COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 March 1997

amending Decision 97/116/EC concerning certain protection measures relating to classical swine fever in Germany

(Text with EEA relevance)

(97/196/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/425/EEC of 26 June 1990 concerning veterinary and zootechnical checks applicable in intra-Community trade in certain live animals and products with a view to the completion of the internal market [1], as last amended by Directive 92/118/EEC [2], and in particular Article 10 (4) thereof,

Whereas a number of outbreaks of classical swine fever have occurred in different areas of Germany;

Whereas in view of the trade in live pigs, these outbreaks are liable to endanger the herds of other Member States;

Whereas Germany has taken measures within the framework of Council Directive 80/217/EEC of 22 January 1980 introducing Community measures for the control of classical swine fever [3], as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden;

Whereas, as a result of the disease situation, the Commission adopted Decision 97/116/EC of 11 February 1997 concerning certain protection measures relating to classical swine fever in Germany [4];

Whereas in the light of the evolution of the disease it is possible to amend measures adopted as regards the conditions for movement of pigs;

Whereas, since it is possible to identify geographically areas which present a particular risk, the restrictions on trade can apply on a regional basis;

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

Annexes I and II to Decision 97/116/EC are replaced by Annexes I and II respectively to this Decision.

Article 2

The Member States shall amend the measures they apply to trade so as to bring them into compliance with this Decision. They shall immediately inform the Commission thereof.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 March 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 29.
[2] OJ No L 62, 15. 3. 1993, p. 49.
[3] OJ No L 47, 21. 2. 1980, p. 11.
[4] OJ No L 42, 13. 2. 1997, p. 28.

ANNEX I

Land Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania:	all *Kreise* and *kreis*-free towns, except the *Kreis* Nordwestmecklenburg and the *kreis*-free towns Schwerin and Wismar
Land Lower Saxony:	*Kreise* Lüneburg, Uelzen and Lüchow-Dannenberg
Land North Rhine-Westphalia:	*Kreise* Höxter, Lippe, Paderborn, Hamm Stadt, Hochsauerlandkreis, Märkischer *Kreis*, Soest, Unna, Warendorf, Bielefeld Stadt and Gütersloh
Land Freistaat Bayern:	*Kreise* Dachau, Freising, Fürstenfeldbruck, München, Neuburg-Schrobenhausen, Pfaffenhofen a. d. Ilm and Aichach-Friedberg
Land Brandenburg:	*Kreise* Prignitz and Ostprignitz-Ruppin
Land Sachsen-Anhalt:	Altmarkkreis Salzwedel

ANNEX II

All affected *Kreise*, i. e. all *Kreise* where outbreaks have been recorded or where protection or surveillance zones have been established:

Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania:	all *Kreise* and *kreis*-free towns, except the *Kreise* Ludwigslust and Nordwestmecklenburg and the *kreis*-free towns Schwerin and Wismar
Lower Saxony:	the *Kreise* Lüchow-Dannenberg, Lüneburg (except the Amt Neuhaus) and Uelzen
North Rhine-Westphalia:	the *Kreise* Gütersloh, Lippe-Detmold, Paderborn, Soest and the *kreis*-free town Bielefeld
Sachsen-Anhalt:	*Kreis* Altmark-Salzwedel
Bavaria:	*Kreise* Dachau and Fürstenfeldbruck