COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 August 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 South Africa and Swaziland

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2001/661/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 Directive 97/79/EC [2], in particular Articles 15 and 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 Decision 2001/601/EC [4].

(2) Following outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease in parts of the free territory of South Africa, Commission Decision 2001/164/EC [5] was adopted, further regionalising the country.

(3) The competent authorities of South Africa have provided sufficient guarantees with regard to the measures taken to control the movement of animals of susceptible species within and out of the surveillance and vaccination control areas.

(4) It is therefore possible to redefine the territory of South Africa from which imports into the Community of fresh meat are authorised.

(5) On 22 December 2000 outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease were confirmed in Swaziland in the previously free region and vaccination was carried out; in consequence, imports into the Community of fresh meat from Swaziland were suspended by Commission Decision 2001/297/EC [6].

(6) The competent authorities of Swaziland have provided sufficient guarantees with regard to the measures taken to control the movement of animals of susceptible species within and out of the surveillance and vaccination control areas.

(7) It is therefore possible to redefine the territory of Swaziland from which imports of fresh meat into the Community are authorised, and to re-establish the relevant model of certificate and supplementary guarantees required from Swaziland in the table of Annex II.

(8) Decision 1999/283/EC 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

Annexes I and II to Decision 1999/283/EC are replaced by the Annexes to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply to meat of animals slaughtered after 15 August 2001.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 7 August 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 210, 3.8.2001, p. 58.
[5] OJ L 58, 28.2.2001, p. 40.
[6] OJ L 102, 12.4.2001, p. 40.

ANNEX I

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DESCRIPTION OF TERRITORIES OF CERTAIN AFRICAN COUNTRIES ESTABLISHED FOR ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATION PURPOSES

Country	Code of territory	Version	Description of territory
BOTSWANA	BW	01/99	The whole country
	BW-01	01/99	Veterinary disease control zones, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 18
MOROCCO	MA	01/99	The whole country
MADAGASCAR	MG	01/99	The whole country
NAMIBIA	NA	01/99	The whole country
	NA-01	01/00	South of the cordon fences which extend from Palgrave Point in the west to Gam in the east
SWAZILAND	SZ	01/99	The whole country
	SZ-01	01/01	Area west of the "red line" fences which extends northwards from the river Usutu to the frontier with South Africa west of Nkalashane and excluding the veterinary foot-and-mouth suveillance and vaccination control areas gazetted as a statutory instrument under legal notice No 51 of 2001
SOUTH AFRICA	ZA	01/99	The whole country
	ZA-01	03/01	Republic of South Africa excluding: — the part of the foot-and-mouth disease control area situated in the veterinary regions of Mpumalanga and Northern provinces, in the district of Ingwavuma of the veterinary region of Natal and in the border area with Botswana east of longitude 28°, and — the district of Camperdown, in the province of KwaZulu-Natal
ZIMBABWE	ZW	01/99	The whole country
	ZW-01	01/99	Veterinary regions of Mashonaland West province, Mashonaland East province (including Chikomba district), Mashonaland Central province, Manicaland province (including only Makoni district), Midlands province (including only the Gweru, Kwekwe, Shurugwi, Chirimanzu and Zvishavane districts), Masvingo province (including only the districts of Gutu and Masvingo), Matabeleland South province (including only the Insiza, Bullimamangwe, Umzingwamange, Gwanda and West Nicholson districts) and Matabeleland north province (including only the districts of Bubi and Umgusa)'

ANNEX II

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MODELS OF ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATES TO BE REQUESTED

Country	Code	Fresh meat for human consumption								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	A	a	—		—		D		—
SOUTH AFRICA	ZA	—		—		—		D		—
	ZA-01	A	a	—		C	a	D		—
ZIMBABWE	ZW	—		—		—		—		—
	ZW-01	A	a, c	—		—		—		—

(1) MC: Model of certificate to be completed: The letters (A, B, C, D) appearing on the tables are referring to the models of animal health guarantees as described in Annex III, to be applied for each product category 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) appearing in the tables refer 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 the section V of each model of certificate laid down in Annex III.'