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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 30 December 1986

amending Directive 72/461/EEC on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat and Directive 72/462/EEC on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine animals and swine and fresh meat from third countries

(87/64/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and in particular Article 100 and 113 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 72/461/EEC (4), as last amended by Directive 84/643/EEC (5), lays down the health requirements which must be fulfilled by animals from which fresh meat is obtained for intra-Community trade; whereas Directive 72/462/EEC (6), as last amended by Directive 83/91/EEC (7), lays down health and veterinary inspection requirements for the importation of bovine animals and swine and fresh meat from third countries;

Whereas glands and organs, including blood, are within the scope of the abovementioned Directives; whereas they are required in large quantity by the pharmaceutical manufacturing industries of Member States to ensure the availability of extracts and enzymes for human and veterinary medicine;

Whereas this means that Member States should be afforded the possibility of authorizing on a more liberal basis the importation of glands and organs, including blood, for pharmaceutical manufacturing purposes from third countries; whereas, with a view to ensuring the proper and specific use of such raw materials, authorization should be granted only when certain conditions, to be determined in accordance with a Community procedure, are fulfilled;

Whereas, in order to maintain Community preference, the same facilities should be applied in intra-Community trade of glands and organs, including blood, for pharmaceutical manufacturing purposes under certain minimum conditions which ensure the proper and specific use of such raw materials,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

The following paragraph shall be added to Article 3 of Directive 72/461/EEC:

'(d) However, until 31 December 1996, in their compliance with (a), (b) and (c) but by way of derogation from Article 8a, the Member States may, subject to an authorization granted by their veterinary authorities, authorize the introduction in their territory of glands and organs, including blood, as raw materials for the pharmaceutical processing industry.

This authorization shall, moreover, be subject to compliance with the provisions concerning the identity of the materials in question, their packa-

(1) OJ No C 68, 15. 3. 1985, p. 5.
(2) OJ No C 175, 15. 7. 1985, p. 262.
(3) OJ No C 218, 29. 8. 1985, p. 7.
(4) OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 24.
(5) OJ No L 339, 27. 12. 1984, p. 27.
(6) OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.
(7) OJ No L 59, 5. 3. 1983, p. 34.