COMMISSION DECISION

of 15 December 1997

amending Commission Decision 93/402/EEC concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from South American countries

(Text with EEA relevance)

(98/16/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the 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 Council Directive 96/91/EC [2], in particular Articles 14 and 22 thereof,

Whereas the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from Colombia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Brazil, Chile and Argentina are laid down by Commission Decision 93/402/EEC [3], as last amended by Decision 96/595/EEC [4];

Whereas the territories of Argentina from which Member States authorise the imports of deboned sheep meat were defined in function of the control of the foot-and-mouth disease; whereas Argentina has not recorded cases of foot-and-mouth disease since April 1994;

Whereas the veterinary authorities of Argentina have provided the necessary guarantees;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex I of Decision 93/402/EEC is replaced by the Annex of this Decision.

Article 2

Member States authorise, for 60 days following the date of notification of this Decision to Member States, imports of fresh meat from Argentina produced and certified in accordance with the conditions laid down in Decision 93/402/EEC prior to the entry into force of this Decision.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 15 December 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.
[2] OJ L 13, 16. 1. 1997, p. 26.
[3] OJ L 179, 22. 7. 1993, p. 11.
[4] OJ L 261, 15. 10. 1996, p. 41.

ANNEX

'ANNEX I

DESCRIPTION OF TERRITORIES OF SOUTH AMERICA ESTABLISHED FOR ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATION PURPOSES

Country	Territory		Description of territory
	Code	Version	
Argentina	AR	01/93	Whole country
	AR-1	01/93	South of 42nd parallel
	AR-2	01/94	North of 42nd parallel
	AR-3	01/93	Provinces of Entre Ríos, Corrientes and Misiones
	AR-4	01/97	Provinces of Catamarca, San Juan, La Rioja, Mendoza Neuquén, Río Negro, San Luís, La Pampa, Córdoba, Santa Fe, Santiago del Estero, Chaco, Formosa and Buenos Aires
Brazil	BR	01/93	Whole country
	BR-1	01/96	States of: Rio Grande do Sul, Paraná, Minas Gerais (except regional delegations of Oliveira, Passos, São Gonçalo de Sapucai, Setelagoas and Bambuí), São Paulo, Espírito Santo, Mato Grosso do Sul (except for the municipalities of Sonora, Aquidauana, Bodoquena, Bonito, Caracol, Coxim, Jardim, Ladario, Miranda, Pedro Gomes, Porto Murtinho, Rio Negro, Rio Verde de Mato Grosso and Corumbá), Santa Catarina, Goias and the regional units of Cuiaba (except for the municipalities of Santo António do Leverger, Nossa Senhora do Livramento, Poconé and Barão de Melgaço), Cáceres (except for the municipality of Cáceres), Lucas do Rio Verde, Rondonopolis (except for the municipality of Itiquira), Barra do Garças and Barra do Bugres in Mato Grosso
Chile	CL	01/93	Whole country
Colombia	CO	01/93	Whole country
	CO-1	01/93	The zone included within the following borderlines: from the point where the Murri river flows into the Atrato river, downstream along the Atrato river to where it flows into the Atlantic Ocean, from this point to the Panamanian border following the Atlantic coastline to Cabo Tiburón; from this point to the Pacific Ocean following the Colombian-Panamanian border; from this point to the mouth of the Valle River along the Pacific coast and from this point along a straight line to the point where the Murri river flows into the Atrato river
	CO-2	01/93	The municipalities of Arboletas, Necocli, San Pedro de Uraba, Turbo, Apartado, Chigorodo, Mutata, Dabeiba, Uramita, Murindo, Riosucio (right bank of the Atrato river) and Frontino
	CO-3	01/93	The zone included within the following borderlines: from the mouth of the Sinu river on the Atlantic Ocean, upstream along the Sinu river to its headwaters of Alto Paramillo, from this point to Puerto Rey on the Atlantic Ocean, following the borderline between the department of Antioquia and Córdoba, and from this point to the mouth of the Sinu river along the Atlantic coast
Paraguay	PY	01/93	Whole country
Uruguay	UY	01/93	Whole country'