

COMMISSION DECISION

of 5 April 2006

amending Decision 2004/453/EC as regards Sweden and the United Kingdom

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2006/272/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

disease-free status for IPN, laid down in Annex I to that Decision. The continental parts of the territory, however, remain disease-free.

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

- (4) Those two outbreaks should not prevent Sweden from maintaining its IPN programme in its coastal areas and introducing eradication measures if IPN is diagnosed in farmed or wild fish, in accordance with the programme submitted to the Commission before the adoption of Decision 2004/453/EC.

Having regard to Council Directive 91/67/EEC of 28 January 1991 concerning the animal health conditions governing the placing on the market of aquaculture animals and products ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 12(3), and Article 13(3) thereof,

- (5) Decision 2004/453/EC requires targeted surveillance to be maintained in the areas declared free from disease in Member States where only parts of the territory are declared disease-free. When adopted, this requirement did not anticipate the special situation where Ireland and Northern Ireland were declared free from the same disease or diseases, while parts of the United Kingdom were not declared free from those diseases.

Having regard to Council Directive 90/425/EEC of 26 June 1990 concerning veterinary and zootechnical checks applicable in intra-Community trade in certain live animals and products with a view to the completion of the internal market ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Additional guarantees for certain fish diseases were laid down by Commission Decision 2004/453/EC of 29 April 2004 implementing Council Directive 91/67/EEC as regards measures against certain diseases in aquaculture animals ⁽³⁾.

- (6) It is appropriate to allow the United Kingdom to discontinue targeted surveillance for certain diseases for which Northern Ireland is declared free, provided Ireland is also declared free from the same diseases.

(2) The whole territory of Sweden was declared free from infectious pancreatic necrosis (IPN), based on the requirements laid down in Annex I to Decision 2004/453/EC.

- (7) Decision 2004/453/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.

(3) Since the adoption of Decision 2004/453/EC, Sweden has notified outbreaks of IPN in coastal areas. One outbreak has been reported in wild fish. Another outbreak has been reported in farmed fish where, according to the epidemiological report, the most likely source of infection is wild fish. Consequently, the coastal areas of Sweden no longer meet the requirements for

- (8) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee for the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annexes I, II and V to Decision 2004/453/EC are amended as follows:

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 46, 19.2.1991, p. 1. Directive as last amended by Regulation 806/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003 p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 29. Directive as last amended by Directive 2002/33/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 315, 19.11.2002, p. 14).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 156, 30.4.2004, p. 5; corrected version in OJ L 202, 7.6.2004, p. 4.

1. In Annex I, Chapter II is replaced by the text in Annex I to this Decision.

2. In Annex II, Chapter II is replaced by the text in Annex II to this Decision.

whole territory of Ireland is declared free from the same diseases in accordance with Annex I, Chapter II.'

3. In Annex V, Point A.5 is replaced by the following:

Article 2

'5. In Member States where only parts of the territory are declared free according to Annex I, Chapter II (rather than the whole territory), targeted surveillance must be maintained in accordance with the provisions of Annex II, Chapter I.4 in the areas declared free.

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 5 April 2006.

However, the United Kingdom may discontinue targeted surveillance in Northern Ireland for those diseases for which Northern Ireland is declared free, provided the

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ANNEX I

CHAPTER II

Territories with approved freedom of certain diseases referred to in Column 1, List III of Annex A to Council Directive 91/67/EEC

Disease	Member State	Territory or parts of territory
Spring viraemia of carp (SVC)	Denmark	Whole territory
	Finland	Whole territory; the water catchment area of the Vuoksi should be considered as a buffer zone
	Ireland	Whole territory
	Sweden	Whole territory
	United Kingdom	The territories of Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey
Bacterial kidney disease (BKD)	Ireland	Whole territory
	United Kingdom	The territories of Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and Jersey
Infectious pancreatic necrosis virus (IPN)	Finland	The continental parts of the territory; the water catchment areas of the Vuoksi and the Kemijoki should be considered as buffer zones
	Sweden	The continental parts of the territory
	United Kingdom	The territory of the Isle of Man
Infection with <i>Gyrodactylus salaris</i>	Finland	The water catchment areas of the Tenojoki and Näätamönjoki; the water catchment areas of the Paatsjoki, Luttojoki, and Uutuanjoki are considered as buffer zones
	Ireland	The whole territory
	United Kingdom	The territories of Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey'

ANNEX II

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Territories with approved control and eradication programmes of certain diseases referred to in Column 1, List III of Annex A to Council Directive 91/67/EEC

Disease	Member State	Territory or parts of territory
Spring viraemia of carp	United Kingdom	The territories of Great Britain
Bacterial kidney disease	Finland	The continental parts of the territory
	Sweden	The continental parts of the territory
	United Kingdom	The territories of Great Britain
Infectious pancreatic necrosis	Sweden	The coastal parts of the territory'