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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 19 June 1984

amending Directive 71/118/EEC on health problems affecting trade in fresh poultrymeat

(84/335/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 43 and 100 thereof,

Having regard to the proposals from the Commission (1),

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

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

Whereas a Commission proposal was forwarded to the Council on 19 March 1981 in order to amend certain provisions of Council Directive 71/118/EEC of 15 February 1971 on health problems affecting trade in fresh poultrymeat (4), as last amended by Directive 84/186/EEC (5); whereas the object of this proposal is in particular to amend and clarify the inspection rules, to settle the problem of the financing of inspection costs and to postpone the date of expiry of the derogation mentioned in the third indent of Article 16a (a) concerning the slaughtering and evisceration of poultry, in order to extend this derogation from 15 August 1981 to 15 August 1986, in view of the fact that in certain Member States the production of partially eviscerated poultrymeat is still considerable;

Whereas Directive 71/118/EEC limited in particular use of the chilling of fresh poultrymeat by means of immersion in water, carried out in accordance with the said Directive, to poultry carcases which, once chilled, are immediately frozen or deep-frozen; whereas that Directive affords Member States the option of granting derogations from this provision; whereas the derogations granted expire on 30 June 1984;

Whereas, moreover, on 14 February 1979 the Commission forwarded to the Council a proposal aimed at extending the use of the chilling process to carcases intended for marketing in a chilled state;

Whereas it was agreed to postpone the date of expiry of the above derogations as a precautionary measure until the adoption of definitive Community rules on inspection costs arising from Directive 71/118/EEC, on the determination of the specific conditions of hygiene under which the so-called 'counter-flow' chilling process may be applied to fresh poultrymeat which is not immediately frozen or deep-frozen, and on the production and inspection of partially eviscerated poultry;

Whereas the Council has examined the Commission proposals on this point; whereas, pending the adoption of these proposals, the date on which the said derogations expire should be once more postponed,

(1) OJ No C 65, 9. 3. 1979, p. 5 and OJ No C 97, 29. 4. 1981, p. 12.
(2) OJ No C 140, 5. 6. 1979, p. 180, OJ No C 234, 14. 9. 1981, p. 99 and OJ No C 87, 5. 4. 1982, p. 116.
(3) OJ No C 247, 1. 10. 1979, p. 16, OJ No C 230, 19. 9. 1981, p. 24 and OJ No C 252, 2. 10. 1981, p. 11.
(4) OJ No L 55, 8. 3. 1971, p. 23.
(5) OJ No L 87, 30. 3. 1984, p. 27.