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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 19 December 1977

laying down additional provisions relating to the statistical surveys to be carried out by Member States on bovine livestock

(78/53/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 43 and 209 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 73/132/EEC of 15 May 1973 on the statistical surveys to be carried out by the Member States on bovine livestock, on forecasts on the availability of bovine animals for slaughter and on statistics on slaughtered bovine animals (1),

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (2),

Whereas, in order to promote the approximation of survey methods and the harmonization of statistics on the cattle sector, certain provisions of Directive 73/132/EEC must be clarified or supplemented ;

Whereas, for technical reasons, Italy has not been able to update the sampling base during the period covered by Directive 73/132/EEC in order to comply with the Community margins of error, and therefore desires the extension of the term of validity of the derogation provided for in Article 4 of the said Directive ;

Whereas an annual survey in December has proved inadequate for the purposes of periodically adjusting short-term forecasts of the potential supply of cattle ; Whereas certain provisions of Directive 73/132/EEC are applicable to the execution of an intermediate survey ; whereas special rules relating to the time limits for submission of the results and the period for making the forecasts have to be laid down in this respect ;

Whereas the financial contribution of the Community towards the expenditure incurred by the Member States in carrying out the surveys provided for under this Directive must be specified,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE :

Article 1

1. The term of validity of the derogation provided for in Article 4 (3) of Directive 73/132/EEC shall be extended to 1980 for Italy.

2. Article 4 (4) of Directive 73/132/EEC shall be replaced by the following :

'4. The Member States shall, if necessary, take appropriate measures to assess errors of observation.'

3. Article 5 (4) of Directive 73/132/EEC shall be replaced by the following :

'4. The survey results to be used in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 may be obtained from one of the two Community surveys carried out during the reference year.'

(1) OJ No L 153, 9. 6. 1973, p. 25.
(2) OJ No C 163, 11. 7. 1977, p. 73.

4. Article 6 (1) of Directive 73/132/EEC shall be replaced by the following :

'1. The Member States shall, on the basis of the results of the surveys and of other available data, estimate the gross indigenous cattle production for the two six-month periods beginning on 1 January and 1 July respectively.

The gross indigenous cattle production shall include all slaughterings of cattle of native and foreign origin, together with the foreign trade balance of live cattle.'

5. The first two lines of Article 6 (2) of Directive 73/132/EEC shall be replaced by the following :

'The estimate of gross indigenous cattle production shall be drawn up for the following categories :'

Article 2

1. The Member States shall carry out each year an intermediate survey of the bovine livestock, using any day in May or June as the reference date.

2. The first intermediate survey shall take place in 1978.

3. The provisions of Directive 73/132/EEC relating to the December survey shall be applicable to the intermediate survey, except for Article 5 (1) and (2) of the said Directive.

However, Member States who experience difficulty in including in the questionnaire for the intermediate survey of all the categories referred to in Article 3 of Directive 73/132/EEC may estimate, on the basis of the results of their national surveys, the numbers in the various categories of cattle intended for slaughter, and of heifers of one year and over.

The foregoing derogation shall be valid until 1980, unless the Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission, decides to extend the term of validity.

4. Member States shall notify the Commission of the provisional results of the intermediate survey, without a breakdown by regions, by 30 September at the latest. The final results shall be notified as soon as possible.

Article 3

The necessary expenditure for carrying out during 1978, 1979 and 1980 the surveys provided for in this Directive shall be charged as a fixed sum to the budget of the European Communities.

Article 4

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 19 December 1977.

For the Council

The President

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