

COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 December 1990

relating to trade in animals not vaccinated during the course of the last 12 months against foot and mouth disease

(91/13/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/423/EEC of 26 June 1990 amending Directive 85/511/EEC introducing Community measures for the control of foot and mouth disease, Directive 64/432/EEC on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine and Directive 72/462/EEC on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine animals and swine and fresh meat or meat products from third countries⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas it is possible to permit the movement of certain vaccinated animals in order to allow the continuation of previous existing trade patterns, where such trade can continue without the risk of spread of infection ;

Whereas at present it is not possible to resolve the problems relating to trade in animals vaccinated less than 12 months previously as well as their semen and embryos ; whereas this should be studied in the light of information submitted by Member States at a later date ; whereas, however, the situation related to animals which are vaccinated more than 12 months previously should also be reviewed before the expiry of this Decision ;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

Article 1

Member States which practised vaccination against foot and mouth disease at the time of notification of this Decision and which have ceased vaccination may not oppose the introduction onto their territory of cattle vaccinated more than 12 months previously, provided that they are accompanied by a guarantee confirming that they have not been vaccinated during the previous 12 months.

Article 2

The following must be added on the health certificate, as provided for in Annex F, model I or II to Council Directive 64/432/EEC⁽²⁾, accompanying cattle intended for Member States as described in Article 1 :

'animals which have not been vaccinated against foot and mouth disease during the previous 12 months, in accordance with Commission Decision 91/13/EEC'.

Article 3

This Decision shall apply until 31 December 1992.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 December 1990.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ No 121, 29. 7. 1964, p. 1977/64.