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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

of 26 May 1989

on general conditions of hygiene in milk production holdings

(89/362/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 85/397/EEC of 5 August 1985 on health and animal-health problems affecting intra-Community trade in heat-treated milk [1], as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3768/85 [2], and in particular Article 11 (4) thereof,

Whereas untreated milk must come from production holdings which meet the general hygiene conditions laid down in Chapter VI of Annex A to Directive 85/397/EEC;

Whereas the Member States must ensure that production holdings undergo periodic inspections in order to ensure that the hygiene requirements are fulfilled;

Whereas for the purpose of inspecting production holdings a general code of hygiene should be drawn up specifying the general conditions of hygiene to be complied with in production holdings, in particular the conditions for the upkeep of premises and those relating to milking operations;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Member States shall ensure that milk production holdings comply with the general code of hygiene laid down in the Annex.

Article 2

1. The Commission may formulate recommendations concerning the explanatory notes to the general code of hygiene.

2. The Commission shall publish the recommendations referred to in paragraph 1.

Article 3

Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 1 January 1990 at the latest. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

The provisions adopted pursuant to the first paragraph shall make express reference to this Directive.

Article 4

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 May 1989.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 226, 24. 8. 1985, p. 13.
[2] OJ No L 362, 31. 12. 1985, p. 8.