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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 19 December 1977

laying down additional provisions relating to the statistical surveys to be carried out by Member States on bovine livestock

(78/53/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 the proposal from the Commission,

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

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, for technical reasons, Italy has not been able to update the sampling base during the period covered by Directive 73/132/EEC in order to comply with the Community margins of error, and therefore desires the extension of the term of validity of the derogation provided for in Article 4 of the said Directive ;

Whereas an annual survey in December has proved inadequate for the purposes of periodically adjusting short-term forecasts of the potential supply of cattle ; Whereas certain provisions of Directive 73/132/EEC are applicable to the execution of an intermediate survey ; whereas special rules relating to the time limits for submission of the results and the period for making the forecasts have to be laid down in this respect ;

Whereas the financial contribution of the Community towards the expenditure incurred by the Member States in carrying out the surveys provided for under this Directive must be specified,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE :

Article 1

1. The term of validity of the derogation provided for in Article 4 (3) of Directive 73/132/EEC shall be extended to 1980 for Italy.

2. Article 4 (4) of Directive 73/132/EEC shall be replaced by the following :

'4. The Member States shall, if necessary, take appropriate measures to assess errors of observation.'

3. Article 5 (4) of Directive 73/132/EEC shall be replaced by the following :

'4. The survey results to be used in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 may be obtained from one of the two Community surveys carried out during the reference year.'

(1) OJ No L 153, 9. 6. 1973, p. 25.
(2) OJ No C 163, 11. 7. 1977, p. 73.