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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 16 May 1988

on the conclusion of the European Convention for the Protection of Animals for Slaughter

(88/306/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

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

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽³⁾,

Whereas the Council adopted Directive 74/577/EEC on the stunning of animals before slaughter ⁽⁴⁾, Directive 64/433/EEC on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Directive 86/587/EEC ⁽⁶⁾, and in particular Annex I, Chapter I, point 13 (a) thereto, and Directive 71/118/EEC on health problems affecting trade in fresh poultrymeat ⁽⁷⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3768/85 ⁽⁸⁾, and in particular Annex I, Chapter IV, point 20 thereto;

Whereas the European Convention for the Protection of Animals for Slaughter, hereinafter referred to as

'the Convention', was drawn up within the Council of Europe to protect animals for slaughter; whereas Article 20 of the Convention provides that it may be signed by the Member States of the Council of Europe and by the European Economic Community;

Whereas the provisions of the Convention are in accordance with Directives 74/577/EEC, 64/433/EEC, and 71/118/EEC; whereas the scope of the Convention is however wider;

Whereas national laws concerning the protection of animals for slaughter have an impact on the conditions of competition and accordingly on the operation of the common market in agricultural products;

Whereas the Convention covers matters which fall within the scope of the common agricultural policy;

Whereas the Community's participation thus appears to comply with the achievement of the Community's objectives,

HEREBY DECIDES AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The European Convention for the Protection of Animals for Slaughter is hereby approved on behalf of the European Economic Community.

The text of the Convention is attached hereto.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 15, 20. 1. 1988, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 49, 22. 2. 1988, p. 146.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 35, 8. 2. 1988, p. 8.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 316, 26. 11. 1974, p. 10.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No 121, 29. 7. 1964, p. 2012/64.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 339, 2. 12. 1986, p. 26.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 55, 8. 3. 1971, p. 23.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 362, 31. 12. 1985, p. 8.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall deposit the instrument of approval in accordance with Article 20 of the Convention ⁽¹⁾.

Done at Brussels, 16 May 1988.

For the Council

The President

I. KIECHLE

⁽¹⁾ The date of entry into force of the Convention will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* by the General Secretariat of the Council.