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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 18 December 1996

amending Decision 93/196/EEC and 93/197/EEC on imports of *Equidae* from Iceland

(Text with EEA relevance)

(97/36/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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*⁽¹⁾, as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Articles 15 (a) and 16 thereof,

Whereas the veterinary authorities in Iceland have provided the Commission with assurances as to the absence of equine infectious anaemia from their territory;

Whereas the serological test for this disease ('Coggins test') should therefore be discontinued on the importation of *Equidae* from Iceland; whereas the veterinary authorities in Iceland should nevertheless certify that Iceland is officially free of the disease;

Whereas Commission Decision 93/196/EEC of 5 February 1993 on animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of *Equidae* for slaughter⁽²⁾, as last amended by Decision 96/279/EC⁽³⁾, and Decision 93/197/EEC of 5 February 1993 on animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of registered

Equidae and *Equidae* for breeding and production⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Decision 96/279/EC, should therefore be amended;

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

1. Decision 93/196/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

(a) in Annex I (III) (j), the first indent is replaced by:

- '— (i) a Coggins test for equine infectious anaemia⁽¹⁾, or
- (ii) in the case of *Equidae* which have resided in Iceland from birth, it is certified that Iceland is officially free of equine infectious anaemia⁽²⁾.'

(b) in Annex II (III) (j), the first indent is replaced by:

- '— (i) a Coggins test for equine infectious anaemia⁽⁴⁾, or
- (ii) in the case of *Equidae* which have resided in Iceland from birth, it is certified that Iceland is officially free of equine infectious anaemia⁽⁴⁾.'

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 42.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 86, 6. 4. 1993, p. 7.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 107, 30. 4. 1996, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 86, 6. 4. 1993, p. 16.

2. In Decision 93/197/EEC, Annex II (Health Certificate A) (III) (j), the first indent is replaced by:

- (i) a Coggins test for equine infectious anaemia⁽²⁾, or
- (ii) in the case of *Equidae* which have resided in Iceland from birth, it is certified that Iceland is officially free of equine infectious anaemia⁽²⁾.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 18 December 1996.

For the Commission

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