COMMISSION DECISION

of 14 February 2000

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)

(2000/161/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/118/EEC of 17 December 1992 laying down animal health and public health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of products not subject to the said requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A (I) to Directive 89/662/EEC and, as regards pathogens, to Directive 90/425/EEC [1], as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC [2], and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Decision 97/217/EC [3], as last amended by Decision 1999/758/EC [4], 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.

(2) Following a Community veterinary mission in the Russian region of Murmansk, it appears that the health situation in this territory is controlled by veterinary services which can offer satisfactory guarantees concerning diseases which might be transmitted through the imports into the Community of farmed or wild cloven-hoofed game meat, excluding swine.

(3) The responsible veterinary authorities of Russia have confirmed that the region of Murmansk has during the last 24 months been free from foot-and-mouth disease.

(4) No vaccinations have been carried out against this disease during the past 12 months.

(5) The responsible veterinary authorities of Russia have undertaken to notify the Commission and the Member States, by telex or fax, within 24 hours of confirmation of the occurrence of the abovementioned disease or of the adoption of vaccination against it.

(6) A regionalisation should be applicable to imports of farmed cloven-hoofed game meat, excepting swine, from the Russian region of Murmansk.

(7) It is therefore necessary to amend Decision 97/217/EC.

(8) 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.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 14 February 2000.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 49.
[2] OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.
[3] OJ L 88, 3.4.1997, p. 20.
[4] OJ L 300, 23.11.1999, p. 27.

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) (7)	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-01	Botswana (4)	CA	Canada (1)				BR	Brazil (1) (5)	TH	Thailand (1)	NA	Namibia	CA	Canada
BG	Bulgaria	NA-01	Namibia (4)	CH	Switzerland				BG	Bulgaria			SZ	Swaziland	EE	Estonia
CA	Canada (1)	SZ-01	Swaziland (4)	CY	Cyprus (1)				CA	Canada (1)			ZA	South Africa	GL	Greenland (1)
CH	Switzerland	ZA-01	South Africa (4)	CZ-1	Czech Republic (2)				CH	Switzerland			ZW	Zimbabwe	LI	Lithuania
CL	Chile (1)	ZW-01	Zimbabwe (4)	NZ	New Zealand (1)				CL	Chile (1)					LV	Latvia
CY	Cyprus (1)			US	United States of America (1)				CY	Cyprus (1)					NZ	New Zealand
CZ	Czech Republic								CZ	Czech Republic					RO	Romania
EE	Estonia								GL	Greenland (6)					RU	Russia
GL	Greenland								HR	Croatia						
HR	Croatia								HU	Hungary						
HU	Hungary								IL	Israel (1)						
LI	Lithuania								LI	Lithuania						
LV	Latvia								NZ	New Zealand (1)						
NC	New Caledonia (7)								PL	Poland						

Cloven-hoofed game, excluding wild swine				Wild swine				Farmed rabbits and wild leporidae	Game birds				Wild solipeds		Other wild land mammals	
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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
NZ	New Zealand (1)								RO	Romania						
PL	Poland								SL	Slovenia						
RO	Romania								SK	Slovak Republic						
RU	Russia (7) (8)								TN	Tunisia (1) (6)						
SL	Slovenia								US	United States of America (1)						
SK	Slovak Republic															
UY	Uruguay															
US	United States of America (1)															

(1) Excluding unplucked/unskinned and uneviscarated unless transported by aeroplane.
(2) The regionalisation as laid down in Decision 98/371/EC (as last amended) applies.
(3) The regionalisation as laid down in Decision 93/402/EC (as last amended) applies.
(4) The regionalisation as laid down in Decision 1999/283/EC (as last amended) applies.
(5) The regionalisation as laid down in Decision 94/984/EC (as last amended) applies.
(6) Only wild game meat.
(7) Only farmed game meat.
(8) Only from the region of Murmansk.