

COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 July 1995

amending Decisions 92/325/EEC and 93/242/EEC as regards certain protection measures in relation to foot-and-mouth disease in certain European countries

(Text with EEA relevance)

(95/295/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine, ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat or meat products from third countries⁽¹⁾, as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Articles 6 (2), 8, 14 (3) (c) and 16 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/675/EEC of 10 December 1990 laying down the principles governing the organization of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries⁽²⁾, as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 19 (7) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/496/EEC of 15 July 1991 laying down the principles governing the organization of veterinary checks on animals entering the Community from third countries and amending Directives 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC and 90/675/EEC⁽³⁾, as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 18 (7) thereof,

Whereas an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease occurred in Bulgaria in May 1993; whereas vaccination was used in the subsequent control strategy;

Whereas Commission Decision 95/147/EC of 12 April 1995 amending Decisions 92/325/EEC and 93/242/EEC as regards certain protection measures in relation to foot-and-mouth disease in Bulgaria⁽⁴⁾, provides for the regionalization of Bulgaria regarding exports of certain live animals and products into the Community;

Whereas the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of domestic animals of the bovine and porcine species from Bulgaria were esta-

blished by Commission Decision 92/325/EEC⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Decision 95/147/EC;

Whereas Commission Decision 93/242/EEC of 30 April 1993 concerning the importation into the Community of certain live animals and their products originating in certain European countries in relation to foot-and-mouth disease⁽⁶⁾, as last amended by Decision 95/147/EC, lays down additional conditions regarding certification and prenotification of consignments from certain countries and parts of countries; whereas these conditions also apply to Bulgaria;

Whereas Directive 72/462/EEC requires freedom from foot-and-mouth disease, following on an outbreak and vaccination, for 24 months before a third country can be recognized as disease free;

Whereas Decision 93/242/EEC requires serological testing of certain animals for breeding and products before importation into the Community; whereas this testing may be discontinued where the exporting country in eastern Europe has been free of foot-and-mouth disease for at least two years, and where the history has been satisfactory;

Whereas, therefore, it is necessary to amend Decisions 92/325/EEC and Decision 93/242/EEC to recognize the foot-and-mouth disease-free status of all of Bulgaria;

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 Annexes A, B, C and D, Section V, point 1 to Decision 92/325/EEC '(excluding the district of Hasskovo)' is deleted.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 373, 31. 12. 1990, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 268, 24. 9. 1991, p. 56.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 96, 28. 4. 1995, p. 51.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 177, 30. 6. 1992, p. 52.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 110, 4. 5. 1993, p. 36.

Article 2

Decision 93/242/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

1. in Article 5 (2) (a) the second indent is deleted;
2. in Article 5 (2) (d), '95/147/EC' is replaced by '95/295/EC';
3. in Article 5 (3) (a), first and second indents are deleted;
4. in Article 5 (3) (d), '95/147/EC' is replaced by '95/295/EC';
5. in Article 6 (2), '95/147/EC' is replaced by '95/295/EC';

6. in Article 7 (2), '95/147/EC' is replaced by '95/295/EC';

7. Annex B is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 July 1995.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

*ANNEX**ANNEX B*

Countries or parts of countries subject to restrictions in Chapter II :

Slovenia
Czech Republic
Slovak Republic
Hungary
Romania
Poland
Estonia
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia⁽¹⁾
Lithuania
Latvia
Croatia⁽²⁾
Bulgaria

⁽¹⁾ For fresh meat and meat products only.

⁽²⁾ Applicable only to the following provinces of Croatia : Zagrebacka, Krapinsko-Zagorska, Varazdinska, Koprivnicko-Krizevacka, Bjelovarsko-Bilogorska, Primorsko-Goranska, Viroviticko-Podravska, Pozesko-Slavonska, Istarska, Medimurska, and Grad Zagreb.