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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 19 October 1998

amending Decision 95/408/EC on the conditions for drawing up, for an interim period, provisional lists of third-country establishments from which Member States are authorised to import certain products of animal origin, fishery products or live bivalve molluscs

(98/603/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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 authorised to import certain products of animal origin, fishery products or live bivalve molluscs [1] and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission [2],

Whereas the interim period opened by Decision 95/408/EC ends on 31 December 1998; whereas, for administrative reasons, the drawing up of the lists of third-country establishments from which Member States are authorised to import certain products in accordance with the Directives on health rules applicable to those products has been delayed;

Whereas, in order to prevent any disruptions in traditional trade patterns, the interim period during which a simplified system may be applied to third-country establishments exporting certain products of animal origin, fishery products or live bivalve molluscs should be extended,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 9 of Decision 95/408/EC the date '31 December 1998' shall be replaced by '31 December 2000'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Luxembourg, 19 October 1998.

For the Council

The President

W. MOLTERER

[1] OJ L 243, 11. 10. 1995, p. 17. Decision as amended by Decision 97/34/EC (OJ L 13, 16. 1. 1997, p. 33).

[2] OJ C 215, 10. 7. 1998, p. 20.