COMMISSION DECISION

of 28 April 1997

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

(Text with EEA relevance)

(97/282/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], as amended by Decision 97/196/EC [5];

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

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 Member States.

Done at Brussels, 28 April 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.
[5] OJ No L 82, 22. 3. 1997, p. 61.

ANNEX I

Land Lower Saxony:	Lüchow-Dannenberg
Land North Rhine-Westphalia:	Kreise Höxter, Lippe, Paderborn, Hamm Stadt, Hochsauerlandkreis, Märkischer Kreis, Soest, Unna, Warendorf, Bielefeld Stadt and Gütersloh

ANNEX II

North Rhine-Westphalia:	the Kreise Gütersloh, Lippe-Detmold, Paderborn, Soest and the kreis-free town Bielefeld