COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 4 July 1990

amending, for the third time, Decision 90/161/EEC concerning certain protection measures relating to classical swine fever in Belgium

(90/353/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,

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 89/662/EEC, and in particular Article 8 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 80/215/EEC of 22 January 1980 on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in meat products [4], as last amended by Directive 89/662/EEC, and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Whereas several outbreaks of classical swine fever have occurred in parts of Belgium with a high density of pigs;

Whereas these outbreaks are liable to endanger the herds of other Member States, in view of the trade in live pigs, fresh pigmeat and certain meat-based pork products;

Whereas, since it is possible to identify a geographically limited area which presents a particular risk, the restrictions on trade could be applied on a regional basis;

Whereas, as a result of the epizootic of classical swine fever, the Commission adopted Decision 90/161/EEC of 30 March 1990 concerning certain protective measures relating to classical swine fever in Belgium [5], as last amended by Decision 90/327/EEC [6];

Whereas it appears necessary to adjust the restrictive measures to take account of the evolution of the disease;

Whereas the Belgian authorities have engaged themselves to implement national measures that are necessary to guarantee the efficient implementation of the Decision;

Whereas it is necessary that the Commission is supplied with all necessary information, with a view to reexamining the provisions of the present Decision;

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 90/161/EEC is amended as follows:

1. In Article 1, paragraph 3 (b) is deleted.

2. Article 4 is replaced by the following:

'Article 4

The Commission will follow developments in the situation and may amend this Decision in the light of such developments.'

Article 2

The Member States shall amend the measures which they apply to trade so as to bring them into compliance with this Decision. They shall immediately inform the Commission thereof.

(1) OJ No 121, 29. 7. 1964, p. 1977/64.
(2) OJ No L 395, 30. 12. 1989, p. 13.
(3) OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 24.
(4) OJ No L 47, 21. 2. 1980, p. 4.
(5) OJ No L 90, 5. 4. 1990, p. 26.
(6) OJ No L 160, 26. 6. 1990, p. 49.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 4 July 1990.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission