COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 11 December 1991

amending Directives 64/432/EEC, 72/461/EEC and 80/215/EEC as regards certain measures relating to swine-fever

(91/687/EEC)

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 Comission (1),

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (2),

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee (3),

Whereas Council Decision 64/432/EEC of 26 June 1964 on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine (4), as last amended by Directive 91/499/EEC (5), defines in particular the conditions which must be statisfied, as regards swine-fever, by live pigs intended for intra-Community trade;

Whereas Council Directive 72/461/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat (6), as last amended by Directive 91/266/EEC (7), defines the conditions which must be satisfied as regards classical swine-fever by fresh pigmeat intended for intra-Community trade;

Whereas Council Directive 80/215/EEC of 22 January 1980 on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in meat products (8), as last amended by Directive 89/662/EEC (9), defines in particular the conditions which must be satisfied as regards classical swine-fever for meat products intended for intra-Community trade;

Whereas the measures applied to eradicate classical swine-fever have gradually improved the health status of the pig population in the territory of the Community;

Whereas one of the given objectives, namely to keep the territory of the Community free from classical swine-fever, has been attained in large areas and it is necessary to take this situation into account and consequently to amend Directives 64/432/EEC, 72/461/EEC and 80/215/EEC;

Whereas, in this context, it is appropriate not to extend the type of guarantees laid down in Article 4b of Directive 64/432/EEC and in Article 13a of Directive 72/461/EEC, and to discontinue the measures laid down in Article 10 of Directive 80/215/EEC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

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

(1) in Article 2:

(a) the words 'swine-fever' in point (j) of (ii) shall be deleted;

(b) points (p), (q) and (r) shall be deleted;

(2) in Article 3:

(a) the words 'swine-fever' in the introductory words of paragraph 2 (b) shall be deleted;

(b) the words 'swine-fever' in paragraph 2 (b) (i) shall be deleted;

(c) paragraph 2 (b) (ii) shall be deleted;

(d) the words 'swine-fever' in paragraph 2 (c) (ii) shall be deleted;

(e) the first sentence of paragraph 4 shall be replaced by the following:

'4. Swine for breeding and production must, moreover, come from brucellosis-free stock.';

(3) in Article 4b, '31 December 1991' shall be replaced by '1 July 1992';

(1) OJ No C 226, 3. 8. 1991, p. 20.
(2) OJ No C 326, 16. 12. 1991.
(3) Opinion delivered on 28 November 1991 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
(4) OJ No 121, 29. 7. 1964, p. 1977/64.
(5) OJ No L 268, 24. 9. 1991, p. 107.
(6) OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.
(7) OJ No L 134, 29. 5. 1991, p. 45.
(8) OJ No L 47, 21. 2. 1980, p. 4.
(9) OJ No L 395, 30. 12. 1989, p. 13.