COMMISSION DECISION

of 28 January 1999

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

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(1999/136/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 authorised to import certain products of animal origin, fishery products or live bivalve molluscs [1], as last amended by Decision 98/603/EC [2], and in particular Article 2(2) and Article 7 thereof,

Whereas Commission Decision 97/296/EC of 22 April 1997 [3], as amended by Decision 98/711/EC [4], lists the countries and territories from which importation of fishery products for human consumption is authorised. Part I of Annex I lists the names of the countries and territories covered by a specific Decision and part II names those qualifying under Article 2(2) of Decision 95/408/EC;

Whereas Annex II lists the names of the countries and territories from which importation of fishery products is authorised until the 31 January 1999, on the conditions of the Article 11(7) of Council Directive 91/493/EC [5];

Whereas Algeria, Angola, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Eritrea, Iran, Kenya, Mozambique, Myanmar, Netherlands Antilles, Romania, Saint Helena, Solomon Island, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe, Cyprus, Antigua and Barbuda and Saint Vincent and Grenadines have provided information that they satisfy the equivalent conditions referred to in Article 2(2) of Decision 95/408/EC; whereas it is therefore necessary to modify the list to include those countries in part II of the list of Annex I;

Whereas, for those countries and territories not yet included in the Annexes of this Decision, it will be necessary to evaluate by the Commission that they applied to their export of fishery products to the Community, conditions at least equivalent to those governing the production and placing on the market of Community products;

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 of the present Decision replaces the Annexes I and II to Decision 97/296/EC.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 28 January 1999.

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 289, 28. 10. 1998, p. 36.
[3] OJ L 122, 14. 5. 1997, p. 21.
[4] OJ L 337, 12. 12. 1998, p. 58.
[5] OJ L 268, 24. 9. 1991, p. 15.

ANNEX

'ANNEX I

List of countries and territories from which importation of fishery products in any form intended for human consumption is authorised

I. *Countries and territories covered by a specific decision under Council Directive 91/493/EC*

AL — Albania
AR — Argentina
AU — Australia
BD — Bangladesh
BR — Brazil
CA — Canada
CI — Côte d'Ivoire
CL — Chile
CO — Colombia
CU — Cuba
EC — Ecuador
EE — Estonia
FK — Falkland Islands
FO — Faroes
GH — Ghana
GM — Gambia
GT — Guatemala
IN — India
ID — Indonesia
JP — Japan
KR — South Korea
MA — Morocco
MG — Madagascar
MR — Mauritania
MY — Malaysia
MV — Maldives
MX — Mexico
NG — Nigeria
NZ — New Zealand
PE — Peru
PH — Philippines
RU — Russia
SN — Senegal
SG — Singapore
TH — Thailand
TN — Tunisia
TW — Taiwan
TZ — Tanzania
UY — Uruguay
ZA — South Africa

II. *Countries and territories meeting the terms of Article 2(2) of Council Decision 95/408/EC*

AO — Angola
AG — Antigua and Barbuda (1)
AN — Netherlands Antilles
AZ — Azerbaijan (2)
BJ — Benin
BS — Bahamas
BZ — Belize
CH — Switzerland
CM — Cameroun
CN — China
CR — Costa Rica
CV — Cape Verde
CY — Cyprus
CZ — Czech Republic
DZ — Algeria
ER — Eritrea
FJ — Fiji
GL — Greenland
GN — Guinea Conakri
HK — Hong Kong
HN — Honduras
HR — Croatia
HU — Hungary (3)
IL — Israel
IR — Iran
JM — Jamaica
KE — Kenya
KZ — Kazakhstan (2)
LK — Sri Lanka
LT — Lithuania
LV — Latvia
MM — Myanmar
MT — Malta
MU — Mauritius
MZ — Mozambique
NA — Namibia
NI — Nicaragua
PA — Panama
PG — Papua New Guinea
PK — Pakistan
PL — Poland
RO — Romania
SB — Solomon Island
SC — Seychelles
SH — St Helena
SI — Slovenia
SR — Suriname
TG — Togo
TR — Turkey
UG — Uganda
US — United States of America
VC — St Vincent and Grenadines (1)
VE — Venezuela
VN — Vietnam
ZW — Zimbabwe

(1) Authorised only for imports of fresh fish.
(2) Authorised only for imports of caviar.
(3) Authorised only for import of live animals intended for human consumption.

ANNEX II

List of countries and territories from which importation of fishery products intended for human consumption is authorized until the 31 January 1999, on the conditions of the Article 11(7) of Directive 91/493/EEC

BG — Bulgaria
CG — Congo Brazzaville
EG — Egypt
MK — Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
GA — Gabon
GW — Guinea Bissau
LC — Saint Lucia'