COMMISSION DECISION

of 8 March 1983

prolonging the temporary suspension of the status of certain parts of the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany with regard to classical swine fever

(83/117/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 64/432/EEC of 26 June 1964 on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine [1], as last amended by Directive 82/893/EEC [2], and in particular Article 4c (1) (c) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/461/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat [3], as last amended by Directive 82/893/EEC, and in particular Article 13a (2) thereof,

Whereas Council Decision 82/838/EEC [4] recognizes certain parts of the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany as being either officially swine-fever-free or swine-fever-free ;

Whereas outbreaks of classical swine fever have been recorded in some of the parts of the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany referred to in Annexes I and II to Decision 82/838/EEC ;

Whereas, by Decision 83/74/EEC of 9 February 1983 [5], the Commission has suspended for a period of 15 days the status of official freedom from swine fever or freedom from swine fever of affected parts of German territory ;

Whereas, taking account of the epidemiological evolution of the disease, it is necessary to prolong this period of suspension for certain regions beyond the 15 days provided for initially in order to clarify the situation ;

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 status of those parts of the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany constituted by the regions set out in Annex I, as areas recognized to be officially swine-fever-free within the meaning of Article 4c (1) (c) of Directive 64/432/EEC is temporarily suspended for the regions listed in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

The Commission will follow developments in the situation with a view to taking appropriate decisions in respect of such developments.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 8 March 1983.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No 121, 29. 7. 1964, p. 1977/64.
[2] OJ No L 378, 31. 12. 1982, p. 57.
[3] OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 24.
[4] OJ No L 352, 14. 12. 1982, p. 27.
[5] OJ No L 47, 19. 2. 1983, p. 29.

ANNEX

Regions of the Federal Republic of Germany for which the official swine-fever-free status is suspended

The administrative districts of Münster and Cologne.