COMMISSION DECISION

of 9 February 1989

amending Decision 89/15/EEC on the importations of live animals and fresh meat from certain third countries

(89/137/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 88/289/EEC (2), and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 86/469/EEC of 16 September 1986 concerning the examination of animals and fresh meat for the presence of residues (3), and in particular Article 7 thereof, in conjunction with Council Directive 88/146/EEC of 7 March 1988 prohibiting the use in livestock farming of certain substances having a hormonal action (4), and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas, in application of Decision 89/15/EEC (5), as amended by Decision 89/18/EEC (6), Member States continue to authorize imports of fresh meat and live animals from certain third countries appearing in the Annex of this Decision under the conditions laid down in that Annex;

Whereas authorities of Paraguay have forwarded sufficient information on their laws on the use of substances having an oestrogenic, androgenic, gestagenic and thyrostatic action as well as specific information on the plan specifying the guarantees offered by their country in respect of monitoring of residues of substances in Group AI and II in Annex I to Decision 86/469/EEC and whereas those guarantees may be considered as equivalent to those resulting from the application of Council Directives 85/358/EEC (7) and 86/469/EEC;

Whereas the authorities of this country have, moreover, guaranteed that no animals and no meat coming from animals to which substances having a thyrostatic, oestrogenic, androgenic or gestagenic action have been administered by any means will be exported to the Community;

Whereas, for these types of substances, fresh meat and live animals from Paraguay should therefore continue to be imported;

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 Annex to Decision 89/15/EEC is hereby replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 February 1989.

For the Commission

Ray MAC SHARRY

Member of the Commission

(1) OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.
(2) OJ No L 124, 18. 5. 1988, p. 31.
(3) OJ No L 275, 26. 9. 1986, p. 36.
(4) OJ No L 70, 16. 3. 1988, p. 16.
(5) OJ No L 8, 11. 1. 1989, p. 11.
(6) OJ No L 8, 11. 1. 1989, p. 17.
(7) OJ No L 191, 23. 7. 1985, p. 46.

ANNEX

Third country	Date until which the Member States continue to authorize importations (date of unloading in Community territory)	Specifications
Argentina	31. 5. 1989	
Australia		
Austria	31. 5. 1989	
Botswana	31. 5. 1989	
Brazil	31. 5. 1989	
Bulgaria	31. 5. 1989	
Canada	31. 5. 1989	(1)
Chili	31. 5. 1989	
Czechoslovakia		
Finland		
Greenland	31. 5. 1989	
Hungary		
Iceland	31. 5. 1989	
Malta	31. 5. 1989	
New Zealand		
Norway		
Paraguay		
Poland		
Romania		
South Africa/Namibia		
Swaziland	31. 5. 1989	
Sweden		
Switzerland		
United States of America	31. 5. 1989	(2)
Uruguay		
Yugoslavia		
Zimbabwe		
GDR	31. 5. 1989	

(1) Importations of bovine animals and meats therefrom destined for human consumption are suspended from 1 January 1989 except for bovine animals intended for reproduction.

(2) Importations of bovine animals and meats therefrom destined for human consumption are suspended from 1 January 1989.