COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 November 1996

amending Decisions 93/24/EEC and 93/244/EEC and concerning additional guarantees relating to Aujeszky's disease for pigs destined to Sweden

(Text with EEA relevance)

(96/725/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 64/432/EEC [1] of 26 June 1964, on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine, as last amended by Directive 95/25/EC [2], and in particular Article 9 (3) and Article 10 (2) thereof,

Whereas Sweden considers that its territory is free from Aujeszky's disease and has submitted supporting documentation to the Commission as provided for in Article 10 of Directive 64/432/EEC;

Whereas an eradication programme was undertaken in these regions for Aujeszky's disease;

Whereas Commission Decision 93/244/EEC [3] as last amended by Decision 96/590/EC [4] lays down additional guarantees relating to Aujeszky's disease for pigs destined to certain parts of the territory of the Community where an eradication programme has been approved and lists those regions in Annex I;

Whereas the programme is regarded to have been successful in eradicating this disease from Sweden; whereas it is therefore appropriate to remove these regions from the list of regions in Annex I of Decision 93/244/EEC;

Whereas the authorities of Sweden apply for national movement of pigs rules at least equivalent to those provided by the present decision;

Whereas these additional guarantees must not be requested from Member States or regions of Member States which are themselves regarded as free from Aujeszky's disease;

Whereas Commission Decision 93/24/EEC [5], as last amended by Decision 96/590/EC, lays down additional guarantees relating to Aujeszky's disease for pigs destined to Member States or regions free of the disease and lists those regions in Annex I;

Whereas these parts of Sweden which are free of the disease should be added to Annex I of Decision 93/24/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

1. In Annex I of Decision 93/244/EEC, the words 'Sweden: all regions' are deleted.

2. The following is added to Annex I of Decision 93/24/EEC:

'Sweden: all regions'.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 1 December 1996.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 29 November 1996.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No 121, 29. 7. 1964, p. 1977/64.
[2] OJ No L 243, 11. 10. 1995, p. 16.
[3] OJ No L 111, 5. 5. 1993, p. 21.
[4] OJ No L 258, 11. 10. 1996, p. 32.
[5] OJ No L 16, 25. 1. 1993, p. 18.