

Council Directive 2000/75/EC of 20 November 2000 laying down specific provisions for the control and eradication of bluetongue

*Article 18*

1 Each Member State shall draw up a contingency plan indicating the means by which it applies the measures laid down in this Directive.

This plan must provide for access to plant, equipment, personnel and any other appropriate facility necessary for the swift and effective eradication of the disease.

2 The criteria to be applied for drawing up the plans referred to in paragraph 1 are set out in Annex III.

Plans drawn up pursuant to these criteria shall be submitted to the Commission no later than three months after the entry into force of this Directive.

The Commission shall examine the plans, in order to determine whether they enable the desired objective to be attained, and shall suggest to the Member State concerned any modification required, *inter alia*, in order to guarantee that they are compatible with those of the other Member States.

The Commission shall approve the plans, if necessary with modifications, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 20(2).

The plans may subsequently be modified or supplemented, in accordance with the same procedure, to take account of developments in the situation.