# COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

**of 22 January 1980**

**prolonging certain derogations granted to Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom in respect of swine fever**

(80/218/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, under Article 1 of Directive 79/580/EEC (4), Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom were authorized to retain until 31 December 1979 their national provisions for ensuring protection against swine fever;

Whereas Community rules offer the only final solution to the problems caused by this disease;

Whereas the proposals which have been forwarded for this purpose by the Commission must be re-examined; whereas a sufficient period should be provided for their adoption by the Council and their implementation by the Member States prior to the expiry of the abovementioned derogations;

Whereas, therefore, these derogations should be extended until 30 June 1980,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

*Article 1*

By way of derogation from Directive 64/432/EEC (5), and from Directive 72/461/EEC (6), both as last amended by Directive 79/580/EEC, Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom are authorized to retain their national rules relating to protection against swine fever upon introduction into their territory of swine for breeding, store and slaughter and to imports of fresh pigmeat, subject to compliance with the general provisions of the Treaty.

*Article 2*

This Directive shall apply from 1 January until 31 June 1980.

*Article 3*

Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive and shall inform the Commission thereof.

*Article 4*

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22 January 1980.

*For the Council*

*The President*

G. MARCORA

(1) OJ No C 295, 24. 11. 1979, p. 2.
(2) OJ No C 34, 11. 2. 1980, p. 108.
(3) Opinion delivered on 12 December 1979 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
(4) OJ No L 158, 26. 6. 1979, p. 17.
(5) OJ No 121, 29. 7. 1964, p. 1977/64.
(6) OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1979, p. 24.