COMMISSION DECISION

of 22 May 1991

concerning health protection measures in respect of imports of deep-frozen bovine semen from Israel

(91/277/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 88/407/EEC of 14 June 1988 laying down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in and imports of deep-frozen semen of domestic animals of the bovine species [1], and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Having regard to Commission Decision 90/14/EEC of 20 December 1989 drawing up a list of third countries from which Member States authorize importation of deep-frozen semen of domestic animals of the bovine species [2], as last amended by Decision 91/276/EEC [3],

Whereas the situation in Israel is in general satisfactory as regards : the regularity and rapidity of information ; rules on animal disease prevention and control ; the structure and powers of the veterinary services and the organization and implementation of contagious animal disease control measures ;

Whereas by Decision 91/276/EEC Israel therefore has been added to the list of third countries from which Member States authorize importation of deep-frozen semen of domestic animals of the bovine species ;

Whereas animal health conditions and veterinary certification must be adopted according to the animal health situation of the country concerned ;

Whereas because of the present disease situation in Israel, the importation of deep-frozen bovine semen into the Community must be prohibited ;

Whereas this Decision will be reviewed in the light of the developing animal health situation in Israel ;

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 not authorize the importation of deep-frozen bovine semen from Israel.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22 May 1991.

For the Commission

Ray MAC SHARRY

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 194, 22. 7. 1988, p. 10.
[2] OJ No L 8, 11. 1. 1990, p. 71.
[3] See page 58 of this Official Journal.