COMMISSION DECISION

of 24 April 1981

on health protection measures in respect of certain regions of Bulgaria

(81/315/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 7 and 15 thereof,

Whereas it is laid down in Articles 6 and 14 of Directive 72/462/EEC that Member States shall not authorize importation of bovine animals or swine or fresh meat of bovine animals, swine, sheep or goats from non-member countries where vaccination against exotic foot-and-mouth disease has taken place in the preceding 12 months;

Whereas Articles 7 and 15 of the Directive provide that the prohibitions laid down in Articles 6 and 14 may be limited to a part of the territory of a non-member country;

Whereas it has been established that vaccination against exotic foot-and-mouth disease is carried out in the regions Mitchourine, Malko Tarnovo, Groudovo, Elhovo and Svilengrad of Bulgaria;

Whereas, with the exception of the abovementioned regions vaccination against exotic foot-and-mouth disease has not been carried out in Bulgaria in the preceding 12 months;

Whereas the central veterinary authorities of Bulgaria have given assurances that bovine animals, swine and fresh meat of bovine animals, swine, sheep and goats from the abovementioned regions will not be exported to the Community;

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 prohibition provided for in Article 6 (b) of Directive 72/462/EEC in respect of vaccination against exotic foot-and-mouth disease shall only apply to the regions Mitchourine, Malko Tarnovo, Groudovo, Elhovo and Svilengrad of Bulgaria.

Article 2

The prohibition provided for in Article 14 (2) (b) of Directive 72/462/EEC in respect of vaccination against exotic foot-and-mouth disease shall only apply to the regions Mitchourine, Malko Tarnovo, Groudovo, Elhovo and Svilengrad of Bulgaria.

Article 3

This Decision shall apply with effect from 1 May 1981.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 24 April 1981.

For the Commission

Poul DALSAGER

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.
[2] OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 81.