COMMISSION DECISION

of 28 July 1997

amending Decision 96/333/EC establishing health certification of live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods from third countries which are not covered by a specific decision

(Text with EEA relevance)

(97/589/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/492/EEC of 15 July 1991 laying down the health conditions for the production and the placing on the market of live bivalve molluscs [1], as amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Whereas Commission Decision 97/20/EC [2], as amended by Decision 97/565/EC [3], establishes the list of third countries fulfilling the equivalence conditions for the production and placing on the market of bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods; whereas Part II of the Annex to that Decision sets out the third countries which might be the subject of a provisional decision based on Council Decision 95/408/EC [4], as amended by Decision 97/34/EC [5]; for those third countries, health certification is required, as provided for in Commission Decision 96/333/EC [6], which is applicable until 30 June 1998;

Whereas Decision 95/408/EC is applicable until 31 December 1998; whereas the period of validity of Decision 96/333/EC should therefore be amended accordingly;

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

In Article 5 of Decision 96/333/EC, the words 'for two years' are hereby replaced by 'to 31 December 1998'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 28 July 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 268, 24. 9. 1991, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 6, 10. 1. 1997, p. 46.
[3] OJ No L 232, 23. 8. 1997, p. 15.
[4] OJ No L 243, 11. 10. 1995, p. 17.
[5] OJ No L 13, 16. 1. 1997, p. 33.
[6] OJ No L 127, 25. 5. 1996, p. 33.