COMMISSION DECISION

of 23 July 1998

concerning additional measures relating to swine vesicular disease in Italy

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(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(98/497/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, paragraph 4 thereof,

Whereas there is evidence that in Italy swine vesicular disease has spread from an assembly centre located in the municipality of Mezzocorona, Province of Trento, to a number of pig holdings located in the Provinces of Bolzano and Verona;

Whereas Italy has taken measures within the framework of Council Directive 92/119/EEC of 17 December 1992 [3], introducing general Community measures for the control of certain animal diseases and specific measures relating to swine vesicular disease and Commission Decision 98/35/EC [4] approving the programme for the eradication and surveillance of Swine vesicular disease for 1998 presented by Italy;

Whereas it is deemed necessary that additional measures are applied to achieve the eradication of Swine vesicular disease from Italy;

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

1. Italy will submit an amended programme for the eradication of Swine vesicular disease to the Commission before 31 August 1998.

2. The amendments will concern:

— the additional surveillance and veterinary controls and the improved procedures of disinfection to be carried out in assembly centres and slaughterhouses throughout Italy;

— the establishment of a National Committee aimed at guaranteeing a more effective coordination of eradication activities.

3. The amended programme will be examined by the Commission and presented at the meeting of the Standing Veterinary Committee scheduled for 8 and 9 September 1998.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Italy.

Done at Brussels, 23 July 1998.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 29.
[2] OJ L 62, 15. 3. 1993, p. 49.
[3] OJ L 62, 15. 3. 1993, p. 69.
[4] OJ L 16, 21. 1. 1998, p. 9.