

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 23 December 1980

amending Decision 79/277/EEC as regards animal health conditions governing the import of masseter muscles from Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay

(80/1299/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine animals and swine and fresh meat from third countries<sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Directive 77/98/EEC<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Articles 16 and 28 thereof,Whereas animal health conditions concerning imports of fresh meat from Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay were laid down by Commission Decisions 78/693/EEC, 78/694/EEC and 78/695/EEC<sup>(3)</sup> respectively, as amended by Decision 79/18/EEC<sup>(4)</sup>, and from Paraguay by Commission Decision 79/238/EEC<sup>(5)</sup>;

Whereas difficulties exist in the application of Article 20 (k) of Directive 72/462/EEC which have still to be resolved; whereas, in order not to disrupt existing trade patterns, Member States should be allowed, on a temporary basis, to continue to authorize imports of whole masseter muscles of bovine animals;

Whereas Commission Decisions 79/277/EEC<sup>(6)</sup> and 79/654/EEC<sup>(7)</sup> and Council Decision 80/377/EEC<sup>(8)</sup> provide for such temporary authorizations; whereas a

further period is necessary to resolve the difficulties referred to above; whereas the Commission has made the necessary proposals;

Whereas 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 Articles 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Decision 79/277/EEC, '31 December 1980' is hereby replaced by '31 December 1981'.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 23 December 1980.

*For the Commission*

Finn GUNDELACH

*Vice-President*

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(1) OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.

(2) OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 81.

(3) OJ No L 236, 28. 8. 1978, pp. 19, 29 and 37.

(4) OJ No L 7, 11. 1. 1979, p. 31.

(5) OJ No L 53, 3. 3. 1979, p. 33.

(6) OJ No L 65, 15. 3. 1979, p. 32.

(7) OJ No L 186, 24. 7. 1979, p. 42.

(8) OJ No L 93, 10. 4. 1980, p. 24.