COMMISSION DECISION

of 4 April 1978

repealing Decision 77/717/EEC concerning health protection measures in respect of the USSR

(78/367/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 on the basis of information received by the Commission and also of the protection measures already taken by certain countries in respect of imports from the Soviet Union, on 9 November 1977 the Commission adopted Decision 77/717/EEC concerning health protection measures in respect of the USSR (2) prohibiting any importation by the Member States of live pigs and fresh pigmeat from the Soviet Union ;

Whereas information subsequently received by the Commission shows that the situation in the Soviet Union has improved considerably and there is no longer any danger for the Community herd ;

Whereas consequently the prohibition in respect of the Soviet Union should be lifted ;

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

Decision 77/717/EEC is hereby repealed.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 4 April 1978.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.
(2) OJ No L 293, 17. 11. 1977, p. 31.