COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 September 1980

prolonging health protection measures with regard to imports of certain fresh meat from the State of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

(80/960/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 Articles 16 and 28 thereof,

Whereas the health conditions and health certificates required on imports of fresh meat from Brazil were laid down by Commission Decision 78/694/EEC [3], as last amended by Decision 79/690/EEC [4], notably on account of the situation with regard to foot and mouth disease then existing in Brazil ;

Whereas, because a large number of outbreaks of foot and mouth disease occurred in the State of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, it was necessary to suspend by Commission Decision 80/798/EEC [5], the authorization of imports of certain fresh meat from that State until 30 September 1980 ; whereas the number of outbreaks of disease continues to give cause for concern and warrants extending the suspension until 31 December 1980 ; whereas the suspension should apply to fresh meat of bovine animals produced in or originating in the State of Rio Grande do Sul prior to 1 January 1981 ;

Whereas this suspension will be reviewed in accordance with the changing situation in respect of the disease, and in any case not later than 31 December 1980 ;

Whereas the measures provided for by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

Article 2 of Decision 80/798/EEC is hereby amended as follows :

1. The date '30 September 1980' is replaced by '31 December 1980'.

2. The following paragraph is added :

   'The suspension referred to in Article 1 shall apply to all fresh meat of bovine animals produced in or originating in the State of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, before 1 January 1981.'

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 September 1980.

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 236, 26. 8. 1978, p. 29.
(4) OJ No L 201, 9. 8. 1979, p. 34.
(5) OJ No L 234, 5. 9. 1980, p. 34.