COMMISSION DECISION

of 11 October 2002

amending Decision 93/402/EEC as regards imports of fresh meat from Paraguay

(notified under document number C(2002) 3690)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2002/793/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 14(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) 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 2002/338/EC [4], applies to Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Paraguay and Uruguay.

(2) A Commission inspection mission to Paraguay from 21 to 31 January 2002 brought to light serious shortcomings.

(3) The Paraguayan veterinary authorities immediately suspended exports of boned and matured bovine meat to the Community and produced an action plan to remedy the shortcomings.

(4) After being notified by the Paraguayan authorities of the plan's implementation, the Commission carried out another inspection mission from 15 to 19 July 2002.

(5) The findings of that mission and guarantees provided by the Paraguayan veterinary authorities in August 2002 permit the regionalisation of the country.

(6) The importation of boned and matured bovine meat into the Community should therefore be authorised from certain regions after a fixed date.

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

(8) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 93/402/EEC is amended as follows:

1. Annex I is replaced by the text in Annex I to this Decision.

2. Annex II is replaced by the text in Annex II to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Community*.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 11 October 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 116, 3.5.2002, p. 60.

ANNEX I

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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	04/2002	The Provinces of Buenos Aires, Catamarca, Chaco, Córdoba, Corrientes, Entre Ríos, Formosa, Jujuy, La Pampa, La Rioja, Mendoza, Misiones, Neuquen, Rio Negro, Salta, San Juan, San Luis, Santa Fe, Santiago del Estero, and Tucuman.
	AR-3	01/2002	Chubut, Santa Cruz and Tierra del Fuego
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, Espirito 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 António de Leverger, Nossa Senhora do Livramento, Pocone and Barão de Melgaço), Cáceres (except for the municipality of Cáceres) Lucas do Rio Verde, Rondonópolis (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: fom 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 headwaters 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
	PY-1	01/2002	Chaco central and San Pedro areas
Uruguay	UY	01/2001	Whole country'

ANNEX II

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Animal health guarantees requested on certification [1]

Country	Territory	Model certificate for fresh meat excluding offal				Model certificate for offal								
		Species				of bovine animals						of ovines		soliped
		Bovine	Ovine-caprine	Porcine	Soliped	HC	MP				PF	HC	PF	
							1	2	3	4				
Argentina	AR	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
	AR-1	A [4]	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	F [5]	—	—	D
	AR-3	B [6]	B [6]	—	D	B [6]	B [6]	B [6]	B [6]	B [6]	B [6]	B [6]	B [6]	D
Brazil	BR	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
	BR-1	A [3]	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	F [3]	—	—	D
Chile	CL	B	B	H	D	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	D
Colombia	CO	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
	CO-1	A	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
	CO-2	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
	CO-3	A	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
Paraguay	PY	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—		—	—	D
	PY-1	A [7]	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	F	—	—	D
Uruguay	UY	A [2]	C [2]	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	F	—	G	D

(1) The letter (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H) appearing in the table, refer to the models of animal health guarantees as described in Part 2 of Annex III, to be applied for each product and origin in accordance with Article 2; 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 boned meat from animals slaughtered after 1 November 2001.
(3) In the case of Rio Grande do Sul only to be used for boned meat from bovine animals and offal for pet food from animals slaughtered after 30 November 2001.
(4) Only to be used for boned meat from bovine animals slaughtered after 31 January 2002, except in the cases of La Pampa and Santiago del Estero for which the date is 8 March 2002 and of Córdoba for which the date is 26 March 2002.
(5) Only to be used for offal for pet food from bovine animals slaughtered after 31 January 2002 except in the cases of La Pampa and Santiago del Estero for which the date is 8 March 2002 and of Córdoba for which the date is 26 March 2002.
(6) Only to be used for fresh meat (including offal) from ovine, caprine and bovine animals slaughtered after 1 March 2002 in the provinces of Chubut, Santa Cruz, and Tierra del Fuego.
(7) Only to be used for boned meat from bovine animals slaughtered after 1 September 2002'.