COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 8 July 1994

on certain protective measures with respect to bivalve molluscs, marine gastropods and echinoderms from Turkey

(94/393/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/675/EEC of 10 December 1990 laying down the principles governing the organization of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries (¹), as last amended by Directive 92/118/EEC (²), and in particular Article 19 (1) thereof,

Whereas the presence of a toxin (DSP) has been recorded on several occasions in consignments of bivalve molluscs imported from Turkey;

Whereas the levels of toxin observed can constitute a serious danger to public health; whereas the necessary protective measures should be adopted rapidly at Community level;

Whereas in the absence of health guarantees from the Turkish authorities imports of bivalve molluscs marine gastropods and echinoderms from Turkey should be prohibited,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

Member States shall prohibit the importation of consignments of bivalve molluscs, marine gastropods and echinoderms originating in Turkey. Article 2

Member States shall amend the measures which they apply to importation in order to bring them into conformity with the present Decision. They shall inform the Commission thereof.

Article 3

This Decision shall apply until 30 October 1994.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 8 July 1994.

For the Commission René STEICHEN Member of the Commission