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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 21 December 1992

concerning the status of Ireland with regard to infectious hematopoietic necrosis and viral haemorrhagic septicaemia

(93/73/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 of 2 January 1991 concerning the animal health conditions governing the placing on the market of aquatic animals and products (1), and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas Member States can obtain for one or more continental and coastal zones, the status of approved zone, free of certain diseases affecting fish or molluscs;

Whereas, to that effect, Ireland has submitted on 19 October 1992, the appropriate justifications for granting, as far as infectious hematopoietic necrosis (IHN) and viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) are concerned, the status of approved zone to its territory, as well as the national rules ensuring compliance with the conditions to be respected for the maintenance of the approved status;

Whereas, after scrutiny, this information allows, as far as IHN and VHS are concerned, to grant the status of approved continental and coastal zone to Ireland;

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

Ireland is recognized as approved continental zone and approved coastal zone for fish with regard to infectious hematopoietic necrosis and viral haemorrhagic septicemia.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 21 December 1992.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

(1) OJ No L 46, 19. 2. 1991, p. 1.