

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL DIRECTIVE  
AMENDING DIRECTIVE 76/630/EEC CONCERNING  
SURVEYS OF PIG PRODUCTION TO  
BE MADE BY MEMBER STATES

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)



## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Commission is presenting two proposals, in the form of a Directive amending the provisions relating to statistical surveys of pig production<sup>1)</sup>, in order to :

- arrive at a definition of pig production;
- extend the period for production forecasts by 2 months.

In view of the probable enlargement of the Community, and to avoid any misunderstanding during discussions between national experts, it seems desirable that the Council text gives a precise definition of pig production. The definition, proposed in Article 1, is already applied in the beef and veal sector and was formulated by the Commission in consultation and permanent cooperation with the Member States.

In order to introduce preventive market management measures, the Commission must be informed of likely production trends for the twelve months following the survey at least.

In its third Report in 1978<sup>2)</sup>, the Commission indicated that, since December 1968 for the first six Member States, and since December 1973 for the nine Member States, the interpretation of the results of livestock surveys has been satisfactory with regard to drawing up production forecasts and drawing conclusions about the probable tone of the market. Thus the moment seems to have come to extend the forecasting period from ten to twelve months.

The quality of the forecasts will be studied in collaboration with the Member States pursuant to Article 9 of Directive 76/630/EEC.

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1) Council Directive 76/630/EEC - OJ L 223 of 16.8.1976, p. 4.

2) Commission Report to the Council COM (78) 508 final.



PROPOSAL FOR A  
COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

amending Directive 76/630/EEC concerning  
surveys of pig production to be made by Member States

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<sup>1)</sup>,

Whereas Council Directive 76/630/EEC of 20 July 1976 provided for surveys  
of pig production to be made by Member States<sup>2)</sup>,

Whereas some of the provisions of this Directive must be specified more  
precisely and supplemented in order to promote the harmonization of  
forecasts in the pigmeat sector,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE

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1) OJ N° C

2) OJ N° L 223 of 16.8.1976, p.4.

Article 1

Directive 76/630/EEC shall be amended as follows :

"Article 8

1. Member States shall provide forecasts of gross domestic pig production, broken down by two-monthly periods, for the periods 1 December to 30 November, 1 April to 31 March and 1 August to 31 July. The periods may be altered in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 11.

Gross domestic production refers to all pigs slaughtered, of both domestic and foreign origin, plus the balance of external trade in live pigs.

2. The forecasts referred to in paragraph 1 shall be forwarded to the Commission within the time limits to be laid down in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 11."

Article 2

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at

For the Council