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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 28 June 1999

amending Decision 92/271/EEC concerning the importation into the Community of live animals and animal products originating in or coming via the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina

(notified under document number C(1999) 1728)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(1999/441/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 organisation 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 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⁾, and in particular Article 19 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 97/78/EC of 18 December 1997 laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 22(6) thereof,

- (2) Whereas this situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina has improved;
- (3) Whereas Bosnia and Herzegovina have become a member of the International Office of Epizootics (OIE) and therefore should report all notifiable diseases;
- (4) Whereas, taking into account the current EC legislation, it is possible to lift the ban established by Commission Decision 92/271/EEC; whereas, imports of *equidae* must not be allowed without a previous evaluation of the *equidae* health situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- (5) Whereas, therefore it appears that Decision 92/271/EEC should be amended appropriately;
- (6) 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

- (1) Whereas following the situation occurring in the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1992, on 20 May 1992, the Commission adopted, Decision 92/271/EEC ⁽⁵⁾;

Article 1 of Decision 92/271/EEC is replaced by the following:

'Article 1

Member States shall not authorise the importation of *equidae* originating in or coming from Bosnia and Herzegovina'

⁽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 24, 31.1.1998, p. 9.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 138, 21.5.1992, p. 39.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 28 June 1999.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission
