COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 July 1999

amending Decision 98/372/EC concerning the animal health conditions and veterinary certifications for import of live animals of bovine and swine species from certain European countries to take into account some aspects in relation with Bulgaria and the Czech Republic

(notified under document number C(1999) 2437)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(1999/539/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, ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat products from third countries [1], as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC [2] and in particular Article 6 and 7 thereof,

(1) Whereas, as a consequence of the action taken by the Bulgarian authorities to prohibit the spread of an outbreak of foot and mouth disease, that country was regionalised by Commission Decision 96/730/EC of 17 December 1996 concerning certain protective measures with regard to import of certain animals and their products from Bulgaria and repealing Decision 96/643/EC [3], as last amended by Decision 98/373/EC [4];

(2) Whereas the import of bovine animals is banned from six provinces of Bulgaria by Commission Decision 98/372/EC of 29 May 1998 concerning the animal health conditions and veterinary certifications for import of live animals of bovine and porcine species from certain European countries [5], as amended by Decision 98/505/EC [6];

(3) Whereas giving consideration to the improvement of the animal health situation in Bulgaria and that the country has been free from foot and mouth disease for the last two years;

(4) Whereas, following a recent Commission veterinary mission, it appears that the Bulgarian veterinary services control satisfactorily the whole country and therefore it is possible to lift the ban for remaining six provinces of Bulgaria;

(5) Whereas it is considered necessary to keep the restriction for the Bulgarian territory comprising the 20-km-wide corridor along the border with Turkey;

(6) Whereas it is still considered necessary to submit the importation of bovine animals to a pre-import quarantine, as a supplementary guarantee, as fixed in Annex IV to Decision 98/372/EC;

(7) Whereas classical swine fever still persists in the feral pig population in some areas of the Czech Republic;

(8) Whereas this situation is liable to endanger the herds of the European Community;

(9) Whereas it is therefore necessary to amend the conditions for imports of live animals of porcine species from some areas of the Czech Republic to take into account the evolution of the epidemiological situation in relation to classical swine fever;

(10) Whereas this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 98/372/EC is amended as follows:

1. Annex I is replaced by Annex I to the present Decision.

2. Annex II is replaced by Annex II to the present Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 July 1999.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.
[2] OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.
[3] OJ L 331, 20.12.1996, p. 49.
[4] OJ L 170, 16.6.1998, p. 62.
[5] OJ L 170, 16.6.1998, p. 34.
[6] OJ L 226, 13.8.1998, p. 50.

ANNEX I

Description of territories of certain European countries established for animal health certification purposes

Country	Code of territory	Version	Description of territory
Albania	AL	1/98	Whole country
Bosnia-Herzegovina	BA	1/98	Whole country
Bulgaria	BG	1/98	Whole country
	BG-1	1/98	The provinces of Varna, Dobrich, Silistra, Choumen, Targovichte, Razgrad, Rousse, V. Tarnovo, Gabrovo, Pleven, Lovetch, Plovdiv, Smolian, Pasardjik, Sofia district, Sofia city, Pernik, Kustendil, Blagoevgrad, Vratza, Montana and Vidin
	BG-2	1/99	The provinces of Bourgas, Jambol, Sliven, Starazagora, Hasskovo and Kardjali, except the 20-km-wide corridor on the border with Turkey
	BG-3	1/99	The 20-km-wide corridor on the border with Turkey
Belarus	BY	1/98	Whole country
Czech Republic	CZ	1/98	Whole country
	CZ-1	1/99	Whole country excluding the provinces of Kroměříž, Vyškov, Hodonín, Uherské Hradiště, Zlin and Vsetín
	CZ-2	1/99	The provinces of Kroměříž, Vyškov, Hodonín, Uherské Hradiště, Zlin and Vsetín
Estonia	EE	1/98	Whole country
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	YU	1/98	Whole country
	YU-1	1/98	The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, excluding the region of Kosovo and Metohija
	YU-2	1/98	The region of Kosovo and Metohija
Croatia	HR	1/98	Whole country
Hungary	HU	1/98	Whole country
Lithuania	LT	1/98	Whole country
Latvia	LV	1/98	Whole country
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	807	1/98	Whole country
Poland	PL	1/98	Whole country
Romania	RO	1/98	Whole country
Russia	RU	1/98	Whole country
Slovenia	SI	1/98	Whole country
Slovak Republic	SK	1/98	Whole country

ANNEX II

ANIMAL HEALTH GUARANTEES REQUESTED ON CERTIFICATION

LIVE ANIMALS

Country	Code	Bovine				Swine			
		Breeding/production		Slaughter		Breeding/production		Slaughter	
		MC [1]	SG [2]	MC [1]	SG [2]	MC [1]	SG [2]	MC [1]	SG [2]
Albania [3]	AL	—		—		—		—	
Bosnia-Herzegovina [3]	BA	—		—		—		—	
Bulgaria	BG	—		—		—		—	
	BG-1	A		B		—		—	
	BG-2	A	c	B	c	—		—	
	BG-3	—		—		—		—	
Belarus [3]	BY	—		—		—		—	
Czech Republic	CZ	A		B		—		—	
	CZ-1	A		B		C		D	
	CZ-2	A		B		—		—	
Estonia [3]	EE	A [3]		B [3]		—		—	
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	YU	—		—		—		—	
	YU-1	—		—		—		—	
	YU-2	—		—		—		—	
Croatia	HR	A	d	B		—		—	
Hungary	HU	A		B		C		D	
Lithuania [3]	LT	A [3]		B [3]		—		—	
Latvia [3]	LV	A [3]		B [3]		—		—	
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	807	—		—		—		—	

Country	Code	Bovine				Swine			
		Breeding/production		Slaughter		Breeding/production		Slaughter	
		MC (1)	SG (2)	MC (1)	SG (2)	MC (1)	SG (2)	MC (1)	SG (2)
Poland	PL	A		B		—		—	
Romania	RO	A		B		—		—	
Russia (3)	RU	—		—		—		—	
Slovenia	SI	A		B		—		—	
Slovak Republic	SK	A		B		—		—	

(1) MC: model of certificate to be fulfilled. The letters (A, B, C, D, etc.) appearing on the tables refer to the models of animal health guarantees as described in Annex III, to be applied for each animal and origin in accordance with Article 2 of Decision 98/372/EC. A dash '—' indicates that imports are not authorised.

(2) SG: Supplementary guarantees. The letters (a, b, c, d, etc.) appearing on the tables refer to the supplementary guarantees to be provided by the exporting country as described in Annex IV. These supplementary guarantees must be inserted by the exporting country in section VI of each model of certificate laid down in Annex III.

(3) The imports of domestic animals of the bovine and porcine species are not allowed in so far as a programme of control of residues in the exporting third country has not been approved by the European Commission.