COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 30 June 1981

amending certain provisions of Directives 73/132/EEC and 78/53/EEC relating to the statistical surveys to be carried out by the Member States on bovine livestock

(81/488/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 43 and 209 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 73/132/EEC of 15 May 1973 on the statistical surveys to be carried out by the Member States on bovine livestock, on forecasts on the availability of bovine animals for slaughter and on statistics on slaughtered bovine animals [1],

Having regard to Council Directive 78/53/EEC of 19 December 1977 laying down additional provisions relating to the statistical surveys to be carried out by Member States on bovine livestock [2],

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament [3],

Whereas, in order to promote the approximation of survey methods and the harmonization of statistics on the cattle sector, certain provisions of Directive 73/132/EEC must be clarified or supplemented;

Whereas Italy has not yet been able, for technical reasons, during the period covered by Directive 73/132/EEC, to update the sampling criteria in order to observe the Community margins of error and therefore wishes to extend the exemption provided for by Article 4 of the Directive;

Whereas, for technical reasons, the Federal Republic of Germany carries out agricultural surveys in even years; whereas arrangements should forthwith be made to permit the data provided for by Article 5 (4) of Directive 73/132/EEC to be supplied according to this pattern;

Whereas experience indicated that the Commission departments responsible for administering the market should have access to certain additional breakdowns and production forecasts covering the entire year following the year under review,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Directive 73/132/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

1. The exemption provided for in Article 4 (3) shall be extended to 31 December 1983 for Italy.

2. In Article 5, paragraphs 2 and 3 shall be replaced by the following:

'2. The Member States shall notify the Commission annually, not later than 10 weeks after the reference month, of the final results of one of the two surveys on the population, broken down according to the following territorial sub-divisions:

Belgium	provinces/provincies
Denmark	—
Germany	Regierungsbezirke
Greece	—
France	régions de programme
Ireland	—
Italy	regioni
Luxembourg	—
Netherlands	provincies
United Kingdom	standard regions

However, as far as Greece is concerned, provision may be made, pursuant to the procedure referred to in Article 9, for the results to be notified according to sub-divisions to be determined.

3. On the basis of the results of one of the two surveys on the population, the Member States shall process and forward to the Commission, at least every two years starting with the forwarding of the data for 1981, the national data according to the size of the herd kept and in the form of the tables drawn up in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 9.

[1] OJ No L 153, 9. 6. 1973, p. 25.
[2] OJ No L 16, 20. 1. 1978, p. 20.
[3] OJ No C 101, 4. 5. 1981, p. 56.