COMMISSION DECISION

of 30 March 1990

revoking Decision 81/11/EEC on certain protection measures against blue tongue

(90/172/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 89/662/EEC [2], and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Whereas blue tongue has appeared in 1979 on the island of Lesbos; whereas the Commission has adopted Decision 81/11/EEC [3] on certain protective measures against blue tongue, in order to prevent the spread of this disease to other Member States;

Whereas the measures taken by the Greek authorities to eradicate this disease have been successful, based on serology of sentinel and randomly-selected animals;

Whereas the Greek authorities have given assurances that they will continue serological and entomological surveillance to enable them to identify any further incursion of the disease;

Whereas Decision 81/11/EEC may now be revoked;

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

Decision 81/11/EEC is hereby revoked.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 30 March 1990.

For the Commission

Ray MAC SHARRY

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No 121, 29. 7. 1964, p. 1977/64.
[2] OJ No L 395, 30. 12. 1989, p. 13.
[3] OJ No L 33, 5. 2. 1981, p. 32.