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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 October 2000

amending for the third time Decision 2000/486/EC concerning certain protection measures with regard to foot-and-mouth disease in Greece

(notified under document number C(2000) 3039)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/643/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 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 89/662/EEC of 11 December 1989 concerning veterinary checks in intra-Community trade with a view to the completion of the internal market [3], as last amended by Directive 92/118/EEC, and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Due to outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease in Greece Commission Decision 2000/486/EC of 31 July 2000 concerning protection measures with regard to food-and-mouth disease in Greece [4], as last amended by Decision 2000/550/EC [5], was adopted to reinforce the control measures taken by Greece.

(2) The Greek veterinary services informed the Commission that no new outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease has been reported in Greece since 13 September 2000 and that the results of a serological survey carried out so far demonstrate that food-and-mouth disease has been eradicated from Xanthi and had never spread into Rodopi.

(3) In the light of the disease evolution it appears appropriate to limit the protection measures to the areas listed in Annex I to Decision 2000/486/EC.

(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

Annex I and Annex II to Decision 2000/486/EC shall be replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

Member States shall amend the measures, which they apply to trade so as to bring them into compliance with this Decision. They shall immediately inform the Commission thereof.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 October 2000.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 29.
[2] OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 49.
[3] OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 13.
[4] OJ L 195, 1.8.2000, p. 59.
[5] OJ L 234, 16.9.2000, p. 44.

ANNEX

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The Province(s) of:

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ANNEX II

The Province(s) of:'