COMMISSION DECISION

of 30 March 2001

amending Decision 1999/283/EC concerning the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from certain African countries to take account of the animal health situation in Swaziland

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2001/297/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 or meat products from third countries [1], as last amended by Council Directive 97/79/EC [2], in particular Article 14(3) and Article 22 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from certain African countries are laid down by Commission Decision 1999/283/EC [3], as last amended by Commission Decision 2001/164/EC [4].

(2) Imports of fresh meat from Swaziland have been possible since this country has been recognised by the European Community as officially free of foot-and-mouth disease.

(3) On 22 December 2000 an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease was confirmed in Swaziland in the Zinyane Dip Tank in northern Hhohho Region, in the free region.

(4) The epidemiological situation does not allow the application of any regional measures with a view to recognising a part of the country as free from foot-and-mouth disease.

(5) This situation is liable to seriously endanger Community livestock in view of imports of products of biungulate animals.

(6) Therefore imports into the EC of meat of species susceptible to foot-and-mouth disease from Swaziland should be suspended.

(7) Decision 1999/283/EC must be amended accordingly.

(8) The present Decision shall be reviewed in the light of the evolution of the disease situation.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex II to Decision 1999/283/EC is replaced by the Annex to the present Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 30 March 2001.

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 110, 28.4.1999, p. 16.
[4] OJ L 58, 28.2.2001, p. 40.

ANNEX

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MODELS OF ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATES TO BE REQUESTED

Country	Code	Fresh meat for human comsumption								Fresh meat intended for purposes other than human consumption
		Bovine		Swine		Ovine/caprine		Solipeds		
		MC (1)	SG (2)	MC (1)	SG (2)	MC (1)	SG (2)	MC (1)	SG (2)	
Botswana	BW	—		—		—		D		—
	BW-01	A	a	—		C	a	D		—
Morocco	MA	—		—		—		D		—
Madagascar	MG	—		—		—		—		—
Namibia	NA	—		—		—		D		—
	NA-01	A	a	—		C	a	D		—
Swaziland	SZ	—		—		—		D		—
	SZ-01	—		—		—		D		—
South Africa	ZA	—		—		C		D		—
	ZA-01	A	a	—		C	a	D		—
Zimbabwe	ZW	—		—		—		—		—
	ZW-01	A	a, c	—		—		—		—

(1) MC: Model of certificate to be fulfilled: the letters (A, B, C, D etc.) appearing on the tables are referring to the models of animal health guarantees as described in Annex III to this Decision, to be applied for each product and origin in accordance with Article 2 of this Decision. A dash "—" indicates that imports are not authorised.
(2) SG: Supplementary guarantees. The letters (a, b, c, d etc.) appearing on the tables are referring 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 V of each model of certificate laid down in Annex III.'