# COMMISSION DECISION

## of 25 April 2000

## amending Decision 97/20/EC establishing the list of third countries fulfilling the equivalence conditions for the production and placing on the market of bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods

*(notified under document number C(2000) 1052)*

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2000/332/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/492/EEC of 15 July 1991 laying down the health conditions for the production and the placing on the market of live bivalve molluscs [1], as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC [2] and in particular Article 9(3)(b) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Decision 97/20/EC of 17 December 1996 [3], as last amended by Decision 98/571/EC [4], establishes the list of third countries from which imports of bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods in whatever form are authorised for human consumption.

(2) Commission Decision 2000/333/EC [5] lays down special conditions for the import of bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods originating in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, therefore Decision 97/20/EC should be amended to include the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in part I of the list.

(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*

The Annex to Decision 97/20/EC is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 25 April 2000.

*For the Commission*

David BYRNE

*Member of the Commission*

[1] OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.
[3] OJ L 6, 10.1.1997, p. 46.
[4] OJ L 277, 14.10.1998, p. 42.
[5] See page 42 of this Official Journal.

*ANNEX*

**List of third countries from which imports of bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods in whatever form for human consumption are authorised**

I. *Third countries which have been the subject of a specific decision based on Council Directive 91/492/EEC*

| | |
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| AU | Australia |
| CL | Chile |
| MA | Morocco |
| PE | Peru |
| VN | Socialist Republic of Vietnam |
| KR | South Korea |
| TN | Tunisia |
| TR | Turkey |

II. *Third countries, which may be the subject of a provisional decision, based on Council Decision 95/408/EC*

| | |
|---|---|
| CA | Canada |
| FO | Faeroe Islands |
| GL | Greenland |
| NZ | New Zealand |
| TH | Thailand (only for products sterilised or heat-treated under the conditions laid down in Commission Decision 93/25/EEC) |
| US | United States of America |