

**COUNCIL DECISION**  
**of 14 December 1999**  
**amending Commission Decision 97/534/EC on the prohibition of the use of material presenting risks as regards transmissible spongiform encephalopathies**

(1999/881/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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 <sup>(1)</sup>, 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 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 10(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 97/78/EC of 18 December 1997 laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries <sup>(3)</sup>, and in particular Article 22 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) 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 <sup>(4)</sup>. Decision 97/534/EC is to apply from 31 December 1999;
- (2) However, more time is needed to review the implications of that Decision for a wide range of products and to reievw new scientific advice. The date from which

Decision 97/534/EC is to apply should therefore be deferred;

- (3) The Standing Veterinary Committee has not given a favourable opinion,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

In Article 10 of Decision 97/534/EC, '31 December 1999' shall be replaced by '30 June 2000'.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall apply from 31 December 1999.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 14 December 1999.

*For the Council*

*The President*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 13. Directive as last amended by Directive 92/118/EEC (OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 49).

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 29. Directive as last amended by Directive 92/118/EEC (OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 49).

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 9.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 216, 8.8.1997, p. 95. Decision as last amended by Council Decision 98/745/EC (OJ L 358, 31.12.1998, p. 113).