COMMISSION DECISION

of 9 October 1998

approving the programme for the eradication of infectious bovine rhinotracheitis in Italy

(notified under document number C(1998) 2999)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(98/580/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 64/432/EEC of 26 June 1964, on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine (¹), as last amended by Directive 98/46/EC (²) and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Whereas an eradication programme was commenced in Bolzano (Italy) for infectious bovine rhinotracheitis in 1991;

Whereas the eradication programme is still in progress; whereas the programme should allow infectious bovine rhinotracheitis to be eradicated from Bolzano (Italy) in the future;

Whereas it is therefore appropriate to approve the programme for a period of three years;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The programme for the eradication of infectious bovine rhinotracheitis from Bolzano (Italy) is hereby approved for a further period of three years.

Article 2

Italy shall bring into force by 1 November 1998 the laws, regulations and administrative provisions for implementing the programme referred to in Article 1.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 November 1998.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 October 1998.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

⁽¹) OJ 121, 29. 7. 1964, p. 1977/64. (²) OJ L 198, 15. 7. 1998, p. 22.