

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE
of 20 July 1976
concerning surveys of pig production to be made by Member States
(76/630/EEC)

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 ⁽¹⁾,

Whereas, in order to carry out the tasks imposed on it by the Treaty and by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in pigmeat ⁽²⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 367/76 ⁽³⁾, the Commission needs to be precisely informed as to trends in pig population and in pigmeat production in the Member States, and to have at its disposal short-term forecasts of market supplies of pigmeat;

Whereas surveys of the pig population should therefore be undertaken in all Member States at comparable points in time, covering the same categories and conducted with comparable accuracy; whereas monthly statistics for slaughterings should be supplemented and forecasts of pigmeat production should be made regularly and in respect of identical periods;

Whereas these surveys should in principle be restricted to holdings which normally engage in the breeding or fattening of pigs; whereas it is necessary, however, in order that a complete picture may be obtained, that a special study be made to cover pigs not coming within the field of survey;

Whereas experience gained in implementing Council Directive 68/161/EEC of 27 March 1968 concerning

surveys of pig production to be made by Member States ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Directive 73/359/EEC ⁽⁵⁾, has shown that it is easier to compare results if the return date for surveys of pig population is specified as precisely as possible;

Whereas, since there are to be no further complete joint censuses, appropriate measures must be taken to improve sampling criteria to avoid deterioration in the results of sample surveys;

Whereas, since the structure of the pig-farming industry changes very quickly, it is necessary that a breakdown of results of the surveys by categories of animal be made at least every two years;

Whereas, in order that it may be ascertained whether the survey methods used have been giving a clear picture of continuing developments in the pig-farming industry, a progress report should be submitted from time to time;

Whereas, in order to ensure that efforts are coordinated as efficiently as possible, all problems arising in connection with the implementation of this Directive, with the conduct and analysis of the surveys, must be the subject of consultation and permanent cooperation between the Commission and the Member States;

Whereas, in the light of experience gained in previous surveys of pig production, it is necessary to introduce some measure of flexibility into the statistical classification of the technical features to be surveyed;

Whereas, in order to facilitate the application of the proposed measures, provision should be made for

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 159, 12. 7. 1976, p. 41.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 282, 1. 11. 1975, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 45, 21. 2. 1976, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 76, 28. 3. 1968, p. 13.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 326, 27. 11. 1973, p. 19.