

COMMISSION DECISION**of 13 January 1984****laying down certain measures to prevent the spread of avian influenza****(84/39/EEC)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 71/118/EEC of 15 February 1971 on health problems affecting trade in fresh poultrymeat⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 82/532/EEC⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 11 (4) and (5) thereof,

Whereas an outbreak of avian influenza has occurred in part of the territory of Ireland; whereas the virus has been found persisting in certain poultry species;

Whereas this outbreak is liable to endanger the flocks of other Member States, in view of the trade in fresh poultrymeat; whereas some Member States have already taken measures for their protection;

Whereas, in consequence, it is necessary that all Member States adopt appropriate measures for their protection, for the period necessary for the eradication of this disease;

Whereas the measures taken by the Irish authorities are such as to restrict this disease to certain regions; whereas restrictive measures should therefore be limited to consignments from these regions;

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 Member States shall prohibit the introduction into their territory of fresh poultrymeat obtained after

15 October 1983 from poultry coming from a zone of a five-kilometre radius around the outbreaks of avian influenza in Ireland.

Article 2

The health certificate provided for in Directive 71/118/EEC accompanying fresh poultrymeat sent from Ireland must bear the following entry: 'Meat complying with Commission Decision 83/39/EEC of 13 January 1984.'

Article 3

The Commission will follow developments and will if necessary amend this Decision as a result thereof.

Article 4

The Member States shall amend the measures which they apply to trade, in order to adapt them to this Decision.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 13 January 1984.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 55, 8. 3. 1971, p. 23.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 234, 9. 8. 1982, p. 12.