Animal diseases, public health: zoonoses control and prevention, food-borne intoxications (amend. Directive 92/117/EEC)

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PURPOSE: to amend directive 92/117/EEC concerning measures for protection against specified zoonoses in order to defer the time limit provided for in the directive for the presentation of new proposals in this area. CONTENT: in line with the provisions of directive 92/117/EEC, the Commission is submitting to the Council and to the European Parliament a report on the measures to be applied for the control and prevention of zoonoses. The experience of the implementation of the provisions of the directive have shown the necessity to review certain technical provisions and to reflect on other measures needed at Community level to prevent zoonoses posing a threat to human health. Such a review deals with a range of complex and difficult issues and was expected to take an extended period of time. Therefore, the Council granted the Commission, through directive 97/22/EC, a period of 18 months to come up with new proposals. At the same time, certain time limits that were imposed on the Member States for implementing control programmes have been extended.