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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 18 May 1995

on certain protection measures with regard to apes originating in or coming from Zaire

(Text with EEA relevance)

(95/171/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Article 1

Member States shall prohibit the importation of apes (*simiae* and *prosimiae*) originating in or coming from Zaire.

Having regard to Council Directive 91/496/EEC of 15 July 1991 laying down the principles governing the organization of veterinary checks and 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 the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 18 (1) thereof,

Article 2

Member States shall modify the measures they apply with regard to Zaire to bring them into line with this Decision. They shall inform the Commission thereof.

Whereas outbreaks of Ebola disease has been reported in Zaire;

Article 3

This Decision shall apply until 31 July 1995.

Whereas the presence of this disease constitutes a serious danger; whereas it is appropriate to adopt the necessary protection measures rapidly at Community level with regard to apes (*simiae* and *prosimiae*) originating in or coming from Zaire;

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Whereas the measures foreseen by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee;

Done at Brussels, 18 May 1995.

Whereas it is necessary to suspend the importation of apes (*simiae* and *prosimiae*) originating in or coming from Zaire,

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 268, 24. 9. 1991, p. 56.