

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 21 September 1993

amending Decision 93/195/EEC as regards the re-entry of registered horses from certain racetrack complexes in the United States of America

(93/509/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

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<sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Directive 92/36/EEC<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 19 (ii) thereof,Whereas the Commission, by Decision 93/195/EEC<sup>(3)</sup>, laid down the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for the re-entry of registered horses for racing, competition and cultural events after temporary export;

Whereas the presence of equine viral arteritis has been confirmed at Arlington International Racetrack, Illinois, Churchill Downs, Kentucky, Ak-sar-ben, Nebraska and Prairie Meadows, Iowa in the United States of America;

Whereas the appearance of equine viral arteritis is likely to constitute a danger on the re-entry, after temporary export, of Community registered horses which have participated in competitions at the racetrack complexes concerned;

Whereas, consequently, steps should be taken to prohibit, in accordance with the abovementioned Decision, the re-entry, after temporary export, of registered horses for racing, competition and cultural events from the racetrack complexes concerned; whereas, in the light of the epizootiological knowledge of this disease, the prohibition should be limited to a period of six months;

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 93/195/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

1. in Annex I, Group C, 'United States of America' is replaced by 'United States of America (with the exception, until 28 February 1994, of the following racetrack complexes: Arlington International Racetrack, Illinois, Churchill Downs, Kentucky, Ak-sar-ben, Nebraska, and Prairie Meadows, Iowa)';
2. in Annex II, Group C, 'United States of America' is replaced by 'United States of America (with the exception, until 28 February 1994, of the following racetrack complexes: Arlington International Racetrack, Illinois, Churchill Downs, Kentucky, Ak-sar-ben, Nebraska, and Prairie Meadows, Iowa)'.

*Article 2*

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*<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 42.<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 157, 10. 6. 1992, p. 28.<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 86, 6. 4. 1993, p. 1.