

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 6 April 1977

amending the Decision of 30 March 1977 on certain measures to prevent the spread of classical swine fever

(77/279/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the Council Directive of 26 June 1964 on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine<sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by the Council Directive of 21 December 1976<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 9 (4) thereof,

Having regard to the Council Directive of 12 December 1972 on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat<sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by the Council Directive of 21 December 1976, and in particular Article 8 (4) thereof,

Whereas, by its Decision of 30 March 1977<sup>(4)</sup>, the Commission adopted measures requiring the Member States to prohibit the introduction into their territory of live pigs originating in the Netherlands, owing to the outbreak of an epidemic of classical swine fever in that country; whereas these measures expire on 6 April 1977;

Whereas, taking into account the existing situation in the Netherlands, it is necessary to prolong the said prohibition until 18 April 1977;

Whereas, although outbreaks of swine fever are still appearing, they are situated largely in a well deline-

ated zone which is subject to animal health measures, notably a prohibition on the exit of live pigs to all other parts of Netherlands territory and on the introduction into intra-Community trade of pig-meat originating in the zone;

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 Article 1 of the Decision of 30 March 1977, the first sentence is amended to read as follows:

'The Member States shall prohibit until 18 April 1977 the introduction into their territory of live pigs from the Netherlands.'

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 6 April 1977.

*For the Commission*

Finn GUNDELACH

*Vice-President*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No 121, 29. 7. 1964, p. 1977/64.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 81.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 24.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 87, 5. 4. 1977, p. 34.