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COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

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laying down additional provisions concerning surveys of pig production to be made by Member States

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to the Council Directive of 27 March 1968[1] concerning surveys of pig production to be made by Member States, and in particular Article 9 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas experience gained in implementing the Directive of 27 March 1968 has shown that Member States' methods of organizing surveys and preparing forecasts need to be standardized;

Whereas experience has shown that it is easier to compare results if the return date for surveys of pig population is specified as precisely as possible;

Whereas, as the structure of the pig farming industry changes very quickly, it is necessary that a breakdown of results of the surveys by size-of-herd class be made at least every two years;

Whereas the results of surveys must be forwarded as quickly as possible and a maximum time limit for forwarding them should therefore be fixed forthwith, with a provision for this time limit to be reduced after a period of adaptation;

Whereas, since there are to be no further complete Community censuses, appropriate measures must be taken as regards sampling criteria to avoid deterioration in the results of sample surveys;

Whereas, in order that a better picture may be obtained of the regional distribution of national pig herds, it is necessary to subdivide certain of the territorial divisions referred to in Article 5 (4) of the Directive of 27 March 1968;

Whereas, in order that it may be ascertained whether the survey methods used have been giving a clear picture of the constant developments in the pig farming industry, a progress report should be submitted from time to time;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

1. For December, April and August, surveys as provided for in Article 1 (1) (a) of the Directive of 27 March 1968 shall relate to the number of pigs present on one of the first three days of the month in question.

2. However, in the case of the April and August surveys, the return date may be that on which the survey is carried out, provided that surveys are carried out within the first six days of these months.

Article 2

1. Member States shall at least every two years, starting in 1973, make a breakdown of the results of their December surveys by size-of-herd classes to be defined by the Commission in cooperation with the Member States.

2. However, a Member State which obtains results broken down by size-of-herd class from some other national survey carried out during the year of return may, at least until 1975, continue to use such results.

[1] OJ No L 76, 28.3.1968, p. 13.