

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 21 September 1993

on protection measures in relation to Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis in Mexico and amending Council Decision 79/542/EEC

(93/507/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/496/EEC of 15 July 1991 laying down the principles governing the organization of veterinary checks on 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 Decision 92/438/EEC⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 18 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/426/EEC of 26 June 1990 on animal health conditions governing the movement and import from third countries of equidae⁽³⁾, as last amended by Directive 92/36/EEC⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas the presence of Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis has been confirmed in Mexico;

Whereas the appearance of Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis in Mexico constitutes a serious threat to equidae of the Member States, taking into account the various movements of equidae;

Whereas accordingly, it is necessary to prohibit the re-admission of registered horses after temporary export, the temporary admission and the import of equidae from Mexico;

Whereas, for the sake of clarity, Council Decision 79/542/EEC⁽⁵⁾, last amended by Commission Decision

93/435/EEC⁽⁶⁾, should be amended to bring it into line with the measures provided for;

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

The Member States shall prohibit the temporary admission of registered horses, the re-admission of registered horses after temporary export and the import of equidae from Mexico.

Article 2

In Part I of the Annex to Decision 79/542/EEC, the line referring to Mexico is hereby amended as follows:

a reference to footnote⁽⁶⁾ is added under the sub-heading 'Live animals' in the column for 'Special remarks'.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 21 September 1993.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 268, 24. 9. 1991, p. 56.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 243, 25. 8. 1992, p. 27.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 42.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 157, 10. 6. 1992, p. 28.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 146, 14. 6. 1979, p. 15.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 201, 11. 8. 1993, p. 28.