

# COMMISSION

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 1 July 1999

### amending Decision 94/577/EC concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certifications for the importation of bovine semen from third countries

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(1999/495/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 88/407/EEC of 14 June 1988 laying down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in and imports of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Directive 93/60/EEC <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Articles 10 and 11 thereof,

- (1) Whereas Commission Decision 94/577/EC <sup>(3)</sup> lays down the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for the importation of bovine semen from third countries;
- (2) Whereas Article 4(1) of Decision 88/407/EEC stipulates that as from 1 January 1999 trade in the semen of bulls giving a positive reaction to the serum neutralisation test or the Elisa test for infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/infectious pustular vulvovaginitis and not having been vaccinated in accordance with what Directive is banned;
- (3) Whereas Article 10(4) of Decision 88/407/EEC stipulates that the provisions applicable to intra-Community trade laid down in Article 4 of that Directive are to apply, *mutatis mutandis* to imports;
- (4) Whereas the certificates laid down in Part 1 of Annexes A, B, C and D to Decision 94/577/EC should be

amended so as to clarify the conditions applying to imports;

- (5) 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

In Annexes A, B, C and D to Decision 94/577/CE, Part 1, point 13(d)(ii) is amended as follows:

1. At the end of the third indent 'or' is deleted,
2. The fourth indent is deleted.

#### Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 1 July 1999.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 194, 22.7.1988, p. 10.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 186, 28.7.1993, p. 28.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 221, 26.8.1994, p. 26.