

COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 July 1999

repealing Decision 97/408/EC on protective measures in relation to classical swine fever in the Czech Republic

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(1999/540/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European 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 Directive 96/43/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 18(1) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/675/EEC of 10 December 1990 laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Directive 96/43/EC, and in particular Article 19(1) thereof,

- (1) Whereas the presence of classical swine fever has been confirmed in domestic pig holdings in some areas of the Czech Republic in 1997;
- (2) Whereas the Commission adopted as a safeguard clause Decision 97/408/EC of 25 June 1997 on protective measures in relation to classical swine fever in the Czech Republic ⁽⁴⁾, that was amended by Decision 98/507/EEC ⁽⁵⁾ to take into account the evolution of the epidemiological situation;
- (3) Whereas the conditions for imports of fresh meat and live animals of porcine species from the Czech Republic are laid down in Commission Decisions 98/371/EC ⁽⁶⁾, as last amended by Decision 1999/538/EC ⁽⁷⁾ and 98/

372/EC ⁽⁸⁾, as last amended by Decision 1999/539/EC ⁽⁹⁾; whereas these Decisions take into account the situation of classical swine fever in the feral pig population in some areas of the Czech Republic;

- (4) Whereas due to the favourable evolution of the epidemiological situation of classical swine fever in domestic pig holdings Decision 97/408/EC must be repealed;
- (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

Decision 97/408/EC is hereby repealed.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 July 1999.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 56.⁽²⁾ OJ L 162, 1.7.1996, p. 1.⁽³⁾ OJ L 373, 31.12.1990, p. 1.⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 170, 28.6.1997, p. 58.⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 226, 13.8.1998, p. 59.⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 170, 16.6.1998, p. 16.⁽⁷⁾ See page 21 of this Official Journal.⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 170, 16.6.1998, p. 34.⁽⁹⁾ See page 26 of this Official Journal.