COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 9 November 2001

amending Decision 2000/585/EC as regards imports of wild farmed feathered game meat from Argentina, Thailand and Tunisia

(notified under document number C(2001) 3410)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2001/793/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/494/EEC of 26 June 1991 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in and imports from third countries of fresh poultrymeat ([1]), as last amended by Directive 1999/89/EC ([2]), and in particular Articles 11, 12 and 14 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/45/EEC of 16 June 1992 on public health and animal health problems relating to the killing of wild game and the placing on the market of wild game meat ([3]), as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC ([4]), and in particular Article 16(2) and (3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/118/EEC of 17 December 1992 laying down animal health and public health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of products not subject to the said requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A(1) to Directive 89/662/EEC and, as regards pathogens, to Directive 90/425/EEC ([5]), as last amended by Commission Decision 1999/724/EC ([6]), and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Annex II to Decision 2000/585/EC of 7 September 2000 laying down animal and public health conditions and veterinary certifications for import of wild and farmed game meat and rabbit meat from third countries and repealing Commission Decisions 97/217/EC, 97/218/EC, 97/219/EC and 97/220/EC ([7]), as last amended by Decision 2001/736/EC ([8]), lists third countries which are entitled to use the certificates for the different categories of wild or farmed game meat.

(2) According to the animal health situation in the different third countries specific conditions have to be fulfilled and these are reflected in the veterinary certificate.

(3) The animal health situation concerning Newcastle disease in poultry has improved in Argentina and Thailand. Therefore the introduction of wild game bird meat should be allowed an the requirements for meat of farmed game birds should be amended for Argentina and Thailand.

(4) An inspection carried out in Tunisia in October 2000 by the Commission has shown that the animal health status of the poultry sector and its control are satisfactory. The results of this mission and the guarantees received allow for the authorisation of the introduction of farmed game bird meat from Tunisia into the Community.

(5) Opportunity shall be taken to correct a mistake in the model J certificate for the meat of 'wild swine'.

(6) Decision 2000/585/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. Annex II to Decision 2000/585/EC is replaced by the text in Annex I to this Decision.

2. In Annex III to Decision 2000/585/EC the model J certificate is replaced by the text of the model in Annex II to this Decision.

([1]) OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 35.
([2]) OJ L 300, 23.11.1999, p. 17.
([3]) OJ L 268, 14.9.1992, p. 35.
([4]) OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.
([5]) OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 49.
([6]) OJ L 290, 12.11.1999, p. 32.
([7]) OJ L 251, 6.10.2000, p. 1.
([8]) OJ L 275, 18.10.2001, p. 32.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply to imports of wild and farmed game meat certified as from 1 December 2001.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 November 2001.

For the Commission
David BYRNE
Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

'ANNEX II

Animal health guarantees to be requested on certification of wild and farmed game meat and rabbit meat

Country		Code of territory	Cloven-hoofed game, excluding wild swine				Wild swine				Game birds				Wild solipeds		*Leporidae* (rabbit and hare)				Other wild land-mammals	
			Wild		Farmed		Wild		Farmed		Wild		Farmed				Wild		Domestic rabbit			
			MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]
AR	Argentina	AR	—		—		—		—		D	8	I		—		C		H		—	
AU	Australia	AU	A	9	F		J	9	G		D	8	I		—		C		H		E	
BG	Bulgaria	BG	—		—		—		—		D		I		—		C		H		—	
		BG-1	A		F		—		—		D		I		—		C		H		—	
		BG-2	A		F		—		—		D		I		—		C		H		—	
		BG-3	—		—		—		—		D		I		—		C		H		—	
BR	Brazil	BR	—		—		—		—		—		—		—		C		H		—	
		BR-1	—		—		—		—		D	8	I		—		C		H		—	
BW	Botswana	BW	—		—		—		—		—		—		B		C		H		—	
		BW-01	A	1, 2	F	2, 3	—		—		—		—		B		C		H		—	
CA	Canada	CA	A	9	F		J	9	G		D	8	I		—		C		H		E	
CH	Switzerland	CH	A		F		J		G		D		I		—		C		H		—	
CL	Chile	CL	A	9	F		—		—		D	8	I		—		C		H		—	
CY	Cyprus	CY	A	9	F		J	9	G		D	8	I		—		C		H		—	

