COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 September 1994

adopting measures for the import of fruit and vegetables originating in or consigned from Albania

(Text with EEA relevance)

(94/622/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 93/43/EEC of 14 June 1993 on the hygiene of foodstuffs [1], and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas cases of cholera haven been reported in Albania ;

Whereas the presence of cholera in Albania may constitute a serious threat to public health in the Community ; whereas it is necessary to adopt urgently protective measures at Community level concerning certain fruit and vegetables likely to present a risk of contamination ;

Whereas, in the absence of sanitary guarantee from the Albanian authorities, it is necessary to suspect imports of certain fruit and vegetables originating in or consigned from Albania ;

Whereas urgency has not permitted the consultation of Member States,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

Member States shall suspend imports of :

— fruit and vegetables covered by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 [2], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 3669/93 [3], and Council Regulation (EEC) No 827/68 [4], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 794/94 [5],

— processed fruit and vegetables products covered by Council Regulation (EEC) No 426/86 [6], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1490/94 [7],

— other fruit and vegetables falling within Chapters 7, 8 and 20 of the compined nomenclature and not covered by the abovementioned Regulations,

originating in, or consigned from Albania.

Article 2

Article 1 shall not apply to :

1. dried vegetables, dried leguminous vegetables, nuts and dried fruit falling within CN codes 0712, 0713, 0802 and 0813 respectively, and any fruit and vegetable dried to a_w value below 0,85 ;
2. all fruit and vegetables transported under normal conditions, including controlled temperature and moisture conditions when the journey time is at least 21 days ;
3. fruit and vegetables and juices or pulps of these in hermetically sealed tins, jars and bottles heated for preservation to more than 70 °C throughout after sealing ;
4. fruit and vegetables in tins, jars and bottles preserved in acid medium of pH below 4,5 ;
5. frozen fruit and vegetables previously heat-treated to more than 70 °C throughout and packaged under proper hygienic conditions in Albania.

Article 3

Member States shall amend the measures concerning imports necessary to comply with this Decision. They shall inform the Commission thereof.

Article 4

This Decision is applicable until 31 October 1994.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 September 1994.

For the Commission

Martin BANGEMANN

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 175, 19. 7. 1993, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 118, 20. 5. 1972, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 338, 31. 12. 1993, p. 26.
[4] OJ No L 151, 30. 6. 1968, p. 16.
[5] OJ No L 92, 9. 4. 1994, p. 15.
[6] OJ No L 49, 27. 2. 1986, p. 1.
[7] OJ No L 161, 29. 6. 1994, p. 13.