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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 10 December 1982

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

(82/863/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⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 81/476/EEC⁽²⁾, 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⁽³⁾ respectively, as amended by Decision 79/18/EEC⁽⁴⁾, and from Paraguay by Commission Decision 79/238/EEC⁽⁵⁾;

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 Decision 79/277/EEC⁽⁶⁾, as last amended by Decision 82/78/EEC⁽⁷⁾, provides 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 to the Council⁽⁸⁾;

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 1982' is hereby replaced by '31 December 1983'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 10 December 1982.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 186, 8. 7. 1981, p. 20.

⁽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 41, 12. 2. 1982, p. 45.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No C 250, 30. 9. 1981, p. 3.