

**COMMISSION DECISION****of 2 December 1983****repealing Decision 83/223/EEC concerning health protection measures in respect of Spain**

(83/631/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine animals and swine and fresh meat from third countries<sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Directive 83/91/EEC<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 28 (3) and (4) thereof,

Whereas Commission Decision 83/223/EEC<sup>(3)</sup> established health protection measures relating to Spain because of the existence of an epizootic of foot-and-mouth disease ;

Whereas the absence of new cases of foot-and-mouth disease in Spain leads to the opinion that the risk to Community herds is reduced ;

Whereas the situation requires the re-establishment of the importation of fresh meat of bovines, ovines and caprines from Spain ;

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*

Decision 83/223/EEC is hereby repealed. The authorization for importation of meat only concerns meat which comes from animals slaughtered after the date of notification of this Decision.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 2 December 1983.

*For the Commission*

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*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 59, 5. 3. 1983, p. 34.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 121, 7. 5. 1983, p. 32.