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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 April 2000

approving the programme concerning infectious haemotopoietic necrosis and viral haemorrhagic septicaemia submitted by Italy for fish farms in the Udine province

(notified under document number C(2000) 920)

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/310/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/67/EEC of 28 January 1991 concerning the animal health conditions governing the placing on the market of aquaculture animals and products (1), as last amended by Directive 98/45/EC (2), and in particular Article 10(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- Member States may submit to the Commission a programme designed to enable them to obtain the (1)status of approval farm situated in a non-approved zone, with regard to certain diseases affecting fish.
- Italy has submitted to the Commission a programme concerning infectious haemotopoietic necrosis (2)(IHN) and viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS), with a view to obtaining the status of approved farm for five farms situated in the Udine province.
- This programme specifies the geographical situation of the farm concerned, the measures to be taken (3) by the official services, the procedures to be followed by the approved laboratories, the prevalence of the diseases concerned and the measures to combat these diseases where detected.
- On scrutiny the programme has been found to comply with Article 10 of Directive 91/67/EEC. (4)
- The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing (5) Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The control programme for IHN and VHS in five farms situated in the upper basin of the river Tagliamento in the Udine province, presented by Italy, is hereby approved.

^{(&}lt;sup>1</sup>) OJ L 46, 19.2.1991, p. 1. (²) OJ L 189, 3.7.1998, p. 12.

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Article 2

Italy should bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with the programme referred to in Article 1.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 7 April 2000.

For the Commission David BYRNE Member of the Commission