COMMISSION DECISION

of 25 April 2003

amending Decision 97/296/EC to authorise import of fishery products from Sri Lanka

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2003/303/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 95/408/EC of 22 of June 1995 on the conditions for drawing up, for an interim period, provisional lists of third country establishments from which Member States are authorised to import certain products of animal origin, fishery products or live bivalve molluscs [1], as last amended by Decision 2001/4/EC [2], and in particular Article 2 (2) and (3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Decision 97/296/EC [3], as last amended by Decision 2002/863/EC [4], lists the countries and territories from which importation of fishery products for human consumption is authorised. Part I of the Annex to Decision 97/296/EC list the names of the countries and territories covered by a specific Decision under Council Directive 91/493/EEC [5] and part II names those qualifying under Article 2(2) of Decision 95/408/EC.

(2) Commission Decision 2003/302/EC [6] sets specific import conditions for fishery products originating in Sri Lanka. This country should therefore be added to the list in part I of the Annex to Decision 97/296/EC.

(3) Decision 97/296/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.

(4) This Decision should take effect on the same day as Decision 2003/302/EC.

(5) 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

The Annex to Decision 97/296/EC is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 17 June 2003.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 25 April 2003.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 243, 11.10.1995, p. 17.
[2] OJ L 2, 5.1.2001, p. 21.
[3] OJ L 122, 14.5.1997, p. 21.
[4] OJ L 301, 5.11.2002, p. 53.
[5] OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 15.
[6] See page 6 of this Official Journal.

ANNEX

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LIST OF COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES FROM WHICH IMPORTATION OF FISHERY PRODUCTS IN ANY FORM INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION IS AUTHORISED

I. **Countries and territories covered by a specific decision under Council Directive 91/493/EC**

AL — Albania
AR — Argentina
AU — Australia
BD — Bangladesh
BG — Bulgaria
BR — Brazil
CA — Canada
CH — Switzerland
CI — Ivory Coast
CL — Chile
CN — China
CO — Colombia
CR — Costa Rica
CU — Cuba
CZ — Czech Republic
EC — Ecuador
EE — Estonia
FK — Falkland Islands
GA — Gabon
GH — Ghana
GL — Greenland
GM — Gambia
GN — Guinea (Conakry)
GT — Guatemala
HN — Honduras
HR — Croatia
ID — Indonesia
IN — India
IR — Iran
JM — Jamaica
JP — Japan
KR — South Korea
KZ — Kazakhstan
LK — Sri Lanka
LT — Lithuania
LV — Latvia
MA — Morocco
MG — Madagascar
MR — Mauritania
MU — Mauritius
MV — Maldives
MX — Mexico
MY — Malaysia
MZ — Mozambique
NA — Namibia
NC — New Caledonia
NG — Nigeria
NI — Nicaragua
NZ — New Zealand
OM — Oman
PA — Panama
PE — Peru
PG — Papua New Guinea
PH — Philippines
PK — Pakistan
PL — Poland
RU — Russia
SC — Seychelles
SG — Singapore
SI — Slovenia
SN — Senegal
SR — Suriname
TH — Thailand
TN — Tunisia
TR — Turkey
TW — Taiwan
TZ — Tanzania
UG — Uganda
UY — Uruguay
VE — Venezuela
VN — Vietnam
YE — Yemen
ZA — South Africa

II. **Countries and territories meeting the terms of Article 2(2) of Council Decision 95/408/EC**

AE — United Arab Emirates
AM — Armenia (1)
AO — Angola
AG — Antigua and Barbuda (2)
AN — Netherlands Antilles
AZ — Azerbaijan (3)
BJ — Benin
BS — Bahamas
BY — Belarus
BZ — Belize
CG — Republic of Congo (4)
CM — Cameroon
CY — Cyprus
DZ — Algeria
ER — Eritrea
FJ — Fiji
GD — Grenada
HK — Hong Kong
HU — Hungary (5)
IL — Israel
KE — Kenya
MM — Myanmar (Burma)
MT — Malta
PF — French Polynesia
PM — St Pierre and Miquelon
RO — Romania
SB — Solomon Island
SH — St Helena
SV — El Salvador
TG — Togo
US — United States of America
YT — Mayotte (6)
YU — Serbia and Montenegro (7), (8)
ZW — Zimbabwe

(1) Authorised only for imports of live crayfish (*Astacus leptodactylus*) intended for direct human consumption.
(2) Authorised only for imports of fresh fish.
(3) Authorised only for imports of caviar.
(4) Authorised only for imports of fishery products caught, frozen and packed in their final packaging at sea.
(5) Authorised only for import of live animals intended for direct human consumption.
(6) Authorised only for imports of non-processed and non-prepared fresh aquaculture products.
(7) Not including Kosovo as defined by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999.
(8) Authorised only for imports of wild fish intended for direct human consumption.'