COMMISSION DECISION

of 3 March 1997

amending Decision 95/473/EC establishing the list of approved fish farms in France

(Text with EEA relevance)

(97/227/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/67/EEC of 28 January 1991 concerning the animal health conditions governing the placing on the market of aquaculture animals and products [1], as last amended by Directive 95/22/EC [2], and in particular Article 6 (3) thereof,

Whereas Member States may obtain the status of approved farm free of infectious hematopoietic necrosis (IHN) and viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) for fish farms situated in a zone which is not approved as regards those diseases;

Whereas the list of approved farms in France was established by Commission Decision 95/473/EC [3], as amended by Decision 96/289/EC [4];

Whereas France, by letters dated 31 May 1996 and 10 October 1996, submitted to the Commission the justifications for obtaining the status of approved farm in a non-approved zone in respect of IHN and VHS for other farms as also the national rules ensuring compliance with the rules on maintenance of approval;

Whereas the Commission and the Member States have examined the justifications notified by France in respect of those farms;

Whereas this examination shows that some farms meet all the requirements set out in Article 6 of Directive 91/67/EEC and that some farms do not meet these requirements, particularly as regards the sampling programme and the provisions relating to infrastructures;

Whereas, consequently, the farms which are in compliance with Directive 91/67/EEC may benefit from the status of approved farm in a non-approved zone;

Whereas those farms should be added to the list of farms which have already been approved;

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

The Annex to Decision 95/473/EC is hereby replaced by the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 3 March 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 46, 19. 2. 1991, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 243, 11. 10. 1995, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 269, 11. 11. 1995, p. 31.
[4] OJ No L 109, 3. 5. 1996, p. 23.

ANNEX

APPROVED FISH FARMS IN FRANCE WITH RESPECT TO IHN AND VHS

1. Pisciculture de Sarrance
   Pyrénées-Atlantiques
   F-40260 Castets.

2. Pisciculture des Sources
   Aveyron
   F-12540 Cornus.

3. SCEA 'Truites du lac de Cartravers'
   Bois Boscher
   Côtes d'Armor
   F-22460 Merleac.

4. Pisciculture du Thélohier
   Ille-et-Vilaine
   F-35190 Cardroc.

5. Pisciculture de Plainville
   Eure-et-Loire
   F-28400 Marolles-les-Buis.

6. Pisciculture du ruisseau de Dompierre
   Meuse
   F-55300 Lacroix-sur-Meuse.

7. Pisciculture du Vaucheron
   Meuse
   F-55130 Gondrecourt-le-Château.

8. Pisciculture de la source de la Deüe
   Meuse
   F-55500 Cousances-aux-Bois.

9. Pisciculture de Pissos
   Landes
   F-40410 Pissos.