COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 9 November 1977

concerning health protection measures in respect of the USSR

(77/717/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine animals and swine and fresh meat from third countries [1], and in particular Article 28 (3) thereof,

Whereas information received by the Commission indicates that a serious contagious disease affecting swine is spreading in the Soviet Union ; whereas this is corroborated by the fact that certain countries have already adopted health protection measures in respect of imports from the USSR ;

Whereas because of the trade between the Soviet Union and Member States, the existence of such a disease would constitute a danger for Community livestock ;

Whereas in consequence suitable protection measures should be adopted for the whole Community to avert such a risk and should be applied until it can be clearly established that there is no longer any danger ;

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 the importation of live pigs and of fresh pigmeat from the Soviet Union.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 November 1977.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

[1] OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.