Country		Code of territory	Cloven-hoofed game, excluding wild swine				Wild swine				Game birds				Wild solipeds		*Leporidae* (rabbit and hare)				Other wild land-mammals	
			Wild		Farmed		Wild		Farmed		Wild		Farmed				Wild		Domestic rabbit			
			MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]
CZ	Czech Republic	CZ	A		F		—		G		D		I		—		C		H		—	
		CZ-1	A		F		J		G		D		I		—		C		H		—	
		CZ-2	A		F		—		G		D		I		—		C		H		—	
EE	Estonia	EE	A		F		—		—		—		—		—		C		H		E	
GL	Greenland	GL	A		F		—		—		D		—		—		C		H		E	
HR	Croatia	HR	A		F		—		—		D		I		—		C		H		—	
HU	Hungary	HU	A		F		J	7	G		D		I		—		C		H		—	
IL	Israel	IL	—		—		—	—	—		D	8	I		—		C		H		—	
LI	Lithuania	LI	A		F		—		—		D		I		—		C		H		E	
LV	Latvia	LV	A		F		—		—		—		—		—		C		H		E	
NA	Namibia	NA	—		—		—		—		—		—		B		C		H		—	
		NA-01	A	1, 2	F	2, 3	—		—		—		—		B		C		H		—	
NC	New Caledonia	NC	A		F		—		—		—		—		—		C		H		—	
NZ	New Zealand	NZ	A	9	F		J	9	G		D	8	I		—		C		H		E	
PL	Poland	PL	A		F		—		—		D		I		—		C		H		—	
RO	Romania	RO	A		F		—		—		D		I		—		C		H		E	

Country		Code of territory	Cloven-hoofed game, excluding wild swine				Wild swine				Game birds				Wild solipeds		*Leporidae* (rabbit and hare)				Other wild land-mammals	
			Wild		Farmed		Wild		Farmed		Wild		Farmed				Wild		Domestic rabbit			
			MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]	MC [1]	SC [2]
RU	Russia	RU	—		—	—	—		—		—		—	—	—		C		H		E	
		RU-1	—	—	F	5			—		—						C		H		E	
SL	Slovenia	SL	A		F		—		—		D		I		—		C		H		—	
SK	Slovak Republic	SK	A		F		—		—		D		I		—		C		H		—	
SZ	Swaziland	SZ	—		—		—		—		—		—		B		C		H		—	
		SZ-01	A	1, 2	F	2, 3	—		—		—		—		B		C		H		—	
TH	Thailand	TH	—		—		—		—		D	8	I		—		C		H		—	
TN	Tunisia	TN	—		—		—		—		D	8	I		—		C		H		—	
US	United States of America	US	A	9	F		J	9	G		D	8	I		—		C		H		—	
UY	Uruguay	UY	—		—		—		—		—		—		—		C		H		—	
ZA	South Africa	ZA	—		—		—		—		—		—		B		C		H		—	
		ZA-01	A	1, 2	F	2, 3	—		—						B		C		H		—	
ZW	Zimbabwe	ZW	—		—		—		—		—		—				C		H		—	
		ZW-01	—		—		—		—								C		H		—	
Third countries, other than those above, appearing on the list of the first part of the Annex to Decision 79/542/EEC as last amended			—		—		—		—		—		—		—		C		H	—	—	

([1]) MC: model certificate to be completed. The letters (A, B, C, D, etc.) appearing in the tables refer to the models of animal health guarantees, as described in Annex III to the present Decision, to be applied for each category of fresh meat and origin in accordance with Article 2 of this Decision. A dash "—" indicates that imports are not authorised.

([2]) SC: specific conditions. The numbers (1, 2, 3, etc.) appearing in the table refer to the special conditions 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 set down in Annex III.'

ANNEX II

'MODEL J

ANIMAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH CERTIFICATE

Meat (1) of wild swine intended for consignment to the European Community

Note for the importer: This certificate is only for veterinary purposes and has to accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection point.

Code No (2)

Country of destination: .....

Exporting country (3): ..... Code of territory: .....

Ministry: .....

Competent issuing authority: .....

I. **Identification of meat**

Lot No	Species	Nature of meat (4)	Nature of cuts	Nature of packaging	Number of cuts or packages	Net weight	Origin identification mark for unskinned and eviscerated game meat (5)
		Fresh meat					
		Skinned and eviscerated large game (4)					
		Unskinned and eviscerated large game (4)					
		Deboned and skinned meat (4)					

II. **Origin of meat**

Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved wild game processing house(s): .....

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Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved cutting plant(s): .....

