COMMISSION DECISION

of 9 July 1998

approving the monitoring plan for the detection of residues or substances in live animals and animal products presented by the Netherlands

(notified under document number C(1998) 1890/2)

(Only the Dutch text is authentic)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(98/459/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 96/23/EC of 29 April 1996 on measures to monitor certain substances and residues thereof in live animals and animal products and repealing Directives 85/358/EEC and 86/469/EEC and Decisions 89/187/EEC and 91/664/EEC [1], and in particular Article 8(1) thereof,

Whereas the Netherlands forwarded to the Commission, in a document dated 22 July 1997, a plan specifying the national measures to be implemented during 1998 for the detection of certain substances and residues thereof in live animals and animal products; whereas that plan was amended by a document dated 20 February 1998 and 30 March 1998, in accordance with the Commission's request, bringing it into line with the requirements of Directive 96/23/EC;

Whereas examination of this plan has shown that it complies with Directive 96/23/EC, and in particular Articles 5 and 7 thereof;

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 monitoring plan for the detection of the residues and substances referred to in Annex I to Directive 96/23/EC in live animals and animal products presented by the Netherlands is hereby approved.

Article 2

The Netherlands shall adopt the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to implement the plan referred to in Article 1.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Done at Brussels, 9 July 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 125, 23. 5. 1996, p. 10.