

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 30 October 2001

**amending Decision 2001/740/EC concerning certain protection measures with regard to foot-and-mouth disease in the United Kingdom**

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2001/763/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/425/EEC of 26 June 1990 concerning veterinary and zootechnical checks applicable in intra-Community trade in certain live animals and products with a view to the completion of the internal market <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Directive 92/118/EEC <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 89/662/EEC of 11 December 1989 concerning veterinary checks in intra-Community trade with a view to the completion of the internal market <sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Directive 92/118/EEC, and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Following the reports of outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease in the United Kingdom, the Commission adopted protective measures. These measures have been amended several times and were consolidated lastly by adopting Commission Decision 2001/740/EC <sup>(4)</sup> concerning certain protection measures with regard to foot-and-mouth disease in the United Kingdom.
- (2) Certain counties in Great Britain, which are listed in Annex III, have had no outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease during this epidemic, others to be included have remained free from the disease for more than 3 months. It appears therefore appropriate to enlarge the area from which dispatch of certain meats is authorized and to include in addition to pig meat also meat from other livestock and meat from farmed and wild game of species susceptible to foot-and-mouth disease.
- (3) Council Directive 92/45/EEC <sup>(5)</sup>, as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC <sup>(6)</sup>, concerns public health and animal health problems relating to the killing of wild game and the placing on the market of wild-game meat.
- (4) The situation shall be reviewed at the meeting of the Standing Veterinary Committee scheduled for 4-5 December 2001 and the measures adapted where necessary.

- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Decision 2001/740/EC is amended as follows:

1. Article 2 is amended as follows:

- (a) The first sentence in paragraph 2(c), first indent, is replaced by:

‘— only fresh meat as described in paragraph (a), or fresh meat obtained from animals reared and slaughtered outside the area listed in Annex I, or fresh meat obtained from animals reared and slaughtered in accordance with the provisions in paragraph 2 d) below will be processed in this establishment at the time of processing meat eligible for dispatch under the provisions of this Decision.’

- (b) The second indent in paragraph 2(c) is replaced by:

‘— all such fresh meat must bear the health mark in accordance with Chapter XI of Annex I to Council Directive 64/433/EEC or in the case of meat from farmed game of species susceptible to foot-and-mouth disease the health mark provided for in Chapter III of Annex I of Directive 91/495/EEC, or in the case of wild game of species susceptible to foot-and-mouth disease in accordance with the provisions of Annex I Chapter VII of Directive 92/45/EC.’

- (c) Paragraph 2(d) is replaced by:

‘(d) fresh meat obtained from bovine, ovine, caprine and porcine animals and farmed game of species susceptible to foot-and-mouth disease conforming to the following conditions:

— the meat must be obtained from animals reared within the areas specified for the respective category of meat in the appropriate column in Annex III,

— the dispatch of such meat is authorized by the competent veterinary authorities of the United Kingdom,

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 29.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 49.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 13.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 277, 20.10.2001, p. 30.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 268, 14.9.1992, p. 35.

<sup>(6)</sup> OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.

