COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 April 1999

concerning certain protective measures against bluetongue in parts of Greece

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(Only the Greek text is authentic)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(1999/293/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,

(1) Whereas outbreaks of bluetongue occurred between late October and early December 1998 on the islands of Rhodes, Kos and Leros in the Prefecture of Dodekanisa and in the Prefecture of Samos;

(2) Whereas emergency measures were taken by the Greek authorities and a Community financial contribution towards the cost of these measures was fixed by Commission Decision 1999/221/EC [3];

(3) Whereas the measures concerning the movement of live animals of sensitive species and some products thereof in the regions concerned laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/221/EC should be extended;

(4) 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

Greece shall prohibit the departure of species of animals sensitive to bluetongue, their sperm, eggs and embryos from the Prefectures of Dodekanisa and Samos.

Greece shall make the movement of animals sensitive to bluetongue within the Prefectures of Dodekanisa and Samos subject to authorisation from the veterinary services.

Article 2

This Decision shall be reviewed every two months and apply until 1 February 2000.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Hellenic Republic.

Done at Brussels, 29 April 1999.

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 82, 26.3.1999, p. 44.