COMMISSION DECISION

of 21 December 1993

on marking and use of pigmeat in application of Article 9 of Council Directive 80/217/EEC

(93/699/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 80/217/EEC of 22 January 1980 introducing Community measures for the control of classical swine fever [1], as last amended by Council Decision 93/384/EEC [2], and in particular Article 9 (6) (g) thereof,

Whereas on 13 October 1993 an outbreak of classical swine fever in the municipality of Wingene, West Flanders was declared by the Belgian veterinary authorities;

Whereas in accordance with Article 9 (1) of Directive 80/217/EEC a surveillance zone was immediately established around the outbreak site;

Whereas all contact premises and pig holdings in the surveillance zone have been serologically and clinically tested without finding any evidence that the virus did spread to this zone;

Whereas the provisions for the use of a health mark on fresh meat are given in Council Directive 64/433/EEC of 26 June 1964 on health conditions for the production and marketing of fresh meat [3], as last amended by Directive 92/5/EEC [4];

Whereas Belgium has submitted a request for the adoption of a specific solution concerning marking and use of pigmeat coming from pigs kept on holdings situated in the surveillance zone and slaughtered subject to a specific authorization issued by the competent authority;

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

1. Belgium is authorized to apply the mark described in Article 3 (1) (A) (e) of Directive 64/433/EEC to pigmeat obtained from pigs originating from holdings situated in the surveillance zone established on 13 October 1993 around the outbreak of classical swine fever in the municipality of Wingene on the condition that the pigs in question:

(a) originate from a holding to which, following the epidemiological inquiry, no contact has been established with an infected holding;

(b) have been included in a programme for detection of classical swine fever virus antigen and found negative. The programme shall be carried out as given in Annex I;

(c) have been slaughtered within 12 hours of arrival at the slaughterhouse.

2. Belgium shall ensure that a certificate as given in Annex II is issued in respect of meat referred to in paragraph 1.

Article 2

Pigmeat which complies with the conditions of Article 1 (1) and enters into intra-Community trade must be accompanied by the certificate referred to in Article 1 (2).

Article 3

This Decision is applicable until 1 February 1994.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 21 December 1993.

For the Commission

René STEICHEN

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 47, 21. 2. 1980, p. 11.
[2] OJ No L 166, 8. 7. 1993, p. 34.
[3] OJ No 121, 29. 7. 1964, p. 2012/64.
[4] OJ No L 57, 2. 3. 1992, p. 1.

ANNEX I

Examinations for presence of classical swine fever virus antigen

The programme for detection of classical swine fever virus antigen referred to in Article 1 (1) (b) of Commission Decision 93/699/EC shall include examination of tonsil tissue obtained from five pigs per holding. The laboratory examination of the tonsil tissue shall be performed in accordance with the provisions of Annex I, Chapter B, to Directive 80/217/EEC.

The virological examination shall be carried out within three days prior to slaughter.

ANNEX II

CERTIFICATE

for fresh meat referred to in Article 1 (1) of Commission Decision 93/699/EC

No (1) .....

Place of loading : .....

Ministry : .....

Department : .....

I. Identification of meat

Meat of pigs

Nature of cuts : .....

Nature of packaging : .....

Number of cuts or packages : .....

Net weight : .....

II. Origin of meat

Address and veterinary approval number of the approved slaughterhouse : .....

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Address and veterinary approval number of the approved cutting plant : .....

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III. Destination of meat

The meat will be sent

from : .....
(place of loading)

to : .....
(place of destination)

by the following means of transport (2) : .....

Name and address of consignor : .....

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Name and address of consignee : .....

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IV. Health attestation

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, certify that the meat described above was obtained under the conditions governing production and control laid down in Directive 64/433/EEC and is in conformity with the provisions of Decision 93/699/EC on marking and use of pigmeat in application of Article 9 of Directive 80/217/EEC.

Done at : ....., on : .....

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(Name and signature of the official veterinarian)

(1) Serial No issued by the official veterinarian.
(2) In the case of rail trucks and lorries, state the registration number and in the case of boats the name and, where necessary, the number of the container.