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# COMMISSION

## COMMISSION DECISION

**of 26 March 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**

*(notified under document number C(1999)768)*

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(1999/244/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,

(1) Whereas Commission Decision 97/296/EC [3], as last amended by Decision 1999/136/EC [4], lists the countries and territories from which importation of fishery products for human consumption is authorised. Part I of the 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. Annex II lists the names of the countries and territories from which importation were authorised until the 31 January 1999, on the conditions of Article 11(7) of Directive 91/493/EEC;

(2) Whereas Commission Decision 1999/245/EC [5], set specific import conditions for fishery and aquaculture products originating in the Seychelles. Whereas the Seychelles should therefore be added to Part I of the list of Annex I of countries and territories from which importation of fishery products for human consumption is authorised;

(3) Whereas French Polynesia, Gabon and Saint Pierre et Miquelon, have provided information that they satisfy the equivalent conditions and are able to guarantee that the fishery products they export to the Community meet the health requirements of the Directive 91/493/EEC, it is therefore necessary to modify the above list to include those countries and territories in the Part II of the list;

(4) Whereas the seriousness of the deficiencies observed during an inspection visit to Kazakhstan the imports of caviar would not be authorised and, therefore, this country shall be deleted from the Part II of the list;

(5) Whereas the imports from third countries listed in the Annex II are no longer authorised, since 1 February 1999;

(6) Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

[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 44, 18.2.1999, p. 61.

[5] See page 40 of this Official Journal.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

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

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 March 1999.

*For the Commission*
Franz FISCHLER
*Member of the Commission*

*ANNEX*

**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
ID — Indonesia
IN — India
JP — Japan
KR — South Korea
MA — Morocco
MG — Madagascar
MR — Mauritania
MV — Maldives
MX — Mexico
MY — Malaysia
NG — Nigeria
NZ — New Zealand
PE — Peru
PH — Philippines
RU — Russia
SC — Seychelles
SG — Singapore
SN — Senegal
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*

AG — Antigua and Barbuda [1]
AN — Netherlands Antilles
AO — Angola
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
GA — Gabon
GL — Greenland
GN — Guinea Conakri
HK — Hong Kong
HN — Honduras
HR — Croatia
HU — Hungary [3]
IL — Israel
IR — Iran
JM — Jamaica
KE — Kenya
LK — Sri Lanka
LT — Lithuania
LV — Latvia
MM — Myanmar
MT — Malta
MU — Mauritius
MZ — Mozambique
NA — Namibia
NI — Nicaragua
PA — Panama
PF — French Polynesia
PG — Papua New Guinea
PK — Pakistan
PL — Poland
PM — St Pierre and Miquelon
RO — Romania
SB — Solomon Island
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.