COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 94/59/EC

of 2 December 1994

amending for the third time the Annexes to Council Directive 77/96/EEC on the examination for Trichinae *(Trichinelle spiralis)* upon importation from third countries of fresh meat derived from domestic swine

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 77/96/EEC of 21 December 1976 on the examination for trichinae *(trichinelle spiralis)* upon importation from third countries of fresh meat derived from domestic swine [1], as last amended by Directive 89/321/EEC [2], and in particular Article 8 thereof,

Whereas recent studies have shown the need to modify certain inspection methods for detecting trichinae in horse meat; whereas the Scientific Veterinary Committee has approved alternative freezing methods for the inactivation of trichinae; whereas the reliability of these methods from the point of view of health protection is equivalent to that of existing methods; whereas appropriate additions should, therefore, be made to Annex I to Directive 77/96/EEC;

Whereas, in order to facilitate the freezing of meat, non-member countries and the Member States should be permitted to choose between the freezing methods provided for;

Whereas the Scientific Veterinary Committee has recommended that certain technical adaptations and additions be made to the methods of examination for trichinae currently applied, in particular for the examination of horse meat, and as regards the conditions with which laboratories engaged in the detection of trichinae must comply;

Whereas the measures laid down by this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Directive 77/96/EEC is hereby amended as set out in the Annex.

Article 2

Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive not later than 1 January 1995. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

When Member States adopt these measures, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. The methods of making such a reference shall be laid down by the Member States.

Article 3

This Directive shall enter into force on 12 December 1994.

Done at Brussels, 2 December 1994.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 67.
[2] OJ No L 133, 17. 5. 1989, p. 33.