

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 6 August 1996

on protective measures in relation to Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis in Mexico

(Text with EEA relevance)

(96/486/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/496/EEC of 15 July 1991 laying down the principles governing the organization of veterinary checks on animals entering the Community from third countries and amending Directives 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC and 90/675/EEC<sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Directive 96/43/EC<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 18 thereof,Having regard to Council Directive 90/426/EEC of 26 June 1990 on animal health conditions governing the movement and import from third countries of equidae<sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas the presence of Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis has been confirmed in Mexico;

Whereas the appearance of Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis in Mexico constitutes a serious threat to equidae of the Member States, taking into account the various movements of equidae;

Whereas it is therefore necessary to prohibit the re-admission of registered horses after temporary export and the temporary admission and import of equidae from Mexico;

Whereas, in view of the guarantees provided by the Mexican authorities, the re-admission of registered horses after temporary export to the metropolitan area of Monterrey (Mexico) and the temporary admission of registered horses from that area of Mexico should be permitted;

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*

The Member States shall prohibit the temporary admission of registered horses, the re-admission of registered horses after temporary export and the import of equidae from Mexico.

*Article 2*

However, Member States shall authorize:

- the re-admission of registered horses after temporary export to the metropolitan area of Monterrey,
- the temporary admission of registered horses from the metropolitan area of Monterrey.

*Article 3*

Member States shall amend the measures they apply in respect of Mexico to bring them into line with this Decision. They shall inform the Commission thereof.

*Article 4*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 6 August 1996.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 268, 24. 9. 1991, p. 56.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 162, 1. 7. 1996, p. 1.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 42.