- there has been no outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in the county listed in Annex III during the past 90 days,
  - during the past 30 days prior to transport to the slaughterhouse, or in the case of farmed game prior to on-farm slaughtering, the animals have remained under the supervision of the competent veterinary authorities on a single holding situated within the areas listed in Annex III in the centre of a circle around the holding of at least 10 km radius where there has been no outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease during at least the past 30 days,
  - no animal of species susceptible to foot-and-mouth disease has been introduced into the holding referred to in the fourth indent during the past 30 days prior to loading, or in the case of farmed game prior to on-farm slaughtering, except in the case of pigs coming from a supplying holding which meets the requirements laid down in the third indent, in which case this period may be reduced to 7 days,
  - the animals or, in the case of farmed game slaughtered on the farm, the carcasses have been transported under official control in means of transport that have been cleaned and disinfected before loading from the holding referred to in the fourth indent directly to the designated slaughterhouse which is situated in an area listed in Annex III,
  - the animals have been slaughtered within less than 24 hours after arrival at the slaughterhouse separately from animals whose meat is not eligible for dispatch from the areas listed in Annex I,
  - during inspection by the official veterinarian at the slaughterhouse, or in the case of on-farm slaughtering of farmed game at the centre for mustering the wild animals, no clinical signs or post-mortem evidence of foot-and-mouth disease were established,
  - the meat derived from such animals remained in the establishment for at least 24 hours after slaughter,
  - all such fresh meat must bear the health mark in accordance with Chapter XI of Annex I to Council Directive 64/433/EEC or in the case of farmed game the health mark provided for in Chapter III of Annex I of Directive 91/495/EEC,
  - the establishment is operated under strict veterinary control,
  - in the case where foot-and-mouth disease has been diagnosed in the establishment, any further preparation of meat for dispatch outside the areas listed in Annex I shall only be authorised after the slaughter of all animals present, removal of all meat and dead animals and not earlier than 24 hours after the completion of the total cleaning and disinfection of the said establishments under the control of an official veterinarian,
  - the fresh meat must be clearly identified, and transported and stored separately from meat which is not eligible for dispatch outside the areas mentioned in Annex I,
  - the control of the compliance with the above listed conditions shall be carried out by the competent veterinary authority under the supervision of the central veterinary authorities who will communicate to the other Member States and the Commission a list of those establishments which they have approved in application of these provisions.'
- (d) The following words are added to paragraph 2:
- '(e) fresh meat obtained from wild game of species susceptible to foot-and-mouth disease and conforming to the following conditions:
- the meat must be obtained from wild game killed within the areas specified for the respective category of meat in the appropriate column in Annex III,
  - the dispatch of such meat is authorized by the competent veterinary authorities of the United Kingdom,
  - there has been no outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in the county listed in Annex III during the past 90 days,
  - the meat originates from animals that were killed at least 20 km distant from areas not included in Annex III,
  - after the killing of the animals the carcasses were transported in means of transport that has been cleaned and disinfected before loading directly to an establishment, this being either a wild game collection centre or an approved processing house, for chilling,
  - during post-mortem inspection by the official veterinarian in the establishment the carcasses were found free from lesions of foot-and-mouth disease,
  - the meat derived from such animals remained in the establishment for at least 24 hours after post-mortem inspection,
  - the meat was handled in an establishment which is situated in an area listed in Annex III,
  - the meat has during all stages of its production, been handled, stored and transported in accordance with the requirements of Council Directive 92/45/EEC,
  - all such fresh meat must bear the health mark in accordance with Chapter VII of Annex I to Council Directive 92/45/EEC,

- the establishment is operated under strict veterinary control,
  - in the case where foot-and-mouth disease has been diagnosed in the establishment, any further preparation of meat for dispatch outside the areas listed in Annex I shall only be authorised after the slaughter of all animals present, removal of all meat and dead animals and not earlier than 24 hours after the completion of the total cleaning and disinfection of the said establishments under the control of an official veterinarian,
  - the fresh meat must be clearly identified, and transported and stored separately from meat which is not eligible for dispatch outside the areas mentioned in Annex I,
  - the control of the compliance with the above listed conditions shall be carried out by the competent veterinary authority under the supervision of the central veterinary authorities who will communicate to the other Member States and the Commission a list of those establishments which they have approved in application of these provisions;
- (f) Fresh meat destined for placing on the market in Great Britain and obtained from cutting plants situated in the areas not listed in Annex I under the following conditions:
- the meat is derived from animals reared and slaughtered in the areas listed in Annex I,
  - the meat remained in the slaughterhouse situated in the areas listed in Annex I for at least 24 hours after slaughter,
  - the cutting plants processing such meat are approved by the competent authorities exclusively for the production of fresh meat destined for dispatch only within the United Kingdom,
  - all such meat shall be transported, stored and processed separately from meat eligible for dispatch outside the areas listed in Annex I and shall bear the health mark in accordance with Decision 2001/304/EC,
- all meat originating from areas listed in Annex I and processed in cutting plants referred to in the third indent shall only be placed on the market in the areas listed in Annex I,
  - the plants will be operated under strict veterinary control,
  - the control of the compliance with the above listed conditions shall be carried out by the competent veterinary authority under the supervision of the central veterinary authorities who will communicate to the Member States and the Commission a list of those establishments which they have approved in application of these provisions.'
2. The first paragraph of Article 3(3)(b) is replaced by the following:  
'meat products prepared in establishments which at the time of processing of meat eligible for dispatch outside the areas listed in Annex I met the following conditions:'
3. The seventh indent in Article 6(3)(c) is replaced by the following:  
'— prior to dispatch the frozen semen was stored for a period of at least 30 days immediately following collection and during this 30 days period no animal in the semen collection centre where the donor bull or boar was kept showed any sign of foot-and-mouth disease.'
4. Annex III is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

#### Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 30 October 2001.

