COMMISSION DECISION

of 12 February 1993

on certain protective measures with respect to bivalve molluscs from Morocco

(93/96/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/675/EEC of 10 December 1990 laying down the principles governing the organization of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries [1], as last amended by Directive 92/438/EEC [2], and in particular Article 19 (1) thereof,

Whereas the presence of a paralytic toxin (PSP) has been recorded on several occasions in consignments of bivalve molluscs imported from Morocco;

Whereas the levels of toxin observed can constitute a serious danger to public health; whereas the necessary protective measures should be adopted rapidly at Comunity level;

Whereas in the absence of health guarantees from the Moroccan authorities imports of bivalve molluscs from Morocco should be prohibited,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Member States shall prohibit the importation of consignments of bivalve molluscs, marine gastropods and echinoderms originating in Morocco.

Article 2

Member States shall amend the measures which they apply to importations in order to bring them into conformity with the present Decision. They shall inform the Commission thereof.

Article 3

This Decision shall apply until 15 March 1993.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 12 February 1993.

For the Commission
René STEICHEN
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ No L 373, 31. 12. 1990, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 243, 25. 8. 1992, p. 27.