COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 February 1993

concerning certain protection measures, with regard to swine vesicular disease, in the Netherlands and Italy

(93/128/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/425/EEC of 26 June 1990 concerning veterinary and zootechnical checks applicable in intra-Community trade in certain live animals and products with a view to the completion of the internal market [1], as last amended by Council Directive 92/65/EEC [2] and in particular Article 10 (3) thereof,

Whereas during 1992 outbreaks of swine vesicular disease have been declared in the Netherlands and Italy;

Whereas swine vesicular disease virus has been isolated and antibodies to the said virus have been detected in pigs sent from the Netherlands to Italy;

Whereas since 1991 swine vesicular disease has been endemic in Italy;

Whereas the Commission has sent missions to the Netherlands and to Italy to examine the swine vesicular disease situation;

Whereas pigs originating from the Netherlands are liable to endanger herds of other Member States in view of trade in live pigs;

Whereas swine vesicular disease situation in Italy is liable to endanger the herds of other Member States in view of the trade in live pigs;

Whereas the Commission may take, in collaboration with the Member State concerned and pending the meeting of the Standing Veterinary Committee, interim protective measures with regard to animals from a region affected by an epizootic disease,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The Netherlands shall not send live pigs from its territory to other Member States;

2. Italy shall not send live pigs from its territory to other Member States.

Article 2

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.

Article 3

This Decision shall apply until 1 April 1993.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 February 1993.

For the Commission

René STEICHEN

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 29.
[2] OJ No L 268, 14. 9. 1992, p. 54.