

COMMISSION DECISION

of 16 December 1997

amending Decision 97/534/EC on the prohibition of the use of material presenting risks as regards transmissible spongiform encephalopathies

(Text with EEA relevance)

(97/866/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 89/662/EEC of 11 December 1989 concerning veterinary checks in intra-Community trade with a view to the completion of the internal market⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 92/118/EEC⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 9 (4) thereof,Having regard to Council Directive 90/425/EEC of 26 June 1990 concerning veterinary and zootechnical checks applicable in intra-Community trade in certain live animals and products with a view to the completion of the internal market⁽³⁾, as last amended by Directive 92/118/EEC, and in particular Article 10 (4) thereof,Having regard to Council Directive 90/675/EEC of 10 December 1990 laying down the principles governing the organization of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries⁽⁴⁾, last amended by Directive 96/43/EC⁽⁵⁾, and in particular Article 19 thereof,Whereas the Commission adopted on 30 July 1997 Decision 97/534/EC on the prohibition of the use of material presenting risks as regards transmissible spongiform encephalopathies⁽⁶⁾; whereas that Decision is to apply from 1 January 1998;

Whereas, however, more time is needed to review the implications of that Decision for a wide range of products and to review new scientific advice; whereas, therefore, the date from which Decision 97/534/EC is to apply should be deferred;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 10 of Decision 97/534/EC, the date of '1 January 1998' is hereby replaced by that of '1 April 1998'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 16 December 1997.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 395, 30. 12. 1989, p. 13.⁽²⁾ OJ L 62, 15. 3. 1993, p. 49.⁽³⁾ OJ L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 29.⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 373, 31. 12. 1990, p. 1.⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 162, 1. 7. 1996, p. 1.⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 216, 8. 8. 1997, p. 95.