COMMISSION DECISION

of 12 June 1986

on the maintenance of the status of the United Kingdom as regards classical swine fever.

(86/310/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 80/1095/EEC of 11 November 1980 laying down conditions designed to render and keep the territory of the Community free from classical swine fever (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3768/85 (2), and in particular Article 8 (2) thereof,

Whereas, by Commission Decision 81/400/EEC of 15 May 1981 establishing the status of Member States as regards classical swine fever with a view to its eradication (3), the United Kingdom was recognized as being officially free from classical swine fever;

Whereas status as a Member State officially free from classical swine fever is of special importance in view of the rules on intra-Community trade laid down by Council Directive 64/432/EEC of 26 June 1984 on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine (4), and in particular Article 4b thereof, Council Directive 72/461/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat (5), and in particular Article 13a thereof, and Council Directive 80/215/EEC of 22 January 1980 on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in meat products (6), and in particular Article 10 thereof;

Whereas outbreaks of classical swine fever have been recorded since 22 May 1986 in the territory of the United Kingdom;

Whereas the limited number of outbreaks recorded are located within clearly defined parts of the territory of the United Kingdom;

Whereas the United Kingdom authorities have taken all measures necessary to control the disease and any movement of pigs and pigmeat products from those parts of the territory exposed to risks of contamination;

Whereas, under those circumstances, the status of the United Kingdom as officially free from classical swine fever should be maintained for the period necessary to clarify the situation and adopt the requisite measures;

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 the United Kingdom as a Member State officially free from classical swine fever shall be maintained until 15 July 1986.

Article 2

The Commission shall monitor the development of classical swine fever in the United Kingdom with a view to adopting appropriate Decisions before 15 July 1986 depending on such development.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 12 June 1986.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESSEN

Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 325, 1. 12. 1980, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 362, 31. 12. 1985, p. 8.
(3) OJ No L 152, 11. 6. 1981, p. 37.
(4) OJ No 121, 29. 7. 1964, p. 1977/64.
(5) OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 24.
(6) OJ No L 47, 21. 2. 1980, p. 4.