

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

— COM(82) 522 final.

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Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION

on the list of establishments in the Republic of Finland
approved for the purpose of importing fresh meat into the
Community

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In application of the Council Directive of 12 December 1972, the Commission must draw up a list of establishments (abattoirs, cutting plants, cold stores) approved for export to the Community of fresh meat of bovine animals, swine, sheep, goats and of domestic solipeds. For the purpose of drawing up this list, a Community mission visited Finland during the months of September 1981 and June 1982 and, on the basis of information gathered on-the-spot, it is proposed to draw up a list of establishments approved for the Community as a whole.

It consists of a first list which must be very soon supplemented following a new inspection mission made at the request of the Third Country concerned, involving establishments which this country regards as being able to conform with Community provisions in a short time.

The Commission submitted the attached draft Decision to the Standing Veterinary Committee which was not in a position to deliver a favourable opinion. The Federal Republic of Germany voted against because it estimated, in view of the results of the last inspection carried out in Argentina during the month of March 1982, that priority must be given to the decision concerning this country; it is correct that a draft of this type has already been drawn up but, because of recent events, the services of the Commission have not been in a position to commence and complete in due time, with the Argentinian authorities, the information procedure which it is normal to follow before taking a decision concerning a third country. The United Kingdom abstained estimating that, in this field, all application decisions of the Directive 72/462/EEC would prejudice the decisions which the Council has not yet taken on the modifications which the Commission proposed to make to this same Directive. Ireland also abstained. The other delegations delivered favourable opinions.

The Commission hereby transmits the attached proposal to the Council in application of the procedure of the Standing Veterinary Committee laid down in Article 29 of Directive 72/462/EEC.

PROPOSAL FOR A
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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine animals and swine and fresh meat from third countries⁽¹⁾, and in particular Articles 4(1) and 18(1)(a) and (b) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas establishments in third countries cannot be authorised to export fresh meat to the Community unless they satisfy the general and special conditions laid down in Directive 72/462/EEC;

Whereas Finland has forwarded, in accordance with Article 4(3) of Directive 72/462/EEC, a list of the establishments authorised to export to the Community;

Whereas Community on-the-spot visits have shown that the hygiene standards of many of these establishments are sufficient and they may therefore be entered on a first list, drawn up according to Article 4(1) of the said Directive, of establishments from which importation of fresh meat may be authorised;

Whereas the case of the other establishments proposed by Finland has to be reexamined on the basis of additional information regarding their hygiene standards and their ability to adapt quickly to the Community rules;

(1) O.J. No. L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.

Whereas, in the meantime and so as to avoid any abrupt interruption of existing trade flows, these establishments may be authorized temporarily to continue their exports of fresh meat to those Member States prepared to accept them;

Whereas it will therefore be necessary to reexamine and, if necessary, amend this Decision in the light of measures taken to this end and improvements made;

Whereas it should be recalled that imports of fresh meat are also subject to other Community veterinary rules, particularly as regards health protection requirements, including the special provisions for Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom;

Whereas the conditions for the importation of fresh meat from establishments appearing on the list annexed to this Decision remain subject to provisions laid down elsewhere and to the general provisions of the Treaty; whereas in particular, the importation from third countries and the re-exportation to other Member States of certain categories of meat, such as cuts weighing less than 3 kg, or meat containing residues of certain substances which are not yet covered by harmonised Community rules, remain subject to the health legislation of the importing Member State;

Whereas, since the Standing Veterinary Committee has not given a favourable opinion, the Commission is unable to adopt the provisions it had envisaged on this matter under the procedure provided for in Article 29 of the Directive referred to above,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

1. The establishments in Finland listed in the Annex are hereby approved for the purposes of ^{importing} / fresh meat into the Community pursuant to the said Annex.
2. Imports from those establishments shall remain subject to the Community veterinary provisions laid down elsewhere, and in particular those concerning health protection requirements.

Article 2

1. Member States shall prohibit imports of fresh meat coming from establishments other than those listed in the Annex.
2. This prohibition, however, shall not apply until 1 April 1983 to establishments which are not listed in the Annex but which have been officially approved and proposed by the Finnish authorities as of 10 June 1982 pursuant to Article 4(3) of Directive 72/462/EEC, unless a decision is taken to the contrary, in accordance with Article 4(1) of the abovementioned Directive, before 1 April 1983.

The Commission shall forward the list of these establishments to the Member States.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 October 1982.

Article 4

This Decision shall be reviewed and if necessary amended before 1 March 1983.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

FINLANDLIST OF ESTABLISHMENTS

I. BOVINE MEAT

A. Slaughterhouses and cutting premises

<u>Establishment No</u>	<u>Address</u>	
17	Forssan Teurastamo Oy	Forssan

B. Slaughterhouses

7	Lahden Kaupungin Teurastamo	Lahti
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II. PIGMEAT

A. Slaughterhouses and cutting premises

22	Itikka	Nurmo
17	Forssan Teurastamo Oy	Forssan

B. Slaughterhouses

7	Lahden Kaupungin Teurastamo	Lahti
73	Pouttu Oy	Kannus

III. COLD STORES

92	Pakastamo Oy	Kolohonka
91	Pakastamo Oy	Pitäjänmäki

