COMMISSION DECISION

of 6 November 1997

amending Decision 97/296/EC drawing up the list of third countries from which the import of fishery products is authorized for human consumption

(Text with EEA relevance)

(97/758/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 95/408/EC of 22 June 1995 on the conditions for drawing up, for an interim period, provisional lists of third country establishments from which Member States are authorized to import certain products of animal origin, fishery products or live bivalve molluscs [1], as last amended by Decision 97/34/EC [2], and in particular Article 2 (2) thereof,

Whereas Commission Decision 97/296/EC [3], as last amended by Decision 97/564/EC [4], lists the third countries from which importation of fishery products is authorized for human consumption;

Whereas Commission Decision 97/757/EC [5] sets specific import terms for fishery and aquaculture products originating in Madagascar; whereas Madagascar should therefore be added to the list of third countries from which importation of fishery products is authorized;

Whereas Article 3 (4) (b) of Council Directive 91/493/EEC of 22 July 1991 laying down the health conditions for the production and the placing on the market of fishery products [6] requires that, before processing, bivalve molluscs satisfy the requirements of Directive 91/492/EEC; whereas in consequence the list of third countries meeting the terms of Directive 91/492/EEC also applies for imports of processed bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods;

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 97/296/EC is replaced by the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 6 November 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 243, 11. 10. 1995, p. 17.
[2] OJ L 13, 16. 1. 1997, p. 33.
[3] OJ L 122, 14. 5. 1997, p. 21.
[4] OJ L 232, 23. 8. 1997, p. 13.
[5] See page 33 of this Official Journal.
[6] OJ L 268, 24. 9. 1991, p. 15.

ANNEX

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List of third countries from which the import of fishery products in any form intended for human consumption is authorized

I. *Third countries covered by a specific decision on the basis of Council Directive 91/493/EEC*

Albania	Gambia	Russia
Argentina	Indonesia	Senegal
Australia	Japan	Singapore
Brazil	Madagascar	South Africa
Canada	Malaysia	South Korea
Chile	Mauritania	Taiwan
Colombia	Morocco	Thailand
Côte d'Ivoire	New Zealand	Uruguay
Ecuador	Peru	
Faeroes	Philippines	

II. *Third countries satisfying the requirements of Article 2 (2) of Council Decision 95/408/EC*

Bangladesh	Guatemala	Slovenia
Belize	Honduras	Suriname
China	India	Switzerland
Costa Rica	Maldives	Togo
Croatia	Mexico	Tunisia
Cuba	Namibia	Turkey
Falkland Islands	Panama	United States of America
Fiji Islands	Poland	Venezuela
Greenland	Seychelles	Vietnam'