COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 October 1996

amending Council Decision 79/542/EEC drawing up a list of third countries from which the Member States authorize imports of bovine animals, swine, equidae, sheep and goats, fresh meat and meat products

(Text with EEA relevance)

(96/624/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine, ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat or meat products from third countries [1], as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Whereas Council Decision 79/542/EEC [2], as last amended by Commission Decision 96/605/EC [3], draws up a list of third countries from which Member States authorize imports of bovine animals, swine, equidae, sheep and goats, fresh meat and meat products;

Whereas the authorities of Argentina and Uruguay have provided the Commission with satisfactory information on the health situation and veterinary structures responsible for checking, in both of these countries, the meat of wild cloven-hoofed animals;

Whereas the authorities of the Czech Republic have provided the Commission with satisfactory information on the health situation and the veterinary structures responsible for the prevention of classical swine fever in wild boar;

Whereas Decision 79/542/EEC must be amended as a result;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision 79/542/EEC is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 October 1996.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.
[2] OJ No L 146, 14. 6. 1979, p. 15.
[3] OJ No L 267, 19. 10. 1996, p. 29.

ANNEX

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This is a list in principle, imports shall fulfil the appropriate animal and public health requirements

PART 1

LIVE ANIMALS, FRESH MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS

ISO country code	Country	Fresh meat and meat products "Domestic"				Fresh meat "Wild"		Live animals				Animal health			Public health
		B	S/G	P	E	CH	E	B	S/G	P	E	Fresh meat	Meat products	Live animals	Residues
AL	Albania	o	x	x	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
AR	Argentina	x	x	o	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		(3)		XR
AU	Australia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				XR
BG	Bulgaria	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			XR
BH	Bahrain	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		(3) (4)		o
BR	Brazil	x	x	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	x		(3)	(5)	XR
BW	Botswana	x	x	o	x	x	x	o	o	o	o	(1) (2)	(3)		XR
BY	Belarus	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			(c)
BZ	Belize	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
	Bosnia-Herzegovina	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	o	x	(1)			o
CA	Canada	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				XR (a)
CH	Switzerland	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				XR
CL	Chile	x	x	o	x	x	x	o	x	o	x	(1)	(3)		XR
CN	People's Republic of China	o	o	x	x	x	x	o	o	o	o	(1)	(3)		o
CO	Colombia	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o		(3)		o
CR	Costa Rica	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o

		B	S/G	P	E	CH	E	B	S/G	P	E	Fresh meat	Meat products	Live animals	Residues
CU	Cuba	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
CY	Cyprus	x	x	x	x	x	x	o	o	x	x				XR
CZ	Czech Republic	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				XR
DZ	Algeria	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	x				o
EE	Estonia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			(c)
ET	Ethiopia	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		(3)		o
GL	Greenland	x	x	o	x	x	x	o	o	o	x	(1)			XR
GT	Guatemala	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
HK	Hong Kong	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		(3)		o
HN	Honduras	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
HR	Croatia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			XR
HU	Hungary	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				XR
IL	Israel	o	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	x		(3)		o
IN	India	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		(3)		o
IS	Iceland	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				XR
KE	Kenya	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		(3)		o
LI	Lithuania	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			(c)
LV	Latvia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			o
MA	Morocco	o	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	x		(3)		XR
MG	Madagascar	x	x	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o		(3)		XR
MK	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	o	x	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	x				XR
MT	Malta	x	o	x	x	o	x	x	x	x	x		(3)		XR
MU	Mauritius	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	x		(3)		o

		B	S/G	P	E	CH	E	B	S/G	P	E	Fresh meat	Meat products	Live animals	Residues
MX	Mexico	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	x				XR
NA	Namibia	x	x	o	x	x	x	o	o	o	o	(1) (2)	(3)		XR
NI	Nicaragua	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
NO	Norway		x						x						XR
NZ	New Zealand	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				XR
PA	Panama	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
PL	Poland	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			XR
PY	Paraguay	x	x	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	x		(3)		XR
RO	Romania	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			XR
RU	Russia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1) (2)		(5)	(c)
SG	Singapore	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		(3)		o
SI	Slovenia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			XR
SK	Slovak Republic	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			XR
SV	El Salvador	x	x	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
SZ	Swaziland	x	o	o	x	x	x	o	o	o	o	(1) (2)	(3)		XR
TH	Thailand	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		(3)		o
TN	Tunisia	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	x		(3) (4)		(c)
TR	Turkey	o	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
UA	Ukraine	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	x				(c)
US	United States of America	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				XR (b)
UY	Uruguay	x	x	o	x	x	x	o	o	o	x		(3)		XR
ZA	South Africa	x	x	x	x	x	x	o	o	o	x	(1) (2)	(3)	(6)	XR
ZW	Zimbabwe	x	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		(3)		XR

B = bovine animals, (including buffalo and bison)

S/G = *Sheep/goats*

P = pigs

E = equidae

CH = cloven-hoofed animals

x = authorized

o = unauthorized

Special remarks

(1) Excluding meat of wild swine.

(2) Excluding bone-in meat and offal.

(3) *Notwithstanding the restrictions in the above list, meat products which have undergone heat treatment in a hermetically sealed container to an* F_o value of 3 or more are authorized.

(4) Notwithstanding the restrictions in the above list, meat products which have been heat treated to a centre temperature of at least 80 °C are authorized.

(5) Member States shall only import equidae in accordance with Commission Decision 92/160/EEC establishing regionalization.

(6) Until specific provisions under Article 13 (2) of Council Directive 90/426/EEC have been adopted, Member States shall not import equidae from this country.

Additional notes

XR The plan on residues in animals and fresh meat for substances having a thyrostatic, androgenic, oestrogenic or gestagenic effect and for substances other than those having a hormonal effect has been approved by the Commission.

Equidae other than equidae for slaughter shall be imported without the third country concerned being obliged to submit a plan.

(a) Imports of live bovine animals are restricted to animals intended for reproduction and to veal calves aged under two weeks intended for fattening.

(b) Imports of beef and veal for human consumption are restricted to:

(i) meat from cows which have been used exclusively for dairy production, or

(ii) meat:

— complying with the conditions agreed between the United States of America and the European Economic Community,

and

— which has been obtained from fresh meat establishments supplied with slaughter animals from holdings approved by the Commission. The names of these establishments are the subject of a specific communication from the Commission to the Member States.

(c) As regards imports of live horses for slaughter sufficient guarantees have been received to allow importation.

PART 2

SPECIAL COLUMN FOR REGISTERED HORSES

ISO country code	Country	Registered horses	Special remarks
AE	United Arab Emirates	x	
BB	Barbados	x	
BH	Bahrain	x	
BM	Bermuda	x	
BO	Bolivia	x	
CO	Colombia	x	(1)
CR	Costa Rica	x	(1)
CU	Cuba	x	
EC	Ecuador	x	(1)
EG	Egypt	x	(1)
HK	Hong Kong	x	
JM	Jamaica	x	
JO	Jordan	x	
JP	Japan	x	
KW	Kuwait	x	
LY	Libya	x	
MO	Macao	x	
MY	Malaysia (Peninsula)	x	
OM	Oman	x	
PE	Peru	x	(1)
QA	Qatar	x	
SG	Singapore	x	
SY	Syria	x	
TR	Turkey	x	(1)
VE	Venezuela	x	(1)

x = authorized

(1) Member States shall import equidae only in accordance with Commission Decision 92/160/EEC establishing the regionalization of certain third countries for imports of equidae.'