COMMISSION DECISION

of 30 October 2000

amending Decision 93/402/EEC concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from South American countries to take into account some aspects regarding Chile

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/699/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 Council Directive 97/79/EC [2], and in particular Articles 14 and 22 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from Colombia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Brazil, Chile and Argentina are laid down by Commission Decision 93/402/EEC [3], as last amended by Decision 98/16/EC [4].

(2) Following Community veterinary missions, it appears that Chile is covered by sufficiently well-structured and organised veterinary services.

(3) Chile has during the last 24 months been free from foot-and-mouth disease and during the last 12 months been free from vesicular stomatitis, classical swine fever, African swine fever, porcine enteroviral encephalomyelitis (Teschen disease), swine vesicular disease and vesicular exanthema and no vaccinations have been carried out against any of these diseases for the past 12 months and importation of animals vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease and classical swine fever is forbidden.

(4) The importation from Chile of fresh meat of porcine animals is deemed acceptable as a result.

(5) Decision 93/402/EEC must be amended accordingly by establishing the animal health conditions and the model certificate to be required for imports into the Community of pig meat from Chile.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 93/402/EEC is amended as follows:

1. Annex II is replaced by the Annex A to this Decision.
2. Annex B to this Decision is added at the end of Annex III Part 2.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 30 October 2000.

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 179, 22.7.1993, p. 11.
[4] OJ L 6, 10.1.1998, p. 40.

ANNEX A

'ANNEX II

(Version No 02/00)

ANIMAL HEALTH GUARANTEES REQUESTED ON CERTIFICATION (1)

Country	Territory	Fresh meat				Deboned fresh meat				Offal						
		Species				Species				bovine					ovine	
		Bovine	Ovine/ caprine	Porcine	Soliped	Bovine	Ovine/ caprine	Porcine	Soliped	HC (*)	MP				PF	PF
											1	2	3	4		
Argentina	AR	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	F	—
	AR-1	B	B	—	D	B	B	—	D	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
	AR-2	—	—	—	D	A	—	—	D	—	—	—	E	E	F	—
	AR-3	—	—	—	D	A	C	—	D	—	—	—	E	E	F	—
	AR-4	—	—	—	D	A	C	—	D	—	—	—	E	E	F	—
Brazil	BR	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	BR-1	—	—	—	D	A	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	F	—
Chile	CL	B	B	H	D	B	B	H	D	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Colombia	CO	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	CO-1	—	—	—	D	A	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	CO-2	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	CO-3	—	—	—	D	A	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paraguay	PY	—	—	—	D	A	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	F	—
Uruguay	UY	B	B	—	D	B	B	—	D	B	B	B	B	B	B	B

(1) The letters (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H) appearing on the table refer to the models of animal health guarantees as described in Annex III Part 2 to Decision 93/402/EEC and are to be applied for each product and origin in accordance with Article 2 of this Decision.

(*) HC Human consumption.

MP Destined for heat-treated meat product industry.
1 = hearts.
2 = livers.
3 = masseter muscles.
4 = tongues.

PF Destined for the petfood industry.'

ANNEX B

'Model H

IV. **Attestation of health:**

I the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that:

1. the territory described in Annex I to Commission Decision 93/402/EEC with code …, version No…, has been free for 12 months from classical swine fever, rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, African swine fever, swine vesicular disease and porcine enteroviral encephalomyelitis in domestic pigs and during the same period no vaccinations against these diseases have taken place;
2. the fresh meat (1) described above is obtained from porcine animals:
   - — which have remained in the territory as described under IV.1 for at least three months before being slaughtered or since birth in the case of animals less than three months old.
   - — which come from holdings in which there has been no outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease or swine vesicular disease in the previous 30 days or swine fever in the previous 40 days and around which within a radius of 10 km there has been no case of these diseases for 30 days,
   - — which have been transported from their holdings of origin to the approved slaughterhouse concerned without contact with animals which do not comply with the conditions required for export of their meat to the Community, and, if conveyed in a means of transport, that the latter has been cleaned and disinfected before loading,
   - — which have passed the ante-mortem health inspection referred to in Directive 72/462/EEC at the slaughterhouse during the 24 hours before slaughter and, in particular, have showed no evidence of foot-and-mouth disease,
   - — which have not come from a holding which for health reasons is subject to prohibition as a result of an outbreak of porcine brucellosis during the previous six weeks.
3. The fresh meat described above is obtained from an establishment or establishments in which, after a case of foot-and-mouth disease has been diagnosed, further preparation of meat for export to the Community has been authorised only after slaughter of all animals present, removal of all meat, and the total cleaning and disinfection of the establishments under the control of an official veterinarian.
4. Date of animal slaughter …… (2)

Done at …… , on ……

Seal (3)

……
(Signature of official veterinarian) (3)

……
(Name in capital letters, title and qualifications of signatory)

(1) Fresh meat: meat as laid down in the definition of Article 1 of Decision 94/302/EC.
(2) Member States shall not authorise the importation of meat obtained from animals slaughtered prior to the date of authorisation of that territory under Annex 1 or during a period when restrictive measures have been implemented by the Commission.
(3) The signature and the stamp must be in a different colour to that of the printing.'