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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 31 July 1981

concerning the prohibition of certain substances having a hormonal action and of any substances having a thyrostatic action

(81/602/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 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, due to the residues that they leave in meat, certain substances with a thyrostatic, oestrogenic, androgenic or gestagenic action may be dangerous for consumers ; whereas these substances may also affect the quality of the meat ;

Whereas, in the interest of the consumer, the administering to any animal of stilbenes and thyrostatic substances and the marketing of these substances must be prohibited and the use of the other substances must be regulated ;

Whereas, in particular, if the use of certain substances may be authorized for therapeutic purposes, this must be controlled ;

Whereas, moreover, the harmless or harmful effects of the use of Oestradiol 17/β, Progesterone, Testosterone, Trenbolone and Zeranol still have to be examined in detail ; whereas, pending the adoption of a decision relating to these substances, the current measures governing them should be maintained as a precautionary measure with due regard for the general provisions of the Treaty ;

Whereas provision should be made for the effective control of the application of the provisions deriving from this Directive,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE :

Article 1

1. For the purposes of this Directive, the definitions of meat and meat products contained in Directives 64/433/EEC (4), 71/118/EEC (5) and 77/99/EEC (6) shall apply.

2. In addition, the following definitions shall apply :

— farm animals : domestic animals of the bovine species, swine, sheep, goats, solipeds and poultry, and wild animals of these species and wild ruminants which have been raised on a holding,

— therapeutic treatment : the administering to a farm animal of any of the substances referred to in Article 4 (1) to treat a pathological state diagnosed, on examination, by a veterinarian.

(1) OJ No C 305, 22. 11. 1980, p. 2.
(2) OJ No C 50, 9. 3. 1981, p. 87.
(3) OJ No C 138, 9. 6. 1981, p. 29.

(4) OJ No 121, 29. 7. 1964, p. 2012/64.
(5) OJ No L 55, 8. 3. 1971, p. 23.
(6) OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 85.