

COMMISSION DECISION**of 4 April 2001****amending for the second time Decision 1999/766/EC on certain protective measures in respect of infectious salmon anaemia in salmonids in Norway***(notified under document number C(2001) 1027)***(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2001/313/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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 non-member 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,Having regard to Council Directive 97/78/EC of 18 December 1997 laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from non-member countries ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 22(6) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In July 1999 the Commission adopted Decision 1999/766/EC on certain protective measures in respect of infectious salmon anaemia (ISA) in salmonids in Norway ⁽⁴⁾. This was subsequently amended by Decision 2000/431/EC ⁽⁵⁾. The measures include a ban on the imports into the Community of live salmon and stringent conditions for the importation of salmon products for human consumption. These measures apply until 1 April 2001.
- (2) Norway has during 2000 reported 17 outbreaks of ISA and three outbreaks during January to mid-February 2001. Special protective measures have been taken. At

present, 19 different restriction zones regarding ISA — including 18 municipalities — are in place.

- (3) In the light of the disease situation in Norway the measures of Decision 1999/766/EC should be extended until 1 February 2002.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 4 of Decision 1999/766/EC the words '1 April 2001' are replaced by '1 February 2002' and the words '31 December 1999' are replaced by '31 December 2001'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 4 April 2001.

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 24, 30.1.1998, p. 9.⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 302, 25.11.1999, p. 23.⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 170, 11.7.2000, p. 15.