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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 Directive 96/91/EC ([2]), and in particular Article 3 (1) thereof,

Whereas Council Directive 91/68/EEC ([3]), as last amended by the Act of Accession for Austria, Finland and Sweden, lays down animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in ovine and caprine animals;

Whereas Commission Decision 93/198/EEC ([4]), as last amended by Decision 97/231/EC ([5]), lays down the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of domestic ovine and caprine animals;

Whereas Member States may only authorize imports of sheep and goats from third countries placed on a list and which have been authorized for this purpose;

Whereas some third countries satisfy the requirements for officially brucellosis free status (in respect of *B. melitensis*);

Whereas the import of sheep and goats for slaughter, fattening and breeding poses different animal health risks which justify the establishment of separate lists of third countries;

Whereas the competent authorities of the third countries on the lists have confirmed that suspicion of the following diseases must be compulsorily notified to them: foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, Rift Valley fever, peste des petits ruminants, rabies, sheep pox, goat pox, scrapie, vesicular stomatitis, bluetongue, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, brucellosis (*B. melitensis*), contagious epididymitis (*B. ovis*), lumpy skin disease and anthrax;

Whereas the competent authorities of the third countries on the lists have undertaken to notify the Commission and the Member States within 24 hours of the occurrence of the following diseases: foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, Rift Valley fever, peste des petits ruminants, sheep pox, goat pox, vesicular stomatitis and bluetongue;

Whereas these lists can be amended at any time to take into account new information or new situations;

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

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([1]) OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.
([2]) OJ No L 13, 16. 1. 1997, p. 26.
([3]) OJ No L 46, 19. 2. 1991, p. 19.
([4]) OJ No L 86, 6. 4. 1993, p. 34.
([5]) See page 22 of this Official Journal.

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HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. Member States shall authorize imports of sheep and goats intended for slaughter only from third countries or parts of third countries appearing on the list in parts 1 or 2 to this Annex and which comply with the provisions of Annex 1, parts 1 (a) or 1 (b) to Decision 93/198/EEC, as appropriate.

2. Member States shall authorize imports of sheep and goats intended for fattening only from third countries or parts of third countries appearing on the list in part 3 to the Annex, and which comply with the provisions of Annex 2, part 1 (a) to Decision 93/198/EEC.

3. Member States shall authorize imports of sheep and goats intended for breeding only from third countries or parts of third countries appearing on the list in part 4 to the Annex, and which comply with the provisions of Annex 2, part 1 (b) to Decision 93/198/EEC.

4. Only third countries or parts of third countries appearing on the list in part 5 to the Annex shall be recognised as having officially brucellosis free (*B. melitensis*) status.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 1 March 1997.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

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ANNEX

PART 1

List of non-member countries authorised to use the certificate at Annex I, part 1(a) to Decision 93/198/EEC for imports of sheep and goats destined for immediate slaughter

Iceland

Switzerland

PART 2

List of non-member countries authorised to use the certificate at Annex I, part 1(b) to Decision 93/198/EEC for imports of sheep and goats destined for immediate slaughter

Bulgaria (excluding the provinces of Bourgas, Jambol, Hasskovo and Kardjali)

Canada (excluding the Okanagan Valley region of British Columbia which is defined as the are enclosed by a line drawn from a point on the Canada/United States border 120º 15′ longitude, 49º latitude northerly to a point 119º 35′ longitude, 50º 30′ latitude north easterly to a point 119º longitude, 50º 45′ latitude southerly to a point on the Canada/United States border 118º 15′ longitude and 49º latitude)

Croatia

Czech Republic

Estonia

Hungary

Latvia

Lithuania

Malta

New Zealand

Poland

Romania

Slovak Republic

Slovenia

PART 3

List of non-member countries which must use the certificate at Annex II, part 1(a) to Decision 93/198/EEC for imports of sheep and goats for fattening

Bulgaria (excluding the provinces of Bourgas, Jambol, Hasskovo and Kardjali)

Canada (excluding the Okanagan Valley region of British Columbia which is defined as the area enclosed by a line drawn from a point on the Canada/United States border 120º 15′ longitude, 49º latitude northerly to a point 119º 35′ longitude, 50º 30′ latitude north easterly to a point 119º longitude, 50º 45′ latitude southerly to a point on the Canada/United States border 118º 15′ longitude and 49º latitude)

Chile

Croatia

Czech Republic

Greenland

Hungary

Iceland

Malta

New Zealand

Poland

Romania

Slovak Republic

Switzerland

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PART 4

List of non-member countries which must use the certificate at Annex II, part 1(b) to Decision 93/198/EEC for imports of breeding sheep and goats

Bulgaria (excluding the provinces of Bourgas, Jambol, Hasskovo and Kardjali)

Canada (excluding the Okanagan Valley region of British Columbia which is defined as the are enclosed by a line drawn from a point on the Canada/United States border 120º 15′ longitude, 49º latitude northerly to a point 119º 35′ longitude, 50º 30 latitude northern easterly to a point 119º longitude, 50º 45′ latitude southerly to a point on the Canada/United States border 118º 15′ longitude and 49º latitude)

Chile

Croatia

Czech Republic

Greenland

Hungary

Iceland

Malta

New Zealand

Poland

Romania

Switzerland

Slovak Republic

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PART 5

Non-member countries or parts of non-member countries recognised as satisfying the criteria for officially Brucellosis-free status

Czech Republic

Greenland

Hungary

Romania

Slovak Republic