COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 28 January 1991

amending Directive 72/462/EEC on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine animals and swine, fresh meat or meat products from third countries, in order to include ovine and caprine animals

(91/69/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 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 Directive 91/68/EEC (4) lays down the veterinary inspection conditions governing intra-Community trade in ovine and caprine animals; whereas in order to enable that trade to develop harmoniously, common rules should be laid down as regards imports from third countries;

Whereas Directive 72/462/EEC (5), as last amended by Directive 90/425/EEC (6), lays down health and veterinary inspection requirements for the importation of bovine animals and swine, fresh meat or meat products from third countries;

Whereas ovine and caprine animals belong, together with bovine animals, to the Bovidae family and are susceptible to the same diseases; whereas the Community's livestock is thus exposed to a similar risk in respect of imports from third countries; whereas reference should therefore generally be made to the rules laid down in Directive 72/462/EEC, subject to any changes which may be required in the light of the special characteristics of ovine and caprine animals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Directive 72/462/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

1. The title is replaced by the following:

   'Council Directive of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine, ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat or meat products from third countries'.

2. In Article 1 (1), the following is added as a second indent:

   '— domestic ovine or caprine animals for breeding, rearing, fattening or slaughter.'

3. In Article 2, the first paragraph is replaced by the following:

   'For the purposes of this Directive, the definitions given in Articles 2 of Directives 64/432/EEC, 64/433/EEC and in Council Directive 72/461/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine animals and swine and fresh meat from third countries (1), all these Directives, as last amended by Directive 89/662/EEC (2), by Council Directive 77/99/EEC of 21 December 1976 on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in meat products (3) as last amended by Directive 89/662/EEC, and by Directive 91/68/EEC (4), shall apply as necessary.

   (1) OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 24.
   (2) OJ No L 395, 30. 12. 1989, p. 13.
   (3) OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 85.
   (4) OJ No L 46, 19. 2. 1991, p. 19.'

4. In the third paragraph of Article 2, point (c) is replaced by the following:

   '(c) "third country" means a country in which Directives 64/432/EEC, 64/433/EEC, 77/99/EEC and 91/68/EEC do not apply;'.

5. In the third paragraph of Article 2, point (e) is replaced by the following:

   '(e) "holding" means an officially supervised agricultural, industrial or commercial undertaking situated in the territory of a third country, on which bovine animals or swine, for breeding, production or slaughter, or ovine or caprine animals for breeding, rearing, fattening or slaughter are regularly kept or bred;'.

6. In Article 3 (1) and the first subparagraph of Article 3 (2), 'bovine animals and swine' is replaced by 'bovine, ovine and caprine animals and swine'.

(1) OJ No C 48, 27. 2. 1989, p. 36.
(2) OJ No C 96, 17. 4. 1989, p. 187.
(3) OJ No C 194, 31. 7. 1989, p. 9.
(4) See page 19 of this Offical Journal.
(5) OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.
(6) OJ No L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 29.