COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 24 July 1995

amending Decision 95/171/EC on certain protection measures with regard to apes originating in or coming from Zaire

(Text with EEA relevance)

(95/313/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/496/EEC of 15 July 1991 laying down the principles governing the organization of veterinary checks on animals entering the Community from third countries and amending Directives 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC and 90/675/EEC [1], as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 18 (7) thereof,

Whereas, as a result of outbreaks of Ebola virus disease in Zaire, the Commission suspended imports of apes from Zaire by Decision 95/171/EC of 18 May 1995 on certain measures with regard to apes originating in or coming from Zaire [2];

Whereas outbreaks of the disease were recorded in June; whereas this sickness constitutes a serious danger;

Whereas the protection measures should therefore be extended until 31 October 1995;

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

Article 3 of Decision 95/171/EC is hereby replaced by the following:

'Article 3

This Decision shall apply until 31 October 1995.'

Article 2

The Member States shall amend the measures they have adopted in respect of Zaire so that they conform to this Decision. They shall inform the Commission thereof.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 24 July 1995.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 268, 24. 9. 1991, p. 56.
[2] OJ No L 112, 19. 5. 1995, p. 30.