


Procedure file

Basic information	
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Health problems: intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine (amend. Directive 64/432/EEC)	
Subject 3.10.08 Animal health requirements, veterinary legislation and pharmacy 4.60.04.04 Food safety	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	V/ALE GRAEFE ZU BARINGDORF Friedrich-Wilhelm	24/11/1999
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2256	17/04/2000
	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Agriculture and Rural Development		

Key events			
25/10/1999	Legislative proposal published	COM(1999)0456	Summary
15/11/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
23/02/2000	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
23/02/2000	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A5-0044/2000	
15/03/2000	Debate in Parliament		
16/03/2000	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T5-0104/2000	Summary
17/04/2000	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
16/05/2000	Final act signed		

16/05/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
04/07/2000	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(1999)0456 OJ C 116 26.04.2000, p. 0011 E	25/10/1999	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1125/1999 OJ C 051 23.02.2000, p. 0031	08/12/1999	ESC	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0044/2000 OJ C 346 04.12.2000, p. 0004	23/02/2000	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T5-0104/2000 OJ C 377 29.12.2000, p. 0168-0322	16/03/2000	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

[Directive 2000/20](#)
[OJ L 163 04.07.2000, p. 0035](#) Summary

Health problems: intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine (amend. Directive 64/432/EEC)

PURPOSE: to amend Directive 64/432/EEC on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine. **CONTENT:** Directive 64/432/EEC on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine, was as last amended by Directive 98/99/EC with regard to the date from which the provisions are applicable. Prior to the adoption by the Council of Directive 98/99/EC, Directive 64/432/EEC had been amended and updated by Council Directive 97/12/EC with regard to the article and Annexes B, C, D (Chapter II) and E, and by Directive 98/46/EC with regard to the Annexes A, D (Chapter I) and F. The provisions of Directive 64/432/EEC as amended are applicable as from 1 July 1999 and implementation problems have been encountered that require transitional measures to avoid disturbances in trade in live animals of the bovine and porcine species. The purpose of this proposal is to provide for a legal basis to adopt transitional measures by the Commission in accordance with Standing Veterinary Committee procedures, to introduce certain transitional measures as considered necessary by the Member States to continue trade in live bovine animals and to align certain provisions of that directive so as to ensure coherence with Community law. It is, furthermore, the purpose to modify this Directive in the light of Council Decision 1999/468/EC laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission taking into account that certain provisions have implications both for the protection of public health and animal health.?

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The committee adopted the report (codecision procedure, first reading) by Friedrich-Wilhelm GRAEFE ZU BARINGDORF (Greens/EFA, D)

reluctantly approving the Commission proposal to delay until the end of 2000 new rules concerning tuberculosis, brucellosis and leukosis in cattle and swine. The report regretted that delays by some Member States in setting up computerised databases needed to trace animals and monitor animal diseases had led to the postponement of animal-health regulations which were originally intended to enter into force on 1 July 1998. However, the committee accepted that there was no great harm in postponing (under certain conditions) mandatory brucellosis and tuberculosis tests until 31 December 2000. It also agreed that a special arrangement allowing imports of Spanish beef cattle which were not officially free of TB, leukosis and brucellosis could be continued, again until 31 December and under certain conditions, as the decision on whether to risk such imports was a matter for the discretion of the Member States. What the committee objected to was the Commission's proposal to allow the Member States an additional three-year grace period to implement the new rules under transitional measures over which Parliament would have no say. In order to encourage the Member States to implement the rules quickly whilst also allowing them time to adapt, and to avoid disruptions in the beef, veal and pork sectors, which were already in difficulties, the committee called for this grace period to be cut to two years. It also wanted proper policing of the new regulations, with spot checks in the Member States and monitoring by the Commission.?

Health problems: intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine (amend. Directive 64/432/EEC)

The European Parliament approved its resolution on the Commission's proposal, drafted by Mr. GRAEFE zu BARINGDORF (GUE/EFA, D), subject to two amendments. The first amendment involved the addition of two recitals: one of these refers to the putting in place of a proper system of spot checks, inspections and controls which ensure the efficient implementation of these regulations, while the second states that the Commission is to monitor the proper operation of this directive to ensure that Member States have fully complied with the regulations. The second amendment relates to the adoption of transitional measures which would be applicable for two years, in contrast to the three years in the Commission's proposal.?

Health problems: intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine (amend. Directive 64/432/EEC)

PURPOSE: to amend Council Directive 64/432/EEC on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine. **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Directive 2000/20/EC amending Council Directive 64/432/EEC on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine. **CONTENT:** the objective of the amendment is to solve problems concerning the implementation of a recent provision (introduced by Directive 97/12/EC) concerning trade in bovine animals aged less than 30 months, laying down the requirement to test such animals for brucellosis and tuberculosis. It introduces transitional provisions, including a derogation from the test requirement until 31.12.2000 to allow the Member States to continue the trade. The amendment was adopted following the incorporation into the text of all of the amendments adopted by the European Parliament at its first reading, in accordance with the co-decision procedure. **ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 04.07.2000?