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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 92/110/EEC

of 14 December 1992

amending Directive 88/657/EEC laying down the requirements for the production of, and trade in, minced meat, meat in pieces of less than 100 grams and meat preparations

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic 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 minced meat, meat preparations and comminuted meat for industrial use are included in the list of products in Annex II to the Treaty; whereas the production of and trade in this minced meat, meat preparations and comminuted meat for industrial use constitute an important source of income for part of the farming population;

Whereas in order to ensure the rational development of the industry producing such meat and to increase productivity, public health rules for the production and placing on the market of such meat must be laid down at Community level;

Whereas the Community must adopt the measures with the aim of progressively establishing the internal market, comprising an area without internal frontiers, over a period expiring on 31 December 1992;

Whereas the laying down of such public health rules improves the protection of public health and consequently facilitates the completion of internal market;

Whereas, to achieve this purpose, it is necessary to extend the principal health rules laid down in Council Directive 88/657/EEC of 16 December 1988 laying down the requirements for the production of, and trade in, minced meat, meat in pieces of less than 100 grams and meat preparations and amending Directives 64/433/EEC, 71/118/EEC and 72/462/EEC (4) to all production and placing on the market of minced meat and meat preparations in the Community;

Whereas the possibility for Member States to maintain provisionally less strict rules for meat and meat preparations reserved for the domestic market should not have an impact upon the abolition of veterinary checks at the Community's internal frontiers on 1 January 1993;

Whereas pending the adoption of all the provisions necessary for the extension of the main health rules laid down in Directive 88/657/EEC to all production and placing on the market of minced meat and meat preparations in the Community, certain specific questions should be settled in order to avoid problems in the production and marketing of meat and meat preparations,

(1) OJ No C 84, 2. 4. 1990, p. 120 and OJ No C 288, 6.11.1991, p. 3.
(2) OJ No C 183, 15. 7. 1991, p. 57.
(3) OJ No C 225, 10. 9. 1990, p. 1.

(4) OJ No L 382, 31. 12. 1988, p. 3. Directive amending Directive 89/662/EEC (OJ No L 395, 30. 12. 1989, p. 13).