COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 19 December 1977

extending the derogations granted in respect of protection against swine fever to Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom

(78/54/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 43 and 100 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (1),

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee (2),

Whereas Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom enjoy derogations permitting them to retain until 31 December 1977 their national rules on protection against swine fever upon introduction into their territory of swine for breeding, store and slaughter and of fresh pigmeat; whereas those derogations are contained in Article 104 (1) of the Act of Accession and Article 13 of Council Directive 72/461/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat (3), as last amended by Directive 77/98/EEC (4);

Whereas the period within which the technical difficulties were to be resolved and Community standards laid down as regards swine fever has proved inadequate; whereas the solutions to be adopted are to some extent linked to the swine fever eradication measures for which the Council has requested the Commission to submit proposals; whereas such proposals have not yet been submitted;

Whereas it is therefore necessary to extend by one year the derogations granted to the three Member States concerned,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Until 31 December 1978, Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom shall be authorized to retain their national rules relating to protection against swine fever upon introduction into their territory of swine for breeding, store and slaughter, subject to compliance with the general provisions of the Treaty.

Article 2

In Article 13 of Directive 72/461/EEC the date '31 December 1977' shall be replaced by '31 December 1978'.

Article 3

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 19 December 1977.

For the Council

The President

H. SIMONET

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(1) OJ No C 6, 9. 1. 1978, p. 117.
(2) Opinion delivered on 14 December 1977 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
(3) OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 24.
(4) OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 81.