COMMISSION DECISION

of 5 November 1999

concerning the importation of certain animal products from New Caledonia and amending Council Decision 79/542/EEC

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(1999/759/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 on importation of bovine, ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat or meat products from third countries [1], as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC [2], and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Council Decision 79/542/EEC [3], as last amended by Commission Decision 99/301/EC [4], draws up a list of third countries from which the Member States authorise imports of bovine animals, swine, *equidae*, sheep and goats, fresh meat and meat products;

(2) following the information available by the European Community, it appears that New Caledonia is covered by sufficiently well-structured and organised veterinary services; whereas therefore New Caledonia can be added to the list of countries and territories from which Member States authorise imports of meat of wild animals;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Part I of the Annex to Decision 79/542/EEC is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 5 November 1999.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.
[2] OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.
[3] OJ L 146, 14.6.1979, p. 15.
[4] OJ L 117, 5.5.1999, p. 52.

ANNEX

'Imports shall fulfil the appropriate animal and public health requirements

PART 1

LIVE ANIMALS, FRESH MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS

ISO country code	Country	Fresh meat and meat products "Domestic animals"				Fresh meat "Wild animals"		Live animals				Animal health			Public health
		B	S/G	P	E	CH	E	B	S/G	P	E	Fresh meat	Meat products	Live animals	Residues
AL	Albania	o	x	x	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
AR	Argentina	x	x	o	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		(3)		XR
AU	Australia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				XR
BA	Bosnia-Herzegovina	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	o	x	(1)			o
BG	Bulgaria	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			XR
BH	Bahrain	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		(3) (4)		o
BR	Brazil	x	x	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	x		(3)	(5)	XR
BW	Botswana	x	x	o	x	x	x	o	o	o	o	(1) (2)	(3)		XR
BY	Belarus	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			(c)
BZ	Belize	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
CA	Canada	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				XR (a)
CH	Switzerland	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				XR
CL	Chile	x	x	o	x	x	x	o	x	o	x	(1)	(3)		XR
CN	People's Republic of China	o	o	x	x	x	x	o	o	o	o	(1)	(3)		o
CO	Colombia	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o		(3)		o
CR	Costa Rica	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o

		B	S/G	P	E	CH	E	B	S/G	P	E	Fresh meat	Meat products	Live animals	Residues
CU	Cuba	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
CY	Cyprus	x	x	x	x	x	x	o	o	x	x				XR
CZ	Czech Republic	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				XR
DZ	Algeria	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	x				o
EE	Estonia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			(c)
ET	Ethiopia	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		(3)		o
FK	Falkland Islands	x	x	o	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				o
GL	Greenland	x	x	o	x	x	x	o	x	o	x	(1)			XR
GT	Guatemala	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
HK	Hong Kong	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		(3)		o
HN	Honduras	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
HR	Croatia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			XR
HU	Hungary	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				XR
IL	Israel	o	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	x		(3)		o
IN	India	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		(3)		o
IS	Iceland	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				XR
KE	Kenya	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		(3)		o
LI	Lithuania	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			(c)
LV	Latvia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			o
MA	Morocco	o	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	x		(3)		XR
MG	Madagascar	x	x	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o		(3)		XR
807	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	o	x	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	x				XR
MT	Malta	x	o	x	x	o	x	x	x	x	x		(3)		XR
MU	Mauritius	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	x		(3)		o

		B	S/G	P	E	CH	E	B	S/G	P	E	Fresh meat	Meat products	Live animals	Residues
MX	Mexico	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	x				XR
NA	Namibia	x	x	o	x	x	x	o	o	o	o	(1) (2)	(3)		XR
NC	New Caledonia	o	o	o	o	x	o	o	o	o	o	(1)			XR
NI	Nicaragua	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
NZ	New Zealand	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				XR
PA	Panama	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
PL	Poland	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			XR
PY	Paraguay	x	x	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	x		(3)		XR
RO	Romania	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			XR
RU	Russia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1) (2)		(5)	(c)
SG	Singapore	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		(3)		o
SI	Slovenia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			XR
SK	Slovak Republic	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			XR
SV	El Salvador	x	x	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
SZ	Swaziland	x	o	o	x	x	x	o	o	o	o	(1) (2)	(3)		XR
TH	Thailand	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		(3)		o
TN	Tunisia	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	x		(3) (4)		(c)
TR	Turkey	o	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
UA	Ukraine	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	x				(c)
US	United States of America	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				XR (b)
UY	Uruguay	x	x	o	x	x	x	o	x	o	x		(3)		XR
YU	Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	o	x	(1)			XR
ZA	South Africa	x	x	x	x	x	x	o	o	o	x	(1) (2)	(3)	(5)	XR
ZW	Zimbabwe	x	o	o	o	x	x	o	o	o	o		(3)		XR

B = bovine animals, (including buffalo and bison)
S/G = sheep/goats
P = pigs
E = *equidae*
CH = cloven-hoofed animals
x = authorised
o = unauthorised
s = suspended for export of product for human consumption

Special remarks

(1) Excluding meat of wild swine.

(2) Excluding bone-in meat and offal.

(3) Notwithstanding the restrictions in the above list, meat products which have undergone heat treatment in a hermetically sealed container to a F_o value of 3 or more are authorised.

(4) Notwithstanding the restrictions in the above list, meat products which have been heat treated to a centre temperature of at least 80 °C are authorised.

(5) Member States shall only import *equidae* in accordance with Commission Decision 92/160/EEC establishing regionalisation.

Additional notes

XR The plan on residues in live animals and fresh meat for substances having a thyrostatic, androgenic, oestrogenic or gestagenic effect and for substances other than those having a hormonal effect has been approved by the Commission.

Equidae other than *equidae* for slaughter shall be imported without the third country concerned being obliged to submit a plan.

(a) Imports of live bovine animals are restricted to animals intended for reproduction and to veal calves aged under two weeks intended for fattening.

(b) Imports of beef and veal for human consumption are restricted to:

i) meat from cows which have been used exclusively for dairy production, or

ii) meat:

— complying with the conditions agreed between the United States of America and the European Community, and

— which has been obtained from fresh meat establishments supplied with slaughter animals from holdings approved by the Commission. The names of these establishments are the subject of a specific communication from the Commission to the Member States.

(c) As regards imports of live horses for slaughter sufficient guarantees have been received to allow importation.'