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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 19 March 1998

concerning the importation of meat products from Mexico and amending Decision 97/222/EC

(Text with EEA relevance)

(98/246/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 animals and swine and fresh meat or meat products from third countries [1], as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC [2] and in particular Articles 21a and 22 thereof,

Whereas Council Decision 79/542/EEC [3], as last amended by Commission Decision 98/146/EC [4], draws up a list of third countries from which the Member States authorise imports of bovine animals, swine, equidae, sheep and goats, fresh meat and meat products;

Whereas Commission Decision 97/221/EEC [5] lays down the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of meat products;

Whereas Commission Decision 97/222/EC [6], as amended by Decision 97/737/EC [7], draws up the list of third countries authorised to use the specimen animal health certificate in respect of meat products imported from third countries;

Whereas the animal health situation and the veterinary services of Mexico, fulfil the requirements to make possible the imports into the Community of some categories of fresh meat;

Whereas Decision 97/222/EC should 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 part II of the Annex to Decision 97/222/EC, the following line is inserted in accordance with the alphabetic order of the ISO code:

'MX	Mexico	A	D	D	A	D	A	D	D	—	A	D	—'

[1] OJ L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.
[2] OJ L 24, 30. 1. 1998, p. 31.
[3] OJ L 146, 14. 6. 1979, p. 15.
[4] OJ L 46, 17. 2. 1998, p. 8.
[5] OJ L 89, 4. 4. 1997, p. 32.
[6] OJ L 89, 4. 4. 1997, p. 39.
[7] OJ L 295, 29. 10. 1997, p. 39.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 19 March 1998.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission