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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 18 February 1997

amending Decision 95/94/EC establishing a list of semen collection centres approved for the export to the Community of semen of domestic animals of the porcine species from certain third countries

(Text with EEA relevance)

(97/170/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/429/EEC of 26 June 1990 laying down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in and imports of semen of domestic animals of the porcine species [1], as amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 8 (1) thereof,

Whereas Commission Decision 93/160/EEC of 17 February 1993 [2], as amended by Decision 94/453/EC [3], establishes a list of third countries from which Member States authorize the importation of semen of domestic animals of the porcine species;

Whereas Commission Decision 95/94/EC [4] establishes a list of semen collection centres approved for the export to the Community of semen of domestic animals of the porcine species from certain third countries;

Whereas the competent veterinary services of the United States of America have forwarded a list of semen collection centres officially approved for export of porcine semen to the Community; whereas guarantees regarding compliance with requirements specified in Article 8 of Council Directive 90/429/EEC have been received by the Commission; it is therefore necessary to amend the list of approved centres;

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

A Part 2 is added to the Annex to Decision 95/94/EC with the following semen collection centres in respect of the United States of America:

'*Part 2*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PIG IMPROVEMENT COMPANY — OKLAHOMA BOAR STUD
Rt. 1, 121 N Main St
Hennessey, OK
Approval code: 94 OK 001

PIG IMPROVEMENT COMPANY — WISCONSIN AID STUD
Route No 2
Spring Green, WI
Approval code: 96 WI 001

UNITED SWINE GENETICS
RR No 2
Roanoke, IL
Approval code: 95 IL 001'.

[1] OJ No L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 62.
[2] OJ No L 67, 19. 3. 1993, p. 27.
[3] OJ No L 187, 22. 7. 1994, p. 11.
[4] OJ No L 73, 1. 4. 1995, p. 87.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 18 February 1997.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission