COMMISSION DECISION

of 15 October 1993

concerning certain protection measures relating to African swine fever in Portugal

(93/531/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 Directive 92/118/EEC [2], and in particular Article 10 (4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 89/662/EEC of 11 December 1989 concerning veterinary checks in intra-Community trade with a view the completion of the internal market [3], as last amended by Directive 92/118/EEC, and in particular Article 9 (4) thereof,

Whereas since 9 August 1993 several outbreaks of African swine fever have been declared in different parts of Portugal;

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

Whereas Portugal had been declared free of African swine fever in March 1993; whereas this disease has now reappeared;

Whereas Article 9a (1) of Council Directive 64/432/EEC [4], Article 8a (1) of Council Directive 72/461/EEC [5] and Article 7a (1) of Council Directive 80/215/EEC [6] state that a Member State in whose territory African swine fever has been recorded within the previous 12 months shall not export live pigs, pigmeat and pigmeat products covered by the aforementioned Directives;

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

Portugal shall not send to other Member States live animals of the porcine species coming from its territory.

Article 2

1. Portugal shall not send to other Member States fresh pigmeat and pigmeat products obtained from pigs coming from holdings situated on its territory.

2. The restrictions described in paragraph 1 shall not apply to meat products which have undergone one of the treatments laid down in Article 4 (1) (a) of Directive 80/215/EEC.

3. Meat products produced in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 and consigned from Portugal shall be accompanied by a health certificate referred to in Article 3 (9) (b) (ii) of Council Directive 77/99/EEC [7].

The certificate shall bear the following words:

'Products conforming to Commission Decision 93/531/EEC of 15 October 1993 concerning certain protection measures relating to African swine fever in Portugal.'

Article 3

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

Article 4

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.

Article 5

This Decision is applicable until 10 November 1993.

[1] OJ No L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 29.
[2] OJ No L 62, 15. 3. 1993, p. 49.
[3] OJ No L 395, 30. 12. 1989, p. 13.
[4] OJ No 121, 29. 7. 1964, p. 1977/64.
[5] OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 24.
[6] OJ No L 47, 21. 2. 1980, p. 4.
[7] OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 85.

Article 6

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 15 October 1993.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission