COUNCIL DECISION

of 18 October 1982

on the list of establishments in the Republic of Finland approved for the purposes of exporting fresh meat to the Community

(82/731/EEC)

THE COUNCIL 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 Articles 4 (1) and 18 (1) (a) and (b) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas establishments in third countries cannot be authorized to export fresh meat to the Community unless they satisfy the general and special conditions laid down in Directive 72/462/EEC;

Whereas Finland has forwarded, in accordance with Article 4 (3) of Directive 72/462/EEC, a list of the establishments authorized to export fresh meat to the Community;

Whereas Community on-the-spot visits have shown that the hygiene standards of many of these establishments are sufficient and they may therefore be entered on a first list, drawn up according to Article 4 (1) of the said Directive, of establishments from which importation of fresh meat may be authorized;

Whereas the case of the other establishments proposed by Finland has to be re-examined on the basis of additional information regarding their hygiene standards and their ability to adapt quickly to Community rules;

Whereas, in the meantime and so as to avoid any abrupt interruption of existing trade flows, these establishments may be authorized temporarily to continue their exports of fresh meat to those Member States prepared to accept them;

Whereas it will therefore be necessary to re-examine and, if necessary, amend this Decision;

Whereas the conditions for the importation of fresh meat from establishments appearing in the Annex remain subject to veterinary provisions laid down and to the general provisions of the Treaty; whereas, in particular, the importation from third countries and the re-exportation to other Member States of certain categories of meat, such as cuts weighing less than 3 kg, or meat containing residues of certain substances, which are not yet covered by harmonized Community rules, remain subject to the health legislation of the importing Member State;

Whereas, in the absence of any favourable opinion from the Standing Veterinary Committee, the Commission is unable to adopt the measures it had envisaged on this matter under the procedure provided for in Article 29 of Directive 72/462/EEC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The establishments in Finland listed in the Annex are hereby approved for the purposes of exporting fresh meat into the Community.

2. Imports of fresh meat from the establishments referred to in paragraph 1 shall remain subject to the Community veterinary provisions laid down, in particular those concerning health protection requirements.

Article 2

1. Member States shall prohibit imports of fresh meat coming from establishments other than those listed in the Annex.

[1] OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.

2. The prohibition referred to in paragraph 1 shall, however, apply only from 1 August 1983 to establishments which are not listed in the Annex but which have been approved and officially proposed by the Finnish authorities as of 10 June 1982 pursuant to Article 4 (3) of Directive 72/462/EEC, unless a decision is taken to the contrary, in accordance with Article 4 (1) of the said Directive, before 1 August 1983.

The Commission shall forward the list of these establishments to the Member States.

Article 3

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 1983.

Article 4

This Decision shall be reviewed and if necessary amended before 1 March 1983.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Luxembourg, 18 October 1982.

For the Council

The President

N. A. KOFOED

ANNEX

LIST OF ESTABLISHMENTS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 1

Approval No	Establishment	Address
	I. BOVINE MEAT	
	A. Slaughterhouses and cutting premises	
17	Forssan Teurastamo Oy	Forssan
	B. Slaughterhouses	
7	Lahden Kaupungin Teurastamo	Lahti
	II. PIGMEAT	
	A. Slaughterhouses and cutting premises	
22	Itikka	Nurmo
17	Forssan Teurastamo Oy	Forssan
	B. Slaughterhouses	
7	Lahden Kaupungin Teurastamo	Lahti
73	Pouttu Oy	Kannus
	III. COLD STORES	
92	Pakastamo Oy	Kolohonka
91	Pakastamo Oy	Pitäjänmäki