COMMISSION DECISION

of 6 May 1983

concerning health protection measures in respect of Spain

(83/223/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 83/91/EEC [2], and in particular Article 28 (3) thereof,

Whereas information received by the Commission indicated an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Spain ;

Whereas, because of the trade between Spain and Member States, the existence of such a disease constitutes a danger for Community livestock ;

Whereas, accordingly, suitable protection measures should be adopted for the whole Community to avert such a risk and should be applied until there is no longer danger ;

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

Member States shall prohibit the importation of fresh beef, veal, sheepmeat and goatmeat from Spain.

Article 2

The Commission will keep the situation under review and this Decision may be amended in the light of developments therein.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 6 May 1983.

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 59, 5. 3. 1983, p. 34.