

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

on additional measures for the implementation of Directive 71/118/EEC
on health problems affecting trade in fresh poultrymeat

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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Communication from the Commission to the Council concerning
the application of Council Directive 71/118/EEC on health
problems of trade in fresh poultrymeat

1. General

A study of the practical application of the Council Directive 71/118/EEC on health problems of trade in fresh poultrymeat was undertaken by the Commission during 1979 - 1980.

Investigations were made in particular into the application of the veterinary inspection requirements of the Directive and the cost of financing these inspections.

2. Veterinary Inspection

- a) As regards veterinary inspection the investigation revealed considerable differences in the ways in which inspection systems are organised in Member States. Variations also occur in the use made of assistant staff, in the way in which ante mortem and post mortem inspection tests and hygiene supervision is carried out, and in the time devoted to these tasks.
- b) The Commission considers that the differences are sufficiently great as to necessitate a further harmonization. In consequence the Commission estimates that it is urgently necessary to establish more detailed common rules for the application of these inspections, in particular concerning
 - the way in which ante-mortem and post mortem inspection shall be carried out
 - the minimum time which must be devoted to these inspections
 - the supervision tasks of the official veterinarian
 - the training and tasks of assistant staff

In addition, the introduction of common rules and practices in the field of veterinary meat inspection should be facilitated by the coordinating functions of visiting Community veterinary experts. The formal basis for this is already established, and as soon as the Commission has the necessary staff it will begin these inspections.

3. Costs of Inspection

There appear to be differences concerning the direct costs to the industry of Member States in respect of inspection performed. A harmonization of the systems of financing the full costs of veterinary inspection should be established by contribution from the industry based on the product.

To further these ends the Commission proposes that the Council adopts the annexed resolution.

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Council Resolution

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Whereas Council Directive 71/118/EEC¹ laid down uniform health rules for the production, storage and transport of poultrymeat;

Whereas the conditions relating to health inspection play an essential role in this connection;

Whereas an inquiry by the Commission has shown that there are still major differences in the organization of inspection systems in the Member States; whereas there should therefore be greater harmonization of the conditions relating to inspection, including the financing arrangements,

HEREBY AGREES

1. That minimum common criteria for application of the rules relating to health inspection as provided for in Directive 71/118/EEC on health problems affecting trade in fresh poultrymeat should be laid down immediately.
2. That it is necessary to harmonize the systems for financing in full the costs arising from the health inspection referred to in paragraph 1.

INVITES

the Commission to submit to it as soon as possible appropriate proposals for achieving these objectives.

¹ OJ No L 55, 8.3.1971, p.23

