COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 May 1982

amending Decision 81/987/EEC on health protection measures in respect of the Republic of Botswana

(82/362/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 81/476/EEC [2], and in particular Article 15 thereof,

Whereas Commission Decision 81/987/EEC [3] granted the Member States the option of authorizing imports into their territory, under certain conditions and from certain regions, of fresh meat from the Republic of Botswana, taking into account, in particular the existing health situation in that country and the measures taken by that country's authorities to combat foot-and-mouth disease and to avoid its spreading into other, unaffected regions; whereas Commission Decision 82/60/EEC [4] extended the disease-free area to include the sector of district Central — north of Dibete cordon fence and south of the Makoba Palapye-Sherwood Ranch cordons;

Whereas a veterinary mission has visited Botswana during March 1982 and has reported favourably on the situation concerning animal health and in particular foot-and-mouth disease, no outbreak of that disease having occurred since October 1980;

Whereas it is now possible further to extend the disease-free area by including a sector north of the Makoba-Makoro fence and south of the Sese-Tlalemabele fence;

Whereas the veterinary authorities of Botswana have repeated their assurances concerning buffer zones, non-vaccination, control of movement and other measures; whereas the situation in Botswana will continue to be kept under review;

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 81/987/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 1 is replaced by the following:

'*Article 1*

The prohibition provided for in Article 14 (2) of Directive 72/462/EEC shall not apply to the following districts of the Republic of Botswana:

— Ghanzi (with the exclusion of its north-west sector known as "Ghanzi-Farms"),
— Kweneng,
— Kgatlend,
— South-East,
— Southern,
— Kgalagadi, and
— Central (only that sector which is bordered:
  — to the west by the Makoba fence,
  — to the north by Sese-Tlalemabele fence and the Palapye-Sherwood Ranch fence, and
  — to the east from Sese to Makoro by the railway line).'

2. In the Annex, the text at the end of the first indent of paragraph IV — Attestation of health, subparagraph 1 (a) is replaced by the following:

'— Ghanzi (with the exclusion of its north-western sector known as "Ghanzi-Farms"),
— Kweneng,
— Kgatlend,
— South-East,
— Southern,
— Kgalagadi,

[1] OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.
[2] OJ No L 186, 8. 7. 1981, p. 20.
[3] OJ No L 361, 16. 12. 1981, p. 29.
[4] OJ No L 28, 5. 2. 1982, p. 49.

— Central (only that sector which is bordered :

  — to the west by the Makoba fence,

  — to the north by the Sese-Tlalemabele fence and the Palapye-Sherwood Ranch fence, and

  — to the east from Sese to Makoro by the railway line).'

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 May 1982.

For the Commission

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