COMMISSION DECISION

of 21 December 1992

approving the programme concerning bonamiosis and marteiliosis submitted by the United Kingdom for the Isle of Man

(Only the English text is authentic)

(93/59/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/67/EEC concerning the animal health conditions governing the placing on the market of aquaculture animals and products [1], and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 706/73 of the Council of 12 March 1973 concerning the Community arrangements applicable to the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man for trade in agricultural products [2], as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1174/86 [3] lays down that the veterinary legislation shall apply to these Islands under the same conditions as in the United Kingdom for the products imported into the islands or exported from the islands to the Community;

Whereas Member States may submit to the Commission a programme designed to enable them, with regard to certain diseases affecting molluscs, to obtain the status of approved zone;

Whereas the United Kingdom, by letter dated 9 October 1992, has submitted a programme concerning bonamiosis and marteiliosis for the Isle of Man;

Whereas these programmes specify the geographical zones concerned, the measures to be taken by the official services, the procedures to be followed by the approved laboratories, the prevalence of the disease concerned and the measures to combat these diseases where detected; whereas, the measures to be taken by the official services relate mainly to detailed investigations which must show that the zones concerned do not contain any molluscs belonging to susceptible vector or carrier species;

Whereas this programme, after scrutiny, appears to be in conformity with the requirements laid down in Article 10 of Council Directive 91/67/EEC;

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

The programme concerning bonamiosis and marteiliosis for the Isle of Man, submitted by the United Kingdom, is hereby approved.

Article 2

The United Kingdom shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with the programme referred to in Article 1 by 1 January 1993.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 21 December 1992.

For the Commission

Ray MAC SHARRY

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 46, 19. 2. 1991, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 68, 15. 3. 1973, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 107, 24. 4. 1986, p. 1.