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PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

extending the derogations granted in respect of classical  
swine fever to Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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# EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Because of their specific requirements and the effect of existing Community legislation, Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom were authorized to retain for a specific period their national rules relating to protecting against classical swine fever. That period was to have been for studying and preparing Community rules for the purpose of ensuring maximum fluidity in intra-Community trade whilst protecting the health standards already attained.

There proved to be more technical difficulties than anticipated and a new factor emerged when, upon adoption of a Directive in December 1976, the Council requested the Commission to submit proposals on measures for the eradication of swine fever in the Community. These proposals are now being prepared and their contents will influence the ways in which trade will be affected by any guarantees required as regards swine fever. Work on these matters will have to be conducted simultaneously.

It is therefore proposed that the deadline of 31 December 1977, the date on which the derogations granted to the three Member States concerned will cease to apply, be extended by one year.



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Council Directive of .....  
extending the derogation granted in respect of classical  
swine fever to Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 43 and 100 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom benefit from derogations authorizing them to retain until 31 December 1977 their national rules on protection against swine fever, on introduction into their territory of swine for breeding, store and slaughter or of fresh pigmeat; whereas these derogations are contained in Article 104 (1) of the Act of Accession<sup>(1)</sup> and Article 13 of Council Directive 72/461/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat<sup>(2)</sup>, as last amended by Council Directive 77/98/EEC<sup>(3)</sup>,

Whereas the period within which the technical difficulties were to be solved and Community standards laid down as regards swine fever have proved to be too short; whereas the solutions to be adopted are to some extent linked to the swine fever eradication measures on which the Council has requested the Commission to submit proposals; whereas such proposals have not yet been submitted;

Whereas it is therefore necessary to extend by one year the derogations granted to the three Member States concerned,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE :

(1) OJ No L 73, 27.2.1972, p. 14

(2) OJ No L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 24

(3) OJ No L 26, 31.1.1977, p. 81

Article 1

Until 31 December 1978, Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom are hereby authorized to retain, on introduction into their territory of swine for breeding, store and slaughter, their national rules relating to protection against swine fever, while complying with the general provisions of the EEC Treaty.

Article 2

In Article 13 of Directive 72/461/EEC the date "31 December 1977" is hereby replaced by "31 December 1978".

Article 3

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

for the Council  
The President