COMMISSION DECISION

of 2 May 1979

amending Council Decision 78/642/EEC on health protection measures in respect of Botswana

(79/456/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), as last amended by Directive 77/98/EEC (2), and in particular Article 15 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 78/642/EEC of 25 July 1978 on health protection measures in respect of Botswana (3), as amended by Commission Decision 78/771/EEC (4), and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Whereas the abovementioned Decision, taking into account the health situation in Botswana and of the measures adopted by the authorities of that country to combat foot-and-mouth disease and to prevent this disease spreading into other uncontaminated areas, permitted Member States to import into their territory, under certain conditions and from specified districts, fresh meat from that country;

Whereas, according to the information received from the authorities of Botswana, the Ghanzi district has been free of foot-and-mouth disease since 1934; whereas that district is clearly separated from the areas of Botswana where foot-and-mouth disease appeared; whereas, moreover, the situation in these areas, as regards this disease, has improved; whereas it is possible, therefore, to allow the Ghanzi district to export fresh meat to Member States;

Whereas the measures adopted in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 78/642/EEC is amended as follows:

1. In Article 1 the name 'Ghanzi' shall be inserted before the name 'Kweneng'.
2. In point IV (1) (a), first indent, of the health certificate set out in the Annex, the name 'Ghanzi' shall be inserted before the name 'Kweneng'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 2 May 1979.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.
(2) OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 81.
(3) OJ No L 213, 3. 8. 1978, p. 15.
(4) OJ No L 257, 20. 9. 1978, p. 16.