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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 3 May 1988

amending Directive 64/433/EEC on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat

(88/288/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 regartd to the opinion of the European Parliament (2),

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

Whereas, as long as intra-Community trade is hindered by differences between the health requirements of Member States concerning meat, the harmonious functioning of the common market and in particular of the relevant common organization of markets will not have the desired effect and trade distortions could arise ;

Whereas Council Directive 64/433/EEC (4), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3805/87 (5), established the basis for this approximation, but some points have still to be harmonized ;

Whereas, for this purpose, it is desirable to harmnonize the additional requirements with which frozen meat must comply and lay down the hygiene rules for intra-Community trade in sliced offal ;

Whereas it may be necessary to adopt other examinations in the framework of ante- and post-mortem health inspection in order to take account of particular local situations ; whereas those requirements should be determined in accordance with a Community procedure within the framework of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE :

Article 1

Directive 64/433/EEC is hereby amended as follows :

1. The following sentences shall be added to Article 3 (1) (C) :

   'Offal may not be sliced except for livers of animals of the bovine species where such livers are sliced in an approved cutting plant. The extension of this derogation to livers of animals of other species may be decided by the Council acting by a qualified majority on a Commission proposal.'.

2. Article 3 (1) (D) shall be replaced by the following :

   'D. Fresh meat which has been stored, in accordance with this Directive in a cold store approved by a Member State and which has not thereafter undergone any handling, except in connection with storage, must :

   (a) meet the requirements of sections A (c), (e), (g), (h), B and C or be fresh meat imported from third countries, in accordance with Community regulations,

   (b) be accompanied by a certificate which corresponds to the model in Annex II during transportation to the country of destination.

(1) OJ No C 276, 1. 11. 1986, p. 11.
(2) OJ No C 156, 15. 6. 1987, p. 190.
(3) OJ No C 68, 16. 3. 1987, p. 2.
(4) OJ No 121, 29. 7. 1964, p. 2012/64.
(5) OJ No L 357, 19. 12. 1987, p. 1.