COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 97/79/EC

of 18 December 1997

amending Directives 71/118/EEC, 72/462/EEC, 85/73/EEC, 91/67/EEC, 91/492/EEC, 91/493/EEC, 92/45/EEC and 92/118/EEC as regards the organisation of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission [1],

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament [2],

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee [3],

Whereas for the sake of clarity and rationality, Council Directive 90/675/EEC, laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries [4], has been repealed and replaced by Directive 97/78/EC [5];

Whereas the replacement of Directive 90/675/EEC by Directive 97/78/EC has consequences for the existing texts of the following Council Directives:

— Directive 71/118/EEC of 15 February 1971 on health problems affecting the production and placing on the market of fresh poultrymeat [6],

— Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine, ovine, caprine animals and swine, fresh meat or meat products from third countries [7],

— Directive 85/73/EEC of 29 January 1985 on the financing of veterinary inspections and controls covered by Directives 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC, 90/675/EEC and 91/496/EEC (amended and consolidated) [8],

— Directive 91/67/EEC of 28 January 1991 concerning the animal health conditions governing the placing on the market of aquaculture animals and products [9],

— Directive 91/492/EEC of 15 July 1991 laying down the health conditions for the production and the placing on the market of live bivalve molluscs [10],

— Directive 91/493/EEC of 22 July 1991 laying down the health conditions for the production and the placing on the market of fishery products [11],

— Directive 92/45/EEC of 16 June 1992 on public health and animal health problems relating to the killing of wild game and the placing on the market of wild-game meat [12],

— Directive 92/118/EEC of 17 December 1992 laying down animal health and public health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of products not subject to the said requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A(I) to Directive 89/662/EEC and, as regards pathogens, to Directive 90/425/EEC [13];

Whereas for that reason, those Directives should be brought into line with the text of Directive 97/78/EC,

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(1) OJ C 258, 23.8.1997, p. 7.
(2) OJ C 85, 17.3.1997, p. 76.
(3) OJ C 66, 3.3.1997, p. 43.
(4) OJ L 373, 31.12.1990, p. 1. Directive as last amended by Directive 96/43/EC (OJ L 162, 1.7.1996, p. 1).
(5) See page 9 of this Official Journal.
(6) OJ L 55, 8.3.1971, p. 23. Directive as last amended by Directive 96/23/EC (OJ L 125, 23.5.1996, p. 10).
(7) OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28. Directive as last amended by Directive 96/91/EC (OJ L 13, 16.1.1997, p. 27).
(8) OJ L 32, 5.2.1985, p. 14. Directive as last amended by Directive 96/43/EC (OJ L 162, 1.7.1996, p. 1).
(9) OJ L 46, 19.2.1991, p. 1. Directive as last amended by Directive 95/22/EC (OJ L 243, 11.10.1995, p. 1).
(10) OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 1. Directive as last amended by Directive 97/61/EC (OJ L 295, 29.10.1997, p. 35).
(11) OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 15. Directive as amended by Directive 96/23/EC (OJ L 125, 23.5.1996, p. 10).
(12) OJ L 268, 14.9.1992, p. 35. Directive as amended by Directive 96/23/EC (OJ L 125, 23.5.1996, p. 10).
(13) OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 49. Directive as last amended by Decision 96/90/EC (OJ L 13, 16.1.1997, p. 24).