

COMMISSION DECISION**of 14 July 2005,****amending Decision 2004/292/EC on the introduction of the Traces system and amending Decision 92/486/EEC***(notified under document number C(2005) 2663)***(Text with EEA relevance)****(2005/515/EC)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 20(3) thereof,Having regard to Council Decision 92/438/EEC of 13 July 1992 on computerisation of veterinary import procedures (Shift project), amending Directives 90/675/EEC, 91/496/EEC, 91/628/EEC and Decision 90/424/EEC and repealing Decision 88/192/EEC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 2004/292/EC of 30 March 2004 on the introduction of the Traces system and amending Decision 92/486/EEC ⁽³⁾ provides for entry into the Traces system of all common veterinary entry documents for products from 30 June 2005.
- (2) There is a delay in making available an off-line system for data entry to cope with this huge increase in workload, and in developing an interface allowing communication between national systems and Traces.

- (3) The training by the Member States of freight forwarders to ensure that they play an active part in entering data into the Traces system will take some time.

- (4) The date in Decision 2004/292/EC from which entry into the Traces system of all common veterinary entry documents for products is compulsory should therefore be deferred.

- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 3(3) of Decision 2004/292/EC, '30 June 2005' is replaced by '31 December 2005'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 14 July 2005.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 29. Directive as last amended by Directive 2002/33/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 315, 19.11.2002, p. 14).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 243, 25.8.1992, p. 27. Decision as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 94, 31.3.2004, p. 63. Decision as amended by Decision 2005/123/EC (OJ L 39, 11.2.2005, p. 53).