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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 24 April 2001

amending Decision 93/402/EEC concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from South American countries to take account of the animal health situation in Uruguay

(notified under document number C(2001) 1145)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2001/325/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to 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 Directive 97/79/EC [2], 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 2001/276/EC [4].

(2) Imports of fresh meat must take into account the different epidemiological situations in the countries concerned, and indeed in the different parts of their territories.

(3) The responsible veterinary authorities of the concerned countries must confirm that their countries or regions have for at least 12 months been free from rinderpest and foot-and-mouth disease. Furthermore, the responsible authorities of the concerned countries must undertake to notify the Commission and the Member States within 24 hours, by fax, telex or telegram, of the confirmation of the occurrence of any of the above mentioned diseases or an alteration in the vaccination policy against them.

(4) On 24 October 2000 the competent authorities of Uruguay confirmed an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in the department of Artigas.

(5) The competent authorities of Uruguay have provided satisfactory guarantees with regard to the measures taken to control the disease in the department of Artigas and a Food and Veterinary Office inspection mission has reported positively that the region of Artigas can be reauthorised for imports into the EC of bone-in meat.

(6) It is therefore necessary to redefine the territories within Uruguay from which imports into the Community of fresh meat are authorised.

(7) It is necessary to clarify the tables listing the countries following experience gained in the implementation of this Decision.

(8) Decision 93/402/EEC must be amended accordingly.

(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

Decision 93/402/EEC is amended as follows:

1. Annex I is replaced by the Annex A to this Decision.

2. Annex II is replaced by the Annex B to this Decision.

[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 95, 5.4.2001, p. 41.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 24 April 2001.

For the Commission
David BYRNE
Member of the Commission

ANNEX A

'ANNEX I

DESCRIPTION OF TERRITORIES OF SOUTH AMERICA ESTABLISHED FOR ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATION PURPOSES

Country	Territory		Description of territory
	Code	Version	
Argentina	AR	01/2001	Whole country
Brazil	BR	01/93	Whole country
	BR-1	01/96	States of: Rio Grande do Sul, Paraná, Minas Gerais (except regional delegations of Oliveira, Passos, São Gonçalo de Sapucai, Setelagoas and Bambuí), São Paulo, Espírito Santo, Mato Grosso do Sul (except for the municipalities of Sonora, Aquidauana, Bodoquena, Bonito, Caracol, Coxim, Jardim, Ladario, Miranda, Pedro Gomes, Porto Murtinho, Rio Negro, Rio Verde of Mato Grosso and Corumba), Santa Catarina Goias and the regional units of Cuiaba (except for the municipalities of San Antonio de Leverger, Nossa Senhora do Livramento, Pocone and Barão de Melgaço), Caceres (except for the municipality of Caceres), Lucas do Rio Verde, Rondonopolis (except for the municipality of Itiquiora), Barra do Garças and Barra do Bugres in Mato Grosso
Chile	CL	01/93	Whole country
Colombia	CO	01/93	Whole country
	CO-1	01/93	The zone included within the following borderlines: from the point where the Murri River flows into the Atrato River, downstream along the Atrato River to where it flows into the Atlantic Ocean, from this point to the Panamanian border following the Atlantic coastline to Cabo Tiburon; from this point to the Pacific Ocean following the Colombian-Panamanian border; from this point to the mouth of the Valle River along the Pacific Coast and from this point along a straight line to the point where the Murri River flows into the Atrato River
	CO-2	01/93	The municipalities of Arboletas, Necocli, San Pedro de Uraba, Turbo, Apartado, Chigorodo, Mutata, Dabeiba, Uramita, Murindo, Riosucio (right bank of the Atrato River) and Frontino
	CO-3	01/93	The zone included within the following borderlines: from the mouth of the Sinu River on the Atlantic Ocean, upstream along the Sinu River to its headwaters of Alto Paramillo, from this point to Puerto Rey on the Atlantic Ocean, following the borderline between the Department of Antioquia and Córdoba, and from this point to the mouth of the Sinu River along the Atlantic Coast
Paraguay	PY	01/93	Whole country
Uruguay	UY	01/2001	Whole country'

ANNEX B

'ANNEX II

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ANIMAL HEALTH GUARANTEES REQUESTED ON CERTIFICATION (1)

Country	Territory	Fresh meat including bone but excluding offal				Boned fresh meat excluding offal				Offal						
		Species				Species				of bovine animals						of ovines
		Bovine	Ovine/ caprine	Porcine	Soliped	Bovine	Ovine/ caprine	Porcine	Soliped	HC (*)	MP (*)				PF (*)	PF (*)
											1	2	3	4		
Argentina	AR	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brazil	BR	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	BR-1	—	—	—	D	A	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	F	—
Chile	CL	B	B	H	D	A	C	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	A	C	—	D	B	B	B	B	B	B	B

(1) The letters (A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H) appearing on the table, are referring to the models of animal health guarantees as described in Annex III Part 2 of Decision 93/402/EEC, 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 products industry:
1 = hearts
2 = livers
3 = masseter muscles
4 = tongues.

PF: Destined for the pet food industry.'