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(Preparatory Acts)

COMMISSION

Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the European Convention for the Protection of Animals for Slaughter

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(88/C 15/04)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas the Council has adopted Council Directive 75/577/EEC of 18 November 1974, on stunning of animals before slaughter (1), Council Directive 64/433/EEC of 26 June 1964 on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in fresh meat (2), as last amended by Directive 86/587/EEC (3), and in particular Annex I, Chapter I, point 13 (a) thereto, and Council Directive 71/118/EEC of 15 February 1971 on health problems affecting trade in fresh poultrymeat (4), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3768/85 (5), and in particular Annex I, Chapter V, point 20 thereto;

Whereas the European Convention for the Protection of Animals for Slaughter, hereinafter referred to as 'the Convention', was drawn up within the Council of Europe to protect animals for slaughter; whereas Article 20 of the Convention provides that it may be signed by the Member States of the Council of Europe and by the European Economic Community;

Whereas the provisions of the Convention are in accordance with Directives 74/577/EEC (1), 64/433/EEC (2) and 71/118/EEC (4); whereas the scope of the Convention is however wider;

Whereas national laws concerning the protection of animals for slaughter have an impact on the conditions of competition and accordingly on the operation of the common market in agricultural products;

Whereas the Convention covers matters which fall within the scope of the common agricultural policy;

Whereas the Community's participation thus appears to comply with the achievement of the Community's objectives,

HEREBY DECIDES AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The European Convention for the Protection of Animals for Slaughter is hereby approved on behalf of the European Economic Community.

The text of the Convention is given in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall deposit the instrument of approval in accordance with Article 20 of the Convention. The date of entry into force of the Convention shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* through the good offices of the General Secretariat of the Council.

(1) OJ No L 316, 26. 11. 1974, p. 10.
(2) OJ No 121, 29. 7. 1964, p. 2012/64.
(3) OJ No L 339, 2. 12. 1986, p. 26.
(4) OJ No L 55, 8. 3. 1971, p. 23.
(5) OJ No L 362, 31. 12. 1985, p. 8.