

JUDGMENT OF THE COURT (SECOND CHAMBER)
OF 8 NOVEMBER 1979 ¹

P. B. Groenveld B.V.
v Produktschap voor Vee en Vlees
(preliminary ruling requested by the College van Beroep
voor het Bedrijfsleven, The Hague)

“Horsemeat”

Case 15/79

1. *Free movement of goods — Quantitative restrictions on exports — Measures having equivalent effect — Concept*
(EEC Treaty, Art. 34)
2. *Free movement of goods — Quantitative restrictions on exports — Measures having equivalent effect — Prohibition of manufacture of meat products based on horsemeat — Permissibility — Conditions*
(EEC Treaty, Art. 34)

1. Article 34 of the Treaty concerns national measures which have as their specific object or effect the restriction of patterns of exports and thereby the establishment of a difference in treatment between the domestic trade of a Member State and its export trade in such a way as to provide a particular advantage for national production or for the domestic market of the State in question at the expense of the production or of the trade of other Member States.
2. In the absence of specific Community rules a national measure prohibiting all manufacturers of meat products from having in stock or processing horsemeat is not incompatible with Article 34 of the Treaty if it does not discriminate between products intended for export and those marketed within the Member State in question.

¹ — Language of the Case: Dutch.