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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DIRECTIVE
of 3 September 1980
on health marking of large packagings of fresh poultrymeat

(80/879/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 71/118/EEC of 15 February 1971 on health problems affecting trade in fresh poultrymeat (1), as last amended by Council Directive 75/431/EEC (2), and in particular Article 3 (1) A (e) thereof,

Whereas to take account, in particular, of various forms of presentation used in the trade, provided such forms comply with the rules of hygiene, the conditions under which the marketing of large packagings of carcases, parts of carcases or offals which have not been marked in accordance with No 44.3 (a) of Chapter X of Annex I to Directive 71/118/EEC may be authorized, shall be determined in accordance with the procedure of Article 12a; whereas the said Chapter X must be supplemented accordingly;

Whereas it is necessary to introduce special control conditions which ensure that the rules of hygiene are complied with and which are variable according to the nature of the trade concerned;

Whereas Commission Directive 77/27/EEC (3) laid down initial derogations in this field, limited to carcases which are subject to trade between certain approved establishments, and for a limited period; whereas, following satisfactory initial experience in this field, it is suitable to repeal the above Commission Directive and replace it with measures enabling derogations to be made also in respect of carcases, parts of carcases or offals subject to other types of trade;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

By way of derogation from Chapter X of Annex I to Directive 71/118/EEC, the health marking of carcases, parts of carcases, or offals as provided for in No 44.3 (a) of the abovementioned Chapter X shall not be necessary in the cases set out in Articles 2, 3 and 4.

Article 2

Consignments of carcases, including those which have had parts removed within the meaning of Chapter VII No 32.2 of Annex I to Directive 71/118/EEC, shall be dispatched from an approved slaughterhouse to approved cutting premises for cutting therein subject to the following conditions;

(a) the large packaging containing the fresh poultrymeat shall bear, on the external surface, the health mark in accordance with No 44.1 (b) and 44.4 of Chapter X of Annex I to Directive 71/118/EEC;

(1) OJ No L 55, 8. 3. 1971, p. 23.
(2) OJ No L 192, 24. 7. 1975, p. 6.
(3) OJ No L 6, 8. 1. 1977, p. 19.