*For the Commission*

David BYRNE

*Member of the Commission*

## ANNEX

## 'ANNEX III

GROUP	ADNS	Administrative Unit	GIS	B	S/G	P	FG	WG
Scottish Islands	82	Shetland Islands		+	-	+	-	-
		Shetland Islands	131					
	83	Orkney Islands		+	-	+	-	-
		Orkney Islands	123					
	84	Western Islands		+	-	+	-	-
		NA H-Eileanan An Iar	124					
Scotland	85	Wick consisting of		+	-	+	-	-
		Part of Highland	121					
	86	Elgin consisting of		+	-	+	-	-
		Moray	122					
		Part of Highland	121					
	87	Inverness consisting of		+	-	+	-	-
		Part of Highland	121					
	88	Aberdeenshire consisting of		+	-	+	-	-
		Aberdeen City	128					
		Aberdeenshire	126					
	89	Forfar consisting of		+	-	+	-	-
		Angus	79					
		Dundee City	81					
	90	Perth consisting of		+	-	+	-	-
		Clackmannanshire	80					
	Perth & Kinross	90						
91	Cupar		+	-	+	-	-	
	Fife	127						
92	Edinburgh consisting of		+	-	+	-	-	
	Falkirk	85						
	Midlothian	88						
	West Lothian	96						
	City of Edinburgh	129						
	East Lothian	130						
93	Galashiels		-	-	+	-	-	
	Scottish Borders	92						
94	Stirling		+	-	+	-	-	
	Stirling	94						
95	Oban		+	-	+	-	-	
	Argyll and Bute	125						

GROUP	ADNS	Administrative Unit	GIS	B	S/G	P	FG	WG
	96	Hamilton consisting of		+	-	+	-	-
		East Dunbartonshire	83					
		East Renfrewshire	84					
		City of Glasgow	86					
		Inverclyde	87					
		North Lanarkshire	89					
		Renfrewshire	91					
		South Lanarkshire	93					
		West Dunbartonshire	95					
	97	Ayr consisting of		+	-	+	-	-
		East Ayrshire	82					
		North Ayrshire	132					
		South Ayrshire	133					
	98	Stranraer consisting of		-	-	+	-	-
		Part of Dumfries & Galloway	134					
	99	Dumfries consisting of		-	-	+	-	-
		Part of Dumfries & Galloway	134					
England	01	Bedfordshire consisting of		+	-	+	-	-
		Bedford	137					
		Luton District	56					
	02	Berkshire consisting of		+	-	+	-	-
		Bracknell Forest	41					
		Reading	63					
		West Berkshire	75					
		Windsor & Maidenhead	76					
		Wokingham	77					
		Slough	66					
	03	Buckinghamshire		+	-	+	-	-
		Buckinghamshire County	138					
		Milton Keynes	39					
	05	Cambridgeshire consisting of		+	-	+	-	-
		Cambridgeshire County	139					
		City of Peterborough	48					
	06	Cheshire consisting of		-	-	+	-	-
		Halton	54					
		Cheshire County	140					
	07	Cornwall County		-	-	+	-	-
		Cornwall County	171					
	09	Derbyshire consisting of		-	-	+	-	-
		City of Derby	44					
		Derbyshire County	142					

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	11	Dorset consisting of		+	-	+	-	-
		Dorset County	143					
		Bournemouth	40					
		Poole	62					
	13	Essex consisting of		-	-	+	-	-
		Southend-on-Sea	67					
		Essex County	146					
		Thurrock	72					
	14	Gloucestershire consisting of		-	-	+	-	-
		South Gloucestershire	68					
		Gloucestershire County	147					
	15	Hampshire consisting of		+	-	+	-	-
		Hampshire County	148					
		City of Portsmouth	135					
		City of Southampton	49					
	16	Isle of Wight		+	-	+	-	-
		Isle of Wight	114					
	17	Hereford & Worcester consisting of		-	-	+	-	-
		Worcestershire	167					
	18	Hertfordshire		+	-	+	-	-
		Hertfordshire	149					
	20	Kent consisting of		-	-	+	-	-
		Medway	57					
		Kent County	150					
	21	Lancashire consisting of		-	-	+	-	-
		Blackpool	39					
	22	Leicestershire consisting of		-	-	+	-	-
		City of Leicester	46					
		Rutland	65					
		Leicestershire County	152					
	24	Lincolnshire		+	-	+	-	-
		Lincolnshire	153					
	25	Merseyside consisting of		+	-	+	-	-
		Knowsley District	12					
		Liverpool District	14					
		Sefton District	23					
		St. Helens District	28					