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Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved cold store(s): .....

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(1) Excluding offal.
(2) Issued by the competent authority.
(3) Name of the country of origin which must be the same as the country of export.
(4) Delete as appropriate.
(5) In the game processing house of destination in a Member State the meat must be skinned and then undergo a post-mortem inspection. It cannot bear the health mark unless it has been declared fit for human consumption.

Address(es) of place of loading: .....

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Name and address of consignor: .....

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III. **Destination of meat**

Name and address of consignee: .....

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The meat will be sent to (country and place of destination): .....

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by the following means of transport (6):

Railway wagon	Lorry	Aircraft	Ship

Name and address of game processing house of destination (7): .....

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IV. **Health and wholesomeness information**

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that:

1. The territory described in Annex I to Commission Decision 2000/585/EC with code ....., version No ..... (8), during the last 12 months has been free from classical swine fever, African swine fever, swine vesicular disease, foot-and-mouth disease and porcine enteroviral encephalomyelitis (Teschen disease) and that no vaccinations have been carried out against any of these diseases during the last 12 months.

2. The wild swine meat described above:

   a) was obtained from animals that were killed in the territory referred to under IV.1 where during the last 60 days there have been no animal health restrictions for diseases to which swine are susceptible;

   b) originated from animals that were killed at least 20 km distant from the borders separating another third country or part of a third country not authorised by Decision 2000/585/EC to export meat of wild swine to the Community;

   c) was obtained from animals, which after killing, were transported within 12 hours to a collection centre and/or an approved wild game processing house for chilling;

   d) was obtained in a collection centre and/or an approved wild game processing house situated in a region not subject to animal health restrictions due to diseases, included in List A of communicable diseases issued by the Office International des Epizooties, to which swine are susceptible;

   e) has during all stages of its production, been handled, stored and transported in accordance with the public health requirements of Council Directive 92/45/EEC and strictly separated from meat:

      — not conforming to the requirements laid down in Directive 92/45/EEC,

      — not conforming to the conditions laid down in Decision 2000/585/EC.

(6) For railway wagons or lorries, the registration number should be given, where known. For bulk containers indicate the number of the container. The number of the seal must also be indicated.

(7) Where the meat has to undergo a post-mortem inspection after skinning, the name and address of the game processing house of destination in the Member State must be inserted.

(8) Version No referred to in the relevant and current Decision for fresh meat of the corresponding susceptible domestic species must be included.

3. The fresh meat or skinned and eviscerated wild swine carcasses have undergone a post-mortem inspection at the approved wild game processing house in accordance with the requirements of Directive 92/45/EEC and have been passed as fit for human consumption and an equivalent health mark as laid down according to Chapter VII of Annex I to Directive 92/45/EEC has been applied to the meat and packaging (4).

4. In the case of unskinned wild swine (4),

   a) the viscera have undergone a post-mortem inspection in an approved wild game processing house which did not lead to the carcasses being judged unfit for human consumption;

   b) i) the carcasses are intended to be transported to the final game processing house of destination to arrive within seven days of post-mortem inspection, and were chilled to, and maintained at, between – 1 °C and + 7 °C, before being loaded into a vehicle capable of maintaining the carcasses between these temperatures during transport (4),

      or

      ii) the carcasses are intended to be transported to the final game processing house of destination to arrive within 15 days of post-mortem inspection, and were chilled to, and maintained, above – 1 °C and not more than + 1 °C, before being loaded into a vehicle capable of maintaining the carcasses between these temperatures during transport (4);

   c) measures have been taken to allow for the clear identification of this meat by way of fixation of an official mark of origin, the details of which are recorded in paragraph I.

5. The transport vehicles or containers and loading conditions of this consignment meet the hygiene requirements laid down in Directive 92/45/EEC.

6. The meat has undergove a trichinae examination by a digestion method in accordance with Council Directive 77/96/EEC with a negative result.

7. The meat was obtained from wild swine which were killed between . . . . . and . . . . . (dates of killing).

8. The meat has been produced in accordance with the provisions of Annex I to Directive 92/45/EEC as they apply to meat of wild swine.

V. **Specific conditions**

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that:

(Specific conditions when required in Annex II and described in Annex IV to Decision 2000/585/EC) (4).

Done at ..... , on .....
(place) (date)

Stamp (9)

.....
(signature of official veterinarian) (9)

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(name in capital letters, title and qualifications)'

(9) The signature and the stamp must be in a colour different from that of the printing.