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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 30 January 2002

amending Decision 93/402/EEC concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from South American countries and in particular as regards to Argentina

(notified under document number C(2002) 384)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2002/68/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 Regulation (EC) No 1452/2001 [2], and in particular Article 15 and Article 16(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports into the Community of fresh meat from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Paraguay and Uruguay are laid down by Commission Decision 93/402/EEC of 10 June 1993 concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from South American countries [3], as last amended by Decision 2002/45/EC [4].

(2) Since the adoption of Commission Decision 2002/45/EC an outbreak of foot and mouth disease has occurred in the region of Córdoba in Argentina and the veterinary authorities have suspended this province for importation of de-boned bovine meat into the Community.

(3) In order to be consistent Community legislation must be amended in order to delete the province of Córdoba from the list of provinces listed in the Annexes of Decision 93/402/EEC.

(4) Decision 93/402/EEC should therefore be amended accordingly.

(5) 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 93/402/EEC are replaced by the corresponding Annexes to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 30 January 2002.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.
[2] OJ L 198, 21.7.2001, p. 11.
[3] OJ L 179, 22.7.1993, p. 11.
[4] OJ L 20, 23.1.2002, p. 7.

ANNEX

'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
	AR-1	02/2002	The Provinces of Buenos Aires, Catamarca, Chaco, Chubut, Corrientes, Entre Ríos, Formosa, Jujuy, La Rioja, Mendoza, Misiones, Neuquen, Rio Negro, Salta, San Juan, San Luis, Santa Cruz, Santa Fe, Tierra del Fuego and Tucuman
Brazil	BR	01/93	Whole country
	BR-1	02/2001	The States of: Rio Grande do Sul, Parana, 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 Columbian-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 head-waters of Alto Paramillo, from this point to Puerto Rey on the Atlantic Ocean, following the borderline between the Department of Antiquia and Cordoba, 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 II

Animal health guarantees requested on certification [1]

Country	Territory	Model certificate for fresh meat				Model certificate for offal								Model certificate for de-boned fresh meat (not to be used for offal)			
		Species				of bovine animals						of ovines		Species			
		Bovine	Ovine-caprine	Porcine	Soliped	HC	MP				PF	HC	PF	Bovine	Ovine-caprine	Porcine	Soliped
							1	2	3	4							
Argentina	AR	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
	AR-1	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	F [7]	—	—	A [6]	—	—	D
Brazil	BR	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
	BR-1	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	F [5]	—	—	A [5]	—	—	D
Chile	CL	B	B	H	D	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	A	C	H	D
Colombia	CO	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
	CO-1	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	A	—	—	D
	CO-2	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
	CO-3	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	A	—	—	D
Paraguay	PY	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	F	—	—	A	—	—	D
Uruguay	UY	B [2]	B [2]	—	D	B [2]	B [3]	B [3]	B [3]	B [3]	F B [3]	—	G B [3]	A [4]	C [4]	—	D

[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 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.
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.
[2] Only to be used for meat from animals slaughtered before 23 March 2001.
[3] Only to be used for offal from animals slaughtered before 23 April 2001.
[4] Only to be used for de-boned meat from animals slaughtered before 23 April 2001 and/or after 1 November 2001.
[5] In the case of Rio Grande do Sul only to be used for de-boned meat or offal for pet food from animals slaughtered before 9 May 2001 and/or after 30 November 2001.
[6] Only to be used for de-boned meat from bovine animals slaughtered after 31 January 2002.
[7] Only to be used for de-boned meat or offal for petfood from bovine animals slaughtered after 31 January 2002.'