COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 5 November 1998

amending Decision 97/217/EC establishing groups of third countries which are able to use the veterinary certification for imports of wild game meat, farmed game meat and rabbit meat from third countries

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(98/648/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/45/EEC of 16 June 1992 on public health and animal health problems relating to the killing of wild game and the placing on the market of wild game meat [1], as last amended by Council Directive 97/79/EC [2], and in particular Article 16(3) thereof,

Whereas Commission Decision 97/217/EC [3] lays down groups of third countries, or parts thereof, which are able to use the veterinary certification for imports of wild game meat, farmed game meat and rabbit meat from third countries;

Whereas the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of domestic animals of the bovine and porcine species from certain European countries, were established by Commission Decision 98/372/EC [4], as last amended by Commission Decision 98/505/EC [5];

Whereas due to classical swine fever persistence in the feral pig population some restrictions are established for imports of live pigs from some parts of the Czech Republic;

Whereas the same regionalisation should be applicable to imports of wild boar meat from the Czech Republic;

Whereas health restrictions were applied by the European Community to some zones of Croatia due to certain problems concerning the veterinary controls in those parts; whereas following a recent Community veterinary mission, it appears that the Croatian veterinary services control satisfactorily the whole country;

Whereas, as a result, it is approriate to make possible the importation of game meat from the whole of Croatia;

Whereas the control of animal health diseases in some zones of Zimbabwe is satisfactory; whereas, therefore, it is appropriate to make possible the importation of cloven-hoofed and wild soliped game meat from these parts of Zimbabwe;

Whereas it is therefore necessary to amend Commission Decision 97/217/EC;

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 97/217/EC is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

[1] OJ L 268, 14. 9. 1992, p. 35.
[2] OJ L 24, 30. 1. 1998, p. 31.
[3] OJ L 88, 3. 4. 1997, p. 201.
[4] OJ L 170, 16. 6. 1998, p. 34.
[5] OJ L 226, 13. 8. 1998, p. 50.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 5 November 1998.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Groups of third countries which are able to utilise the veterinary certification as laid down in Decisions 97/218/EC, 97/219/EC and 97/220/EC

Cloven-hoofed game, excluding wild swine				Wild swine				Farmed rabbits and wild *leporidae*	Game birds				Wild solipeds		Other wild land mammals	
Column A		Column B		Column C		Column D		Column E	Column F		Column G		Column H		Column I	
ISO code	Country	ISO code	Country	ISO code	Country	ISO code	Country		ISO code	Country	ISO code	Country	ISO code	Country	ISO code	Country
AR-1	Argentina (3)	AR-3 + 4	Argentina (3) (11)	AU	Australia (1)	HU	Hungary	Third countries appearing on the list of the first part of the Annex to Decision 79/542/EEC, as last amended	AU	Australia (1)	AR	Argentina (1)	BW	Botswana	AU	Australia (1)
AU	Australia (1)	BW	Botswana (4)	CA	Canada (1)				BR	Brazil (1) (9)	TH	Thailand (1) (9)	NA	Namibia	CA	Canada
BG	Bulgaria	NA	Namibia (5)	CH	Switzerland				BG	Bulgaria			SZ	Swaziland	EE	Estonia
CA	Canada (1)	SZ	Swaziland (6)	CY	Cyprus (1)				CA	Canada (1)			ZA	South Africa	GL	Greenland (1)
CH	Switzerland	ZA	South Africa (7)	NZ	New Zealand (1)				CH	Switzerland			ZW	Zimbabwe	LI	Lithuania
CL	Chile (1)	ZW	Zimbabwe (8)	US	United States of America (1)				CL	Chile (1)					LV	Latvia
CY	Cyprus (1)			CZ	Czech Republic (2)				CY	Cyprus (1)					NZ	New Zealand
CZ	Czech Republic								CZ	Czech Republic					RO	Romania
EE	Estonia								GL	Greenland (10)					RU	Russia
GL	Greenland								HR	Croatia						
HR	Croatia (2)								HU	Hungary						
HU	Hungary								IL	Israel (1)						
LI	Lithuania								LI	Lithuania						
LV	Latvia								NZ	New Zealand (1)						
NZ	New Zealand (1)								PL	Poland						

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ISO code	Country	ISO code	Country	ISO code	Country	ISO code	Country		ISO code	Country	ISO code	Country	ISO code	Country	ISO code	Country
PL	Poland								RO	Romania						
RO	Romania								SL	Slovenia						
SL	Slovenia								SK	Slovak Republic						
SK	Slovak Republic								TN	Tunisia (1) (10)						
UY	Uruguay								US	United States of America (1)						
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(1) Excluding unplucked/unskinned and uneviscarated unless transported by aeroplane.
(2) The regionalisation as laid down in Decision 92/371/EEC (as last amended) applies.
(3) The regionalisation as laid down in Decision 93/402/EEC (as last amended) applies.
(4) The regionalisation as laid down in Decision 92/22/EEC (as last amended) applies.
(5) The regionalisation as laid down in Decision 92/24/EEC (as last amended) applies.
(6) The regionalisation as laid down in Decision 92/23/EEC (as last amended) applies.
(7) The regionalisation as laid down in Decision 92/21/EEC (as last amended) applies.
(8) The regionalisation as laid down in Decision 92/25/EEC (as last amended) applies.
(9) The regionalisation as laid down in Decision 94/984/EC (as last amended) applies.
(10) Only wild game meat.
(11) Only farmed game meat.