

**DIRECTIVE 2000/20/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
of 16 May 2000**

**amending Council Directive 64/432/EEC on animal health problems affecting intra-Community
trade in bovine animals and swine**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE
EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Community, and in particular Articles 37 and 152(4)(b)
thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social
Committee ⁽¹⁾,

Following consultation of the Committee of the Regions,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article
251 of the Treaty ⁽²⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) Directive 64/432/EEC ⁽³⁾ has been amended and updated
by Directive 97/12/EC ⁽⁴⁾ and by Directive 98/46/EC ⁽⁵⁾.
- (2) Problems concerning the implementation of Directive
64/432/EEC as amended by the two aforementioned
Directives require transitional measures to avoid distur-
bances in trade in live animals of the bovine and porcine
species.
- (3) Moreover, Directive 64/432/EEC and Council Regulation
(EC) No 820/97 of 21 April 1997 establishing a system
for the identification and registration of bovine animals
and regarding the labelling of beef and beef products ⁽⁶⁾
refer to the creation of computer databases, inter alia for
bovine animals, to store information on animals and
their movements.
- (4) Problems have been encountered with the application of
the animal health conditions and in particular in relation
to the link with the identification and registration of
animals.
- (5) Directive 64/432/EEC is to be amended to ensure
consistency of Community rules and to allow the
Commission to adopt transitional measures allowing the
Member States to adapt to the new trade conditions.
- (6) As a result, it is appropriate to delay the entry into force
of certain provisions in the said Directive.
- (7) The measures necessary for the implementation of this
Directive should be adopted in accordance with Council
Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down

the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers
conferred on the Commission ⁽⁷⁾,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Directive 64/432/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

1. the following point shall be added to Article 6(2):

‘(e) until 31 December 2000, not be subject to the test
requirements laid down in (a) or (b) in the case of
bovine animals aged less than 30 months intended for
meat production which:

- come from a beef holding officially tuberculosis-free
and officially brucellosis-free,
- are accompanied by an animal health certificate with
paragraph 7 in Section A of Annex F Model 1 duly
completed,
- remain under supervision until their slaughter,
- have not come into contact during transport with
bovine animals not coming from herds officially free
from those diseases,

and provided that:

- these arrangements are restricted to trade between
Member States or regions of Member States with the
same health status with regard to tuberculosis or
brucellosis,
- the Member State of destination takes all necessary
measures to avoid any contamination of indigenous
herds,
- the Member States put in place a proper system of
random sampling, inspections and controls designed
to ensure the efficient implementation of these rules,
- the Commission monitors the proper operation of
this Directive so as to ensure that Member States
comply fully with the rules;’

2. in the second subparagraph of Article 6(3), ‘31 December
1999’ shall be replaced by ‘31 December 2000’;

3. the following paragraph shall be added to Article 16:

‘3. Where necessary to facilitate the changeover to the
new arrangements provided for in this Directive, the
Commission, acting in accordance with the procedure laid
down in Article 17a, may adopt transitional measures
applicable for a period of not more than two years.’;

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 51, 23.2.2000, p. 31.

⁽²⁾ Opinion of the European Parliament of 16 March 2000 (not yet
published in the Official Journal) and Council Decision of 17 April
2000.

⁽³⁾ OJ 121, 29.7.1964, p. 1977/64. Directive as last amended by
Directive 98/99/EC (OJ L 358, 31.12.1998, p. 107).

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 109, 25.4.1997, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 198, 15.7.1998, p. 22.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 117, 7.5.1997, p. 1.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.