Gooimeer — IJmeer — IJ — Noordzeekanaal or

— from regions which are subject to prohibition measures laid down by the Netherlands authorities.'

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 3 May 1977.

For the Commission

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Vice-President