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Proposal for a  
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amending certain provisions of Directives 73/132/EEC and 78/53/EEC  
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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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### Explanatory Statement

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As pointed out in the second report submitted to the Council<sup>(1)</sup> pursuant to Article 10 of Directive 73/132/EEC<sup>(2)</sup>, certain amendments should be made to the existing rules. These amendments concern

1. the extension of the period covered by the forward estimates;
2. the breakdown of 'cow' numbers according to purpose.

The proposal also provides for an extension to the exemption granted to Italy and for the possibility for the Federal Republic of Germany to supply structural data for even rather than odd years. Both these exemptions have been expressly requested by the two Member States in question.

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(1) Doc. COM (79) 622 final of 12 November 1979.

(2) OJ No L 153 of 9 June 1973, p. 25.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 43 and 209 thereof;

Having regard to Council Directive 73/132/EEC of 15 May 1973 on the statistical surveys to be carried out by the Member States on bovine livestock, on forecasts on the availability of bovine animals for slaughter and on statistics on slaughtered bovine animals<sup>1</sup>;

Having regard to Council Directive 78/53/EEC laying down additional provisions relating to the statistical surveys to be carried out by Member states on bovine livestock<sup>2</sup>;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament<sup>3</sup>;

Whereas, in order to promote the approximation of survey methods and the harmonization of cattle statistics, certain provisions of Directive 73/132/EEC should be made more explicit or supplemented;

Whereas during the period covered by Directive 73/132/EEC Italy has been unable, for technical reasons, to update the sampling criteria in order to observe the Community margins of error and therefore wishes to extend the exemption provided for by Article 4 of the Directive;

Whereas for technical reasons the Federal Republic of Germany carries out agricultural surveys in even years and whereas arrangements should forthwith be made to permit the date provided for by Article 5 (4) of Directive 73/132/EEC to be supplied according to this pattern;

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No L 153, 9.6.1973, p. 25

<sup>2</sup> OJ No L 16, 20.1.1978, p. 20

<sup>3</sup>

Whereas experience indicates that the Commission departments responsible for administering the market should have access to certain additional breakdowns and production forecasts covering the entire year following the year under review;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Directive 73/132/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

1. The exemption provided for in Article 4 (3) shall be extended to 1983 for Italy.

2. Article 5 (2) is replaced by the following:

'2. The Member States shall notify the Commission annually, not later than ten weeks after the reference month, of the final results of one of the two surveys on the population, broken down according to the following territorial subdivisions:

Belgium:	provinces/provincies
Denmark:	-
FR of Germany:	Regierungsbezirke
France:	régions de programme
Ireland:	-
Italy:	regioni
Luxembourg:	-
Netherlands:	Provincies
United Kingdom:	Standard regions"

3. Article 5(3) and (4) are replaced by the following:

'3. On the basis of the results of one of the two surveys on the population, the Member States shall process and forward to the Commission, at least every two years starting with the data for 1981, the national data according to the size of the herd kept and in the form of the tables drawn up in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 9.

'4. The Member States shall notify the Commission at the same time, on the basis of any available source of information to be specified in their notification, the composition of their 'cow' population according to purpose, in the form of tables to be drawn up in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 9.'

4. The first subparagraph of Article 6(1) of Directive 73/132/EEC is replaced by the following:

'1. On the basis of the results and of other available data the Member States shall estimate gross indigenous production of cattle:

- in the case of the intermediate survey, for the second half of the current year and for each half of the following calendar year;
- in the case of the December survey, for each half of the following calendar year.'

#### Article 2

The exemption provided for in Article 2(3) of Directive 78/53/EEC shall be extended to 1983.

#### Article 3

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

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