

Council Directive 92/119/EEC of 17 December 1992 introducing
general Community measures for the control of certain animal
diseases and specific measures relating to swine vesicular disease

Article 19

1 Vaccination against the diseases listed in Annex I may not be carried out except as a supplement to control measures taken when the disease in question broke out, in accordance with the following provisions:

- a the decision to introduce vaccination as a supplement to control measures shall be taken by the Commission, in cooperation with the Member State concerned, under the procedure laid down in Article 26;
- b this decision shall be based on the following criteria in particular:
 - the concentration of animals of the species concerned in the affected zone,
 - the characteristics and composition of each vaccine used,
 - the procedures for supervision of the distribution, storage and use of vaccines,
 - the species and age of the animals which may or must be vaccinated,
 - the areas in which vaccination may or must be carried out,
 - the duration of the vaccination campaign.

2 In the case referred to in paragraph 1:

- a the vaccination or re-vaccination of animals of susceptible species on the holdings referred to in Article 4 shall be prohibited;
- b hyper-immune serum injection shall be prohibited.

3 In the event of recourse to vaccination, the following rules shall apply:

- a all vaccinated animals must be identified by a clear and legible mark in accordance with a method approved by the procedure laid down in Article 25;
- b all vaccinated animals must remain within the vaccination zone unless sent to a slaughterhouse designated by the competent authority for immediate slaughter, in which case the movement of animals may be authorized only after the official veterinarian has carried out an examination of all the susceptible animals on the holding and confirmed that none of the animals is suspected of being infected.

4 When the vaccination operations have been completed, movements of animals of susceptible species from the vaccination zone may be permitted under the procedure laid down in Article 26, after a period determined by the same procedure.

5 Member States shall inform the Commission on a regular basis, within the Standing Veterinary Committee, of progress as regards the vaccination measures.

6 However, by way of derogation from paragraph 1, the decision to introduce emergency vaccination may be taken by the Member State concerned, following notification of the Commission, provided that the fundamental interests of the Community are not affected. That decision, which must in particular take into account the degree of concentration of the animals in certain regions, of the need to protect individual breeds and of the geographical area in which vaccination is carried out, shall forthwith be re-examined, under the procedure laid down in Article 26, by the Standing Veterinary Committee, which may decide to retain, modify or extend the measures or to bring them to an end.