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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/496/EEC of 15 July 1991 laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on animals entering the Community from third countries and amending Directives 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC and 90/675/EEC [1], as last amended by Decision 96/43/EC [2], and in particular Article 18 thereof,

Whereas, in the course of a Commission inspection visit to Turkey, serious flaws have come to light in the procedures for exporting horses from Turkey to the Community;

Whereas, given the usual movements to which *equidae* are subject, this situation presents a serious threat to *equidae* in the Member States;

Whereas, therefore, it is necessary to prohibit both the readmission of registered horses after temporary export and the temporary admission of registered horses from Turkey;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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Article 1

1. The Member States shall prohibit the temporary admission of registered horses from Turkey, their transit and the readmission of registered horses from Turkey after temporary export for racing, competition and cultural events.

2. Derogating from the provisions in paragraph 1, Member States shall authorise the re-entry of registered horses temporarily exported for racing and competition to the European part of the metropolitan area of Istanbul under the conditions that such animals:

(a) have only participated in races under the continuous supervision and responsibility of the Turkish Jockey Club or competitions under the Rules of the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI); and

(b) are accompanied by an animal health certificate in accordance with the model certificate laid down in Annex II of Commission Decision 93/195/EEC [3] which must be duly completed and supplemented with the following official statement:

‘Registered horse in conformity with Commission Decision 2000/507/EC;’ and

(c) have been transported directly by aircraft in both directions between a Member State of the European Union and Istanbul.

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Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

(1) OJ L 268, 24. 9. 1991, p. 56.
(2) OJ L 162, 1. 7. 1996, p. 1.
(3) OJ L 86, 6.4.1993, p. 1.