

## COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 27 March 1968

concerning surveys of pig production to be made by Member States

(68/161/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Whereas, in order to carry out the tasks imposed on it by the Treaty and by Council Regulation No 121/67/EEC<sup>1</sup> of 13 July 1967 on the common organisation of the market in pigmeat, the Commission needs to be precisely informed as to trends in pig population and in pigmeat production in the Member States, and to have at its disposal short-term forecasts of market supplies of pigmeat;

Whereas an accurate and uniform appraisal of the market cannot be made from the surveys of pig population carried out at present in the Member States; whereas the monthly statistics for slaughterings are inadequate for this purpose, while short-term forecasts of pigmeat production are undertaken regularly only in some Member States;

Whereas surveys of the pig population should therefore be undertaken in all Member States at comparable points in time, covering similar categories and conducted with comparable accuracy; whereas monthly statistics for slaughterings should be supplemented and forecasts of pigmeat production should be made regularly and in respect of identical periods;

Whereas these surveys should in principle be restricted to holdings which normally engage in the breeding or fattening of pigs; whereas it is necessary, however, in order that a complete picture may be obtained, that a special study be made to cover pigs not coming within the field of survey;

Whereas, since the results of these surveys may serve as a basis for interventions on the market, it is necessary that such results be forwarded to the Commission as soon as possible, for radical changes in pig numbers or in market conditions may occur over a relatively short period of time;

Whereas a change in those statistical methods which have proved effective might have a disruptive effect on statistical recording; whereas provision should therefore be made for a transitional period, during which States may adapt their existing methods; whereas any Member State which carries out surveys at more frequent intervals, records trends in pig population by means of other types of statistical survey, or compiles returns for pigs by age group, should therefore be given the option of continuing to apply its own system for a limited period;

Whereas it is desirable that the Commission submit a report whereby it may be examined to what extent the surveys undertaken have made it possible for the objective of this Directive to be achieved, and that it propose, where appropriate, an alignment of the methods in use;

Whereas, in order to ensure that efforts are co-ordinated as efficiently as possible, all problems arising in connection with the implementation of this Directive, and in particular those concerning the conduct and analysis of the surveys, must be the subject of consultation and permanent co-operation between the Commission and the Member States;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

*Article 1*

1. Member States:

- (a) shall every four months carry out surveys, one of which shall be at the beginning of December, of the pig population in their countries coming within the field of survey defined in Article 3 (1);

<sup>1</sup> OJ No 117, 19.6.1967, p. 2283/67.

(b) shall, during 1971 at the latest, undertake a study of the number of pigs not coming within the field of survey defined in Article 3 (1).

2. A complete census shall be taken not later than December 1971.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 (a), any Member State which at the time when this Directive enters into force carries out surveys at more frequent intervals than those laid down in paragraph 1 (a) or records trends in pig population by means of other types of statistical inquiry may continue to follow that procedure until 30 November 1972 provided that it carries out, at the beginning of the month of December in each year, the survey provided for in paragraph 1 (a).

4. The first survey shall be carried out at the beginning of December 1968.

#### Article 2

For the purposes of this Directive 'pigs' means swine of domestic species falling within subheading No 01.03 A of the Common Customs Tariff.

#### Article 3

1. The surveys provided for in Article 1 (1) (a) and (2) shall cover all pigs on holdings of an agricultural or 'industrial' type. For the purposes of this Directive, holdings of an agricultural or 'industrial' type are the following:

- holdings with a utilised agricultural area of not less than one hectare;
- holdings with not less than one breeding pig;
- holdings with not less than three pigs other than breeding pigs.

2. However, such surveys may also cover pigs outside the field of survey defined in paragraph 1.

#### Article 4

1. The purpose of the surveys provided for in Article 1 (1) (a) and (2) shall be to ascertain the pig population, broken down by category as follows:

- A. piglets of less than 20 kilogrammes live weight;
- B. pigs of not less than 20 kilogrammes but less than 50 kilogrammes live weight;
- C. pigs for fattening, including cull boars and cull sows, having a live weight of:
  - (a) not less than 50 kilogrammes but less than 80 kilogrammes;
  - (b) not less than 80 kilogrammes but less than 110 kilogrammes;
  - (c) not less than 110 kilogrammes;

D. breeding pigs of not less than 50 kilogrammes live weight:

- (a) boars;
- (b) sows and gilts mated:
  - b (1) of which gilts mated for the first time;
- (c) other sows:
  - c (1) of which gilts not yet mated for the first time.

2. However, any Member State which at the date when this Directive enters into force carries out surveys wherein pigs are classified by age may continue such practice until the survey preceding that to be carried out in the month of December 1972.

In such case the data obtained shall be converted into the categories of weight set out in paragraph 1.

3. Member States shall communicate the results of these surveys and conversions to the Commission as soon as possible.

4. Member States which in pursuance of Article 3 (2) do not restrict their surveys to holdings of an agricultural or 'industrial' type as defined in Article 3 (1) shall supply data relating to such holdings in the form of an estimate.

#### Article 5

1. Where there is no provision under this Directive or under provisions of national law for a complete census, surveys shall be carried out by random sampling.

2. Sampling errors in the results of the surveys of pig population shall in no Member State exceed 3%.

3. Member States shall take appropriate measures to estimate errors of observation.

4. The results of the December survey shall be supplied in respect of each division listed in the Annex to Council Regulation No 79/65/EEC<sup>1</sup> of 15 June 1965 setting up a network for the collection of accounting data on the incomes and business operation of agricultural holdings in the European Economic Community.

#### Article 6

1. Member States shall with effect from the month of December 1968, compile monthly statistics for pig slaughterings.

<sup>1</sup> OJ No 109, 23.6.1965, p. 1859/65.

Where necessary they shall every four months supply additional data, broken down by month, relating in particular to any slaughterings not covered by the monthly statistics referred to in the previous subparagraph, thereby making it possible to compare such statistics and to supplement them in such a way as to cover all slaughterings.

2. The statistics referred to in paragraph 1 shall cover the number of slaughterings and the average weight of the pigs slaughtered.

Member States shall indicate in which cuts pigs were weighed.

3. Member States shall forward to the Commission the results of the statistics referred to in this Article not later than six weeks after the end of the month to which they relate.

#### *Article 7*

1. Member States shall provide forecasts of the number of pig slaughterings, broken down by two monthly periods, for the periods 1 December to 30 September, 1 April to 31 January and 1 August to 31 May.

2. The results of the forecasts referred to in paragraph 1 shall be forwarded to the Commission by not later than the fifteenth day of the third month of the period covered by each forecast.

#### *Article 8*

The Commission shall, in consultation and permanent co-operation with the Member States examine:

- (a) the results submitted in accordance with this Directive;
- (b) the technical problems raised by, in particular, the preparation and conduct of the surveys and forecasts provided for in this Directive;
- (c) the interpretation to be placed on the results of the surveys and forecasts provided for in this Directive.

#### *Article 9*

The Commission shall before 1 January 1972 present to the Council a report on the experience gained in conducting the surveys and forecasts provided for in this Directive and shall if necessary submit proposals for the purpose of aligning the methods used in Member States for the conduct of surveys and the preparation of forecasts, with particular reference to the procedures followed by Member States under the provisions of Article 1 (3). The Council shall take a decision on such proposal in accordance with the voting procedure laid down in Article 43 (2) of the Treaty.

#### *Article 10*

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27 March 1968.

*For the Council*

*The President*

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