COMMISSION DECISION

of 14 February 2000

amending Commission Decision 97/219/EC laying down animal and public health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of farmed game meat and rabbit meat from third countries

(notified under document number C(2000) 285)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/160/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/118/EEC of 17 December 1992 laying down animal health and public health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of products not subject to the said requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A(I) to Directive 89/662/EEC and, as regards pathogens, to Directive 90/425/EEC [1], as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC [2], and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Decision 97/219/EC [3] lays down animal and public health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of farmed game meat and rabbit meat from third countries.

(2) Because of the particular system of production of farmed reindeer meat, some specific health derogations must be applied for such imports.

(3) Decision 97/219/EC must be amended in order to allow imports of reindeer meat not coming from animals which have been kept separate from wild cloven-hoofed game since birth.

(4) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 97/219/EC is amended as follows:

In Annex A, Chapter IV, point 2(d), after the wording 'animals which have been kept separate from wild cloven-hoofed game since birth;' the footnote 'not applicable to reindeer' is inserted.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from the 30th day following notification.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 14 February 2000.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 49.
[2] OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.
[3] OJ L 88, 3.4.1997, p. 45.