

COMMISSION DECISION

of 6 February 1992

on certain protective measures with respect to scallops originating in Japan

(92/91/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/675/CEE of 10 December 1990 laying down the principles governing the organization of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries⁽¹⁾, as amended by Directive 91/496/EEC⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 19 (1) thereof,

Whereas, pursuant to Article 19 of Directive 90/675/EEC, the necessary decisions must be adopted as regards the import of certain products from third countries on the appearance or spread of any phenomenon liable to present a serious threat to public health ;

Whereas the presence of a paralytic toxin (PSP) has been recorded on several occasions in consignments of scallops imported from Japan ;

Whereas the levels of toxin observed can constitute a danger to public health ; whereas the necessary protective measures should be adopted at Community level ;

Whereas in the absence of health guarantees from the Japanese authorities imports of scallops from Japan should be prohibited ;

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

Member States shall prohibit the importation of consignments of great scallops, variegated scallops, queen scallops

and other bivalve molluscs of the *Pectinidae* family originating in Japan.*Article 2*

The Commission will monitor the development of the situation and this Decision will be amended in the light of such development.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the 30th day following its notification.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 6 February 1992.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 373, 31. 12. 1990, p. 1.⁽²⁾ OJ No L 268, 24. 9. 1991, p. 56.