COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 July 2000

amending Decision 1999/766/EC on certain protective measures in respect of infectious salmon anaemia in salmonids in Norway

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/431/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/496/EEC of 15 July 1991 laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on animals entering the Community from third countries and amending Directives 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC and 90/675/EEC [1], as last amended by Directive 96/43/EC [2], and in particular Article 18(7) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 97/78/EC of 18 December 1997 laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries [3], and in particular Article 22(6) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) In July 1999 the Commission adopted Decision 1999/766/EC on certain protective measures in respect of infectious salmon anaemia (ISA) in salmonids in Norway [4]. The measures include ban on the imports into the Community of live salmon and stringent conditions for the importation of salmon products for human consumption. These measures apply until 1 July 2000.

(2) Norway has during spring 2000 reported further outbreaks of ISA. At present, eight different restriction zones regarding ISA, including nine municipalities, are in force.

(3) In the light of the disease situation the measures of Decision 1999/766/EC shall be extended until 1 April 2001.

(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

In Article 4 of Decision 1999/766/EC the words '1 July 2000' are replaced by '1 April 2001'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 7 July 2000.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 56.
[2] OJ L 162, 1.7.1996, p. 1.
[3] OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 9.
[4] OJ L 302, 25.11.1999, p. 23.