

COMMISSION DECISION

of 11 October 1996

amending Council Decision 79/542/EEC drawing up a list of third countries from which the Member States authorize imports of bovine animals, swine, equidae, sheep and goats, fresh meat and meat products

(Text with EEA relevance)

(96/605/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine, ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat or meat products from third countries⁽¹⁾, as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Whereas by Council Decision 79/542/EEC⁽²⁾, as last amended by Commission Decision 96/279/EC⁽³⁾, a list of third countries from which Member States authorize imports of bovine animals, swine, equidae, sheep and goat, fresh meat and meat products has been established;

Whereas the authorities of Tunisia gave guarantees that live equidae to be exported to the Community for immediate slaughter have never been treated with substances having a thyrostatic, oestrogenic, androgenic or gestagenic action;

Whereas, it is necessary to modify the Decision 79/542/EEC accordingly;

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

Part 1 of the Annex of Decision 79/542/EEC is amended as follows:

— in the line concerning Tunisia and in the column for residues, the reference O is replaced by (d).

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 11 October 1996.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 146, 14. 6. 1979, p. 15.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 107, 30. 4. 1996, p. 1.