

COMMISSION DECISION
of 15 September 1999
amending Decision 1999/507/EC on certain protection measures with regard to certain fruit bats,
dogs and cats coming from Malaysia (Peninsula) and Australia

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(1999/643/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/496/EEC of 15 July 1991 laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on animals entering the Community from third countries and amending Directives 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC and 90/675/EEC ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 96/43/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 18(7) thereof,

(1) Whereas by Decision 1999/507/EC ⁽³⁾ the Commission has adopted protection measures with regard to certain fruit bats, dogs and cats coming from Malaysia (Peninsula) and Australia with regard to Nipah respective Hendra disease; whereas the test requirements for cats imported from Australia must be modified so as to allow the use of a validated diagnostic test for the detection of antibody against the Hendra disease virus;

(2) Whereas this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

Article 1

The second indent of paragraph 2 of Article 3 of Decision 1999/507/EC is amended as follows:

1. The words 'IgM and IgG capture ELISA test' are replaced by the words 'serum neutralisation test'.
2. The words '10 days' are replaced by the words '14 days'.

Article 2

Member States shall amend the measures they apply with regard to Australia to bring them into line with this Decision.

They shall inform the Commission thereof.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 15 September 1999.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 56.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 162, 1.7.1996, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 194, 27.7.1999, p. 66.