COMMISSION DECISION

of 11 May 1977

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

(77/358/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 of 3 May 1977 [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 and meat from delimited zones;

Whereas the evolution of the health situation in the Netherlands now justifies a new easing of the restrictive measures applicable to fresh meat;

Whereas regarding live animals and taking account of the measures taken by the Netherlands authorities, it is equally suitable to ease the prohibition affecting pigs, by reducing the extent of the regions from which their dispatch to the other Member States remains prohibited;

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

The text of Article 1 of Decision 77/268/EEC is replaced by the following text:

'1. From 11 May 1977 until 31 May 1977 the Netherlands may send to other Member States

(a) only animals for breeding and production which do not originate from:

— either 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 — Drontemeer — Veluwemeer — Eemmeer — Gooimeer — IJmeer — IJ — Noordzeekanaal, region englobing the zones called 2 and 3, or

— region subject to prohibition measures laid down by the Netherlands authorities.

(b) only animals for slaughter which do not originate from:

— either 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 an easterly direction to Nieuw-Milligen, from Nieuw-Milligen the road in a northerly direction to Harderwijk, the region called zone 3, or

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

2. The Netherlands only sends to other Member States fresh meat of pigs admitted to intra-Community trade in application of the present Decision as modified successively by Decisions 77/293/EEC of 18 April 1977 and 77/345/EEC of 3 May 1977, that is to say in particular meat of pigs slaughtered:

(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 du 5. 4. 1977, p. 34.
(5) OJ No L 121, 14. 5. 1977, p. 20.

— after 30 March 1977 and originating in regions of zone 1 of the Netherlands, that is to say other than zones 2 and 3,
— after 3 May 1977 and originating in zone 2,
— after 10 May 1977, and originating in zone 3.

Article 2

The text of Article 2 is replaced by the following text:

'The health certificate as required under the Council Directive of 26 June 1964, accompanying fresh pigmeat dispatched from the Netherlands, must contain the following entry:

"Meat complying with the Commission Decision of 30 March 1977"

The health certificate as required under the Council Directive of 26 June 1964 accompanying pigs dispatched from the Netherlands must contain the following entry:

"Animals complying with the Commission Decision of 18 April 1977".'

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 11 May 1977.

For the Commission

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