COMMISSION DECISION

of 25 July 2002

approving the plan submitted by France for the eradication of classical swine fever from feral pigs in Moselle and Meurthe-et-Moselle

(notified under document number C(2002) 2826)

(Only the French text is authentic)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2002/626/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 2001/89/EC of 23 October 2001 on Community measures for the control of classical swine fever [1], and in particular Article 16(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) In April 2002 classical swine fever was confirmed in the feral pig population in the department of Moselle in France, at the border with the department Meurthe-et-Moselle, Luxembourg and Germany.

(2) In accordance with Article 16 of Directive 2001/89/EC, the French authorities have submitted a plan for the eradication of classical swine fever from feral pigs in Moselle and in the bordering department of Meurthe-et-Moselle.

(3) The submitted plan has been examined and found to comply with the provisions of Directive 2001/89/EC.

(4) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The plan submitted by France for the eradication of classical swine fever from feral pigs in Moselle and Meurthe-et-Moselle is hereby approved.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 25 July 2002.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 316, 1.12.2001, p. 5.