COMMISSION DECISION

of 22 December 1982

laying down implementing provisions for the statistical surveys to be carried out by Member States on sheep and goat stocks

(82/958/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Harving regard to Council Directive 82/177/EEC of 22 March 1982 on the statistical surveys to be carried out by Member States on sheep and goat stocks (¹), and in particular Articles 3 (3) and 7 (3) thereof,

Whereas, in order to conduct surveys, make forecasts and compile statistics on animals slaughtered, it is necessary to define the categories and carcase weight referred to in Directive 82/177/EEC;

Whereas the Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics has been consulted,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The definitions of the categories of sheep and goats referred to in Articles 3 (1) and 7 (2) of Directive 82/177/EEC are given in Annex 1.

Article 2

The definition of the carcase weight referred to in Article 7 (1) of Directive 82/177/EEC is given in Annex 2.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22 December 1982.

For the Commission Richard BURKE Member of the Commission

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^{(&}lt;sup>1</sup>) OJ No L 81, 27. 3. 1982, p. 35.

ANNEX 1

Definition of categories

The ewe lambs put to the ram and ewes referred to in Article 3 (1) of Directive 82/177/EEC are all the females of the ovine species which have been put to the ram for the first time and those which at least once have already lambed.

The nanny-goats and goatlings which have been mated or have already kidded referred to in Article 3 (1) of the said Directive are all the females of the caprine species which have already been mated for the first time and those which have kidded at least once.

Member States which do not include cast ewes and cast nanny-goats in these categories may exclude them, on condition that mention is made of this when submitting the data.

The *lambs* referred to in Article 7 (2) of the said Directive are all male or female sheep under 12 months old.

ANNEX 2

The carcase weight referred to in Article 6 (1) of Directive 82/177/EEC is the weight of the slaughtered animal's cold body after having been bled, skinned and eviscerated, and after removal of the head (severed at the atlanto-occipital joint), of the feet (severed at the carpo-metacarpal or tarso-metatarsal joints), of the tail (severed between the sixth and seventh caudal vertebrae), of the udder and of the genitalia.

Kidneys and kidney fats are included in the carcase.