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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 27 June 2003

amending Commission Decision 2000/159/EC on the provisional approval of residue plans of third countries according to Council Directive 96/23/EC

(notified under document number C(2003) 1973)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2003/485/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 96/23/EC of 29 April 1996 on measures to monitor certain substances and residues thereof in live animals and animal products and repealing Directives 85/358/EEC and 86/469/EEC and Decisions 89/187/EEC and 91/664/EEC ([1]), and in particular Article 29 thereof,

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 ([2]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1452/2001 ([3]), and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Decision 2000/159/EC of 8 February 2000 on the provisional approval of residue plans of third countries according to Council Directive 96/23/EC ([4]), as last amended by Decision 2003/16/EC ([5]) lists the third countries which have submitted a plan, setting out the guarantees offered by the third country as regards the monitoring of the groups of residues and substances referred to in Annex I to Directive 96/23/EC.

(2) Certain third countries have presented residue monitoring plans to the Commission for products and species not originally indicated in the Annex of Decision 2000/159/EC. The evaluation of these monitoring plans and the additional information requested by the Commission provided sufficient guarantees on the residue monitoring in these third countries for the products or species indicated. These products and species should be added in the Annex of Decision 2000/159/EC for these countries.

(3) Certain third countries have not presented residue monitoring plans or have presented insufficient guarantees in the area of residue monitoring to the Commission for products and species originally indicated in the Annex of Decision 2000/159/EC. These products and species should be deleted in the Annex of Decision 2000/159/EC for these countries.

(4) Decision 2000/159/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.

(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 2000/159/EC is amended as set out in the Annex to this Decision.

([1]) OJ L 125, 23.5.1996, p. 10.
([2]) OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.
([3]) OJ L 198, 21.7.2001, p. 11.
([4]) OJ L 51, 24.2.2000, p. 30.
([5]) OJ L 7, 11.1.2003, p. 91.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27 June 2003.

For the Commission
David BYRNE
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

The Annex to Decision 2000/159/EC is amended as follows.

The rows concerning Netherlands Antilles, Argentina, Bulgaria, Belize, Chile, Honduras, Kenya, Latvia, Philippines, the United States, Uruguay, Serbia and Montenegro and South Africa are replaced by the corresponding rows:

Code ISO2	Country	Bovine	Ovine/ caprine	Swine	Equine	Poultry	Aqua-culture	Milk	Eggs	Rabbit	Wild game	Farmed game	Honey
AN	Netherlands Antilles (1)												
AR	Argentina	X	X	X (2)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
BG	Bulgaria	X	X	X	X (3)	X	X	X			X	X	X
BZ	Belize						X						X
CL	Chile	X	X	X	X (2)	X	X				X	X	X
HN	Honduras		X (2)										
KN	Kenya												X
LV	Latvia	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PH	Philippines												
US	United States	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
UY	Uruguay	X	X		X		X	X		X	X	X	X
YU	Serbia and Montenegro	X	X	X	X (3)								X
ZA	South Africa	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X

(1) Third country using only raw material from other approved third countries for food production.
(2) Only casings.
(3) Export of live horses for slaughter (food producing animal only).