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Amendment of the
Proposal for

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

on health problems affecting intra -Community trade in fresh meat

Amendment of the
Proposal for

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on health problems relating to residues of antibiotics in fresh
meat of Community origin.

Amendment of the
Proposal for

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amending Directive 72/462/EEC on health and veterinary inspection
problems upon importation of bovine animals and swine and fresh
meat from Third Countries

(Presented by the commission to the council pursuant to the second
paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Following the advice given by the European Parliament at its session of 16th September 1982, the Commission has decided, in accordance with the second paragraph of Article 149 of the Treaty, to modify the proposals for a Directive on health problems affecting intern-Community trade in fresh meat (1), a directive amending directive 72/462/EEC on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine animals and swine and fresh-meat from Third Countries (2) and for a directive on health problems relating to residues of anti-biotics in fresh-meat of Community origin (3).

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- (1) O.J. C. 255 of 7th October 1981; p. 2
(2) O.J. C. 250 of 30th September 1981; p. 3
(3) O.J. C. 251 of 1st October 1981; p. 7

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on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat

On 14th September 1981, the Commission submitted the above mentioned proposal to the Council. For the reasons indicated in the explanatory memorandum, the following amendments are made to the initial proposal :

In Article 3, paragraph 1, the following paragraph is added :

" 1. E. Fresh meat wrapped in a vacuum or in a controlled atmosphere must bear an indication of the date of packaging."

In Article 3, paragraph 2, c is replaced by the following :

"2. c to fresh meat introduced by authorisation of the country of destination intended exclusively for the supply of military forces stationed in its territory but not under its flag in so far as this meat complies with Community animal health requirements.

The Member State shall ensure that this meat is not placed in free circulation."

In Article 3, paragraph 2, d is replaced by the following :

"2. d to fresh meat obtained in accordance with the rules of the Member State of production and which complies with Community animal health requirements :

- forming part of travellers' personal luggage and intended for their personal consumption in so far as the amount or quantity transported does not exceed 5 kg per person;
- sent as small packages to private persons provided that such meat is not imported by way of trade, in so far as the quantity sent does not exceed 5 kg;
- for consumption by the crew and passengers on means of transport operating commercially between Member States.

In Article 4, paragraph 2a, the following sub-paragraph is added :

"However supervision of the hygiene requirements of Annexe I, chapter IV may be carried out by other officials of the competent authority, such officials must be designated by the competent central authority. The competent central authority of member states may only designate for this purpose appropriate trained personnel with the qualifications indicated in annexe V."

In Article 3, paragraph 4, b and c are replaced by the following :

" b)

fresh meat from animals to which have been administered stilbenes, stilbene derivatives their salts and esters, or thyrostatic substances and meat containing residues of these substances;

c) fresh meat containing residues of other substances having a hormonal action, antibiotics, antimony, arsenic, pesticides or other substances which are harmful or likely to make the consumption of fresh meat dangerous or harmful to human health, if such residues exceed the permitted limit.

A list of the permitted levels concerned shall be drawn up following the procedure laid down in Article 13.

In Article 3, paragraph 5 is replaced by the following :

"5a) Without prejudice to paragraph 4 , and pending the entry into force of provisions adopted by the European Economic Community, this directive shall not affect member states provisions concerning the treatment of slaughter animals with tenderizers."

b Following the procedure laid down in Article 13 additional provisions may be adopted to ensure uniform application of the requirements of paragraph 4."

Article 9 is deleted and Articles 10 - 16 renumbered 9 - 15 respectively.

The following Annex V is added :

ANNEX V

For the United Kingdom

Diploma or Certificate of Registration in Environmental Health of the relevant professional bodies or other qualification in Environmental Health recognized by such bodies or their predecessors.

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on health problems relating to residues of antibiotics in fresh
meat of Community origin.

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In Article 4, paragraph 2.3 is replaced by the following :

"3) their slaughter for human consumption is prohibited until it can be proved or assumed by virtue of knowledge and existing practice that the residues present no longer exceed the tolerance, and in any case until the end of the withdrawal period fixed for each residue in Annex I to this directive.

Article 7 is deleted and Articles 8 - 12 renumbered 8 - 11 respectively.

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proposal to the Council. For the reasons indicated in the explanatory
memorandum, the following amendments are made to the initial proposal :

In Article 1, the following paragraph 13 is added :

"In article 17, the following is added to paragraph 2 :

h) Fresh meat wrapped in a vacuum or in a controlled atmosphere must
bear an indication of the date of packaging".