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Proposal for a

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

**amending Council Directive 90/675/EEC laying down the principles  
governing the organisation of veterinary checks on products  
entering the Community from third countries**

(presented by the Commission)



Explanatory Memorandum

Council Directive 90/675/EEC, laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries<sup>(1)</sup>, introduces arrangements for a new system of veterinary checks for products entering the Community from third countries.

To facilitate the move to the new system, Article 30 of the Directive provides for the possibility for transitional measures up to the end of June 1995.

Although progress has been made in moving to the new system, it has not been possible within the existing time frame to put in place all the necessary checking arrangements and in particular the completion of the process of harmonising the import conditions for animal products originating in third countries.

In order to avoid disruption into trade, it is necessary to prolong the transitional measures for a limited period.

Because the existing deadline for the transitional measures runs out on the 30 June 1995, it is urgently necessary to extend this date with effect not later than 1 July 1995.

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(1) O.J. No. L373 31.12.1990 p. 1

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The Council of the European Union,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission<sup>(1)</sup>,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament<sup>(2)</sup>,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee<sup>(3)</sup>,

Whereas the establishment of the Internal Market made it necessary to fix common principles for the veterinary checks on imports given that internal border checks were to be abolished;

Whereas Directive 90/675/EEC<sup>(4)</sup>, lays down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries;

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(1) O.J. No. C

(2) O.J. No. C

(3) O.J. No. C

(4) O.J. No. L373, 31.12.1990, p. 1. Directive last amended by Council Decision 95/1/EC, Euratom, ECSC (O.J. No. L 1, 1.1.1995, P.1)

Whereas in order to facilitate the move to the new system of veterinary checks, it is possible for the Commission, under Article 30 of the abovementioned Directive, to take transitional measures until 30 June 1995;

Whereas by Decision 92/571/EEC<sup>(5)</sup>, as last amended by Decision 95/55/EC<sup>(6)</sup>, the Commission took transitional measures which take into account the difficulty of carrying out veterinary checks on non fully harmonised products at the external border;

Whereas it has not been possible within the existing time frame for transitional measures to put in place all the necessary checking arrangements and in particular the completion of the process of harmonising the import conditions for animal products originating in third countries;

Whereas in order to avoid disruption into trade in animal products, it is necessary to extend the possibility of taking transitional measures for a limited period of time.

Whereas the existing deadline for transitional measures runs out on 30 June 1995, it is urgently necessary to extend this date with effect not later than 1 July 1995.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

#### Article 1

In Article 30 of Council Directive 90/675/EEC the words: "for three years" are replaced by the following: "Until 31 December 1996"

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(5) O.J. No. L 387 of 16.12.1992, p. 36.

(6) O.J. No. L 53 of 09.03.1995, p. 37

Article 2

This Directive shall enter into force on 20 June 1995.

Article 3

1. The Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with the provisions of this Directive not later than 28 June 1995, then shall notify the Commission thereof.
2. When Member States adopt these measures, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference on the occasion of their official publication. The methods making such a reference shall be laid down by the Member States.
3. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the texts of the main provisions of national law which they adopt in the field governed by this Directive.

Article 4

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

for the Council  
The President



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