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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 12 October 1998

concerning an extension of the maximum period laid down for the application of eartags to certain bovine animals belonging to the Spanish herd

(notified under document number C(1998) 2868)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(98/589/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 820/97 of 21 April 1997 establishing a system for the identification and registration of bovine animals and regarding the labelling of beef and beef products [1], and in particular Article 4(2) thereof,

Having regard to the request submitted by Spain,

Whereas the Kingdom of Spain has requested an extension to six months of the maximum period laid down for the application of eartags to certain bovine animals, due to practical difficulties;

Whereas the holdings where those bovine animals are born are situated in certain geographical zones and the animals in question belong to certain races;

Whereas those bovine animals are kept in extensive farming conditions and in free range where calves stay always close to their mother until they are separated at the age of six months at the latest;

Whereas it is justified to take account of Spain's request, provided that the extension of the maximum period does not affect the quality of information provided by the Spanish database and that there is no movement of such animals to which eartags have not been applied;

Whereas the Spanish authorities undertake not to extend this derogation to other elements of the identification and registration system of bovine animals;

Whereas this Decision should be without prejudice to the decisions to be adopted regarding the fully operational character of the national databases;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Spain may extend to six months the maximum period laid down by Article 4(2) of Regulation (EC) No 820/97 for the application of eartags to certain bovine animals which fulfil all the conditions set out in Article 2.

This extension shall not affect the quality of information provided by the Spanish database.

Article 2

1. The extension provided for in Article 1 shall be granted subject to all the conditions set out in paragraphs 2 to 5.

[1] OJ L 117, 7. 5. 1997, p. 1.

2. The holdings on which the animals are born shall be situated in one of the geographical areas listed in the Annex.

3. The animals shall belong to one of the breeds listed in the Annex.

4. The animals are reared at liberty in a totally extensive system, with the calves staying with their mother until weaned.

5. The eartags shall be applied when the calves are separated from their mothers and, in any case, before they are six months old. If an animal leaves the holding on which it was born before that age, it shall be identified before leaving the holding.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 12 October 1998.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

ANEXO — BILAG — ANHANG — ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ — ANNEX — ANNEXE — ALLEGATO — BIJLAGE — ANEXO — LIITE — BILAGA

Comunidad autónoma	Raza	Provincia	Comarca
ANDALUCÍA	— Avileña — Lidia — Morucha — Retinta — Berrendas — Negra andaluza — Charolesa — Limusina — Cruces de las anteriores	ALMERÍA	Río Nacimiento
		CÁDIZ	Campiña de Cádiz Sierra de Cádiz De la Janda Campo de Gibraltar
		CÓRDOBA	Pedroches La Sierra Campiña Baja Las Colonias
		GRANADA	De la Vega Guadix Baza Huéscar Las Alpujarras Valle de Lecria
		HUELVA	Toda la provincia
		JAÉN	Sierra Morena El Condado Sierra de Segura Campiña del Norte
		MÁLAGA	Toda la provincia
		SEVILLA	Toda la provincia
ARAGÓN	— Avileña — Pardo alpina — Lidia — Charolesa — Limusina — Cruces	HUESCA	Toda la provincia
		TERUEL	Gúdar-Javalambre Albarracín Maestrazgo Teruel
		ZARAGOZA	Cinco Villas Campo de Borja Jalón Medio Ribera Alta del Ebro Zaragoza Calatayud Campo de Cariñena Campo de Belchite
ASTURIAS	— Asturiana de los valles y sus cruces — Asturiana de las montañas y sus cruces	ASTURIAS	Vegadeo Luacra Cangas de Narcea Belmonte de Miranda Mieres Cangas de Onís Oviedo Los municipios de montaña en el resto de la provincia

Comunidad autónoma	Raza	Provincia	Comarca
BALEARES			
CANARIAS			
CANTABRIA	— Tudanca y sus cruces	SANTANDER	Liébana Tudanca — Cabuérniga Reinosa — Los valles
CASTILLA-LA-MANCHA	— Avileña — Retinta — Morucha — Lidia — Charolesa — Limusina — Cruces de las anteriores	ALBACETE	Centro Sierra Alcaraz Sierra Segura
		CIUDAD REAL	Toda la provincia
		CUENCA	Serranía Alta Serranía Media Serranía Baja Mancha Alta
		GUADALAJARA	Toda la provincia
		TOLEDO	Toda la provincia
CASTILLA Y LEÓN	— Avileña — Morucha — Retinta — Asturiana de los valles — Asturiana de la montaña — Rubia gallega — Pirenaica — Serrana negra — Parda alpina — Lidia — Charolesa — Limusina — Cruces de las anteriores	ÁVILA	Toda la provincia
		BURGOS	Merindades Demanda
		LEÓN	Bierzo La montaña de Luna La montaña de Riaño La Cabrera Astorga Tierras de León
		PALENCIA	El Cerrato Campos Saldaña — Valdavia
		SALAMANCA	Toda la provincia
		SEGOVIA	Sepúlveda Segovia
		SORIA	Pinares Tierras Altas — Valle Tera Soria
		VALLADOLID	Tierra de Campos Centro
		ZAMORA	Campos-Pan Sayago

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CATALUÑA	— Bruna dels Pirineus — Pirenaica — Albera — Lidia — Cruces de las anteriores	BARCELONA	Osona Berguedà
		LLEIDA	Alta Ribagorça Alt Urgell Pallars Jussà Pallars Sobirà Solsonès Val d'Aran
		GIRONA	Alt Empordà Cerdanya Garrotxa Ripollès
		TARRAGONA	Baix Ebre Montsià
EXTREMADURA	— Retinta — Avileña — Morucha — Berrendas — Lidia — Charolesa — Limusina — Cruces de las anteriores	BADAJOZ	Toda la provincia
		CÁCERES	Toda la provincia
GALICIA	— Rubia Gallega — Parda alpina — Morenas gallegas — Cruces de las anteriores	A CORUÑA	Interior Los municipios de montaña en el resto de la provincia
		LUGO	Montaña Los municipios de montaña en el resto de la provincia
		OURENSE	Barco de Valdeorras Verín Los municipios de montaña en el resto de la provincia
		PONTEVEDRA	Montaña Interior Los municipios de montaña en resto de la provincia
MADRID	— Avileña — Charolesa — Limusina — Lidia — Cruces de las anteriores	MADRID	Lozoya Somosierra Guadarrama Campiña Sur Occidental Colmenar Viejo en el área metropolitana

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MURCIA			
NAVARRA	— Pirenaica — Rubia de Aquitania — Lidia — Charolesa — Limusina — Betízu — Cruces de las anteriores	NAVARRA	Toda la provincia
PAÍS VASCO	— Razas de aptitud cárnica	GUIPÚZCOA ÁLAVA VIZCAYA	Toda la Comunidad Autónoma
LA RIOJA	— Razas de aptitud cárnica		Sierra Rioja Alta Sierra Rioja Media Sierra Rioja Baja Los municipios de montaña en el resto de la provincia
VALENCIA	— Lidia y sus cruces	ALICANTE	Marina Alta Alto Vinalopó Vinalopó Mitjà Bajo Segura
		CASTELLÓN	Toda la provincia
		VALENCIA	Hoya de Buñol L'Horta Nord L'Horta Sud Camp de Morverde Ribera Baixa Ribera Alta La Vall d'Albaida