COMMISSION DECISION

of 14 January 2002

concerning certain protection measures relating to classical swine fever in Spain and amending Decision 2001/925/EC

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2002/31/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(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Outbreaks of Classical Swine Fever have occurred in the Province of Barcelona in Cataluña in Spain.

(2) In view of the trade in live pigs, these outbreaks are liable to endanger the herds of other Members States.

(3) Spain has taken measures within the framework of Council Directive 2001/89/EC of 23 October 2001, on Community measures for the control of classical swine fever [3].

(4) The Commission adopted Decision 2001/925/EC of 20 December 2001 concerning certain protection measures relating to classical swine fever in Spain [4].

(5) In the light of the evolution of the situation and following results of the epidemiological enquiries, it is necessary to prolong the measures adopted and to reduce the area subjected to some of these measures. Decision 2001/925/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.

(6) 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 8 of Decision 2001/925/EC:

(a) the words '20 January 2002' are replaced by the words '20 February 2002';

(b) the words '31 January 2002' are replaced by the words '28 February 2002'.

Article 2

In the Annex to Decision 2001/925/EC the word 'Cataluña' is replaced by the words 'The Provinces of Barcelona and Gerona in Cataluña'.

Article 3

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

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 14 January 2002.

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 316, 1.12.2001, p. 5.
[4] OJ L 339, 21.12.2001, p. 56.