COMMISSION DECISION

of 4 April 1997

suspending the status of a region of the United Kingdom as regards Newcastle disease

(Text with EEA relevance)

(97/263/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/539/CEE of 15 October 1990 on animal health conditions governing intra-community trade in and imports from third countries of poultry and hatching eggs [1] as last modified by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 12 (3) thereof,

Whereas Commission Decision 92/381/EEC of 3 July 1992 establishing the status of a region of the United Kingdom as regards Newcastle disease [2] fixed the status of Northern Ireland as Newcastle Disease non-vaccinating;

Whereas, however, the legislative restrictions prohibiting the systematic recourse to routine vaccination against Newcastle disease have now been removed in Northern Ireland; whereas it is therefore appropriate to suspend the status of Northern Ireland as Newcastle Disease non-vaccinating;

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

The status of Northern Ireland as Newcastle disease non-vaccinating is suspended.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 4 April 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

[1] OJ No L 303, 31. 10. 1990, p. 6.
[2] OJ No L 198, 17. 7. 1992, p. 56.