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	26	East London		-	-	+	-	-
		East London	168					
	27	South East London		-	-	+	-	-
		South East London	168					
	28	Norfolk		+	-	+	-	-
		Norfolk	154					
	29	Northamptonshire		-	-	+	-	-
		Northamptonshire	155					
	32	Nottinghamshire consisting of		+	-	+	-	-
		City of Nottingham	47					
		Nottinghamshire County	157					
	33	Oxfordshire		-	-	+	-	-
		Oxfordshire	158					
	34	Avon consisting of		-	-	+	-	-
		Bath & North East Somerset	37					
		City of Bristol	43					
		South Gloucestershire	68					
		North Somerset	120					
	36	Somerset		-	-	+	-	-
		Somerset	160					
	37	Staffordshire consisting of		-	-	+	-	-
		City of Stoke-on-Trent	50					
		Staffordshire County	161					
	38	Suffolk		+	-	+	-	-
		Suffolk	162					
	39	Isles of Scilly		+	-	+	-	-
		Isles of Scilly	172					
	40	Surrey		+	-	+	-	-
		Surrey	163					
	41	East Sussex consisting of		+	-	+	-	-
		Brighton & Hove	42					
		East Sussex County	145					
	42	West Sussex		+	-	+	-	-
		West Sussex	165					
	43	Warwickshire		-	-	+	-	-
		Warwickshire	164					

GROUP	ADNS	Administrative Unit	GIS	B	S/G	P	FG	WG
	44	Greater Manchester consisting of		+	-	+	-	-
		Tameside District	30					
		Oldham District	18					
		Rochdale District	19					
		Bury District	5					
		Bolton District	3					
		Salford District	21					
		Trafford District	31					
		Manchester District	15					
		Stockport District	27					
		Wigan District	34	-	-	+	-	-
	45	Wiltshire consisting of		-	-	+	-	-
		Swindon	70					
		Wiltshire County	166					
	46	West Midlands consisting of		+	-	+	-	-
		Birmingham District	2					
		Dudley District	9					
		Sandwell District	22					
		Solihull District	25					
		Walshall District	33					
		Wolverhampton District	36					
		Coventry District	7					
	47	South Yorkshire consisting of		+	-	+	-	-
		Barnsley District	1					
		Doncaster District	8					
		Rotherham District	20					
		Sheffield District	24					
	49	West Yorkshire consisting of		+	-	+	-	-
		Wakefield District	32					
		Kirklees District	11					
		Calderdale District	6					
	50	Beverley-North Yorkshire consisting of		+	-	+	-	-
		York	78					
		Selby District	177					

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	51	Humberside consisting of		+	-	+	-	-
		East Riding of Yorkshire	53					
		City of Kingston upon Hull	45					
		North East Lincolnshire	60					
		North Lincolnshire	61					
Wales	53	Gwynedd consisting of		+	-	+	-	-
		Conwy	103					
		Gwynedd	116					
		Isle of Anglesey	116	-	-	+	-	-
	55	Dyfed consisting of		+	-	+	-	-
		Sir Gaerfyrddin-Carmarthen	110					
		Sir Ceredigion-Ceredigion	118					
		Sir Benfro-Pembrokeshire	119					
	56	Clwyd consisting of		+	-	+	-	-
		Sir Ddinbych-Denbigshir	108					
		Sir Y Fflint-Flintshire	111					
		Wrecsam-Wrexham	113					
	57	South Glamorgan consisting of		-	-	+	-	-
		Bro Morgannwg-The Valee of Glamorgan	99					
	58	Mid Glamorgan consisting of		-	-	+	-	-
		Pen-y-Bont Ar Ogwr-Bridgend	105					
	59	West Glamorgan consisting of			-		-	-
		Abertawe-Swansea	97	+	-	+	-	-
		Castell-Nedd Port Talbot-Neath Port Talbot	102	-	-	+	-	-

ADNS = Animal Disease Notification System Code (Decision 2000/807/EC)

GIS = Administrative Unit Code

B = bovine meat

S/G = sheep and goat meat

P = pig meat

FG = farmed game of species susceptible to foot-and-mouth disease

WG = wild game of species susceptible to foot-and-mouth disease'