COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 January 2003

on certain protective measures in respect of infectious salmon anaemia in Norway

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2003/70/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/496/EEC of 15 July 1991 laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on animals entering the Community from third countries and amending Directives 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC and 90/675/EEC [1], as last amended by Directive 96/43/EC [2], and in particular Article 18(7) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 97/78/EC of 18 December 1997 laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries [3], and in particular Article 22(6) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The occurrence of infectious salmon anaemia (ISA) in Norway, led to the adoption of Commission Decision 1999/766/EC of 28 July 1999 on certain protective measures in respect of infectious salmon anaemia (ISA) in salmonids in Norway [4], as last amended by Decision 2002/109/EC [5]. The measures include a ban on imports into the Community of live salmon and stringent conditions for the importation of certain products for human consumption. Those measures apply until 1 February 2003.

(2) Despite the measures undertaken by Norway, further outbreaks of ISA were notified by that state in 2002, and a rapid eradication of that disease cannot therefore be envisaged.

(3) The International Office of Epizootic Diseases (IOE), has given an opinion stating that there is no evidence of vertical transmission of ISA virus.

(4) On the basis of the opinion of the IOE, and the experience and practice of Member States and third countries affected by ISA, it has not been demonstrated that it is necessary to retain the protective measures provided for in Decision 1999/766/EC relating to eggs and gametes of the family *Salmonidae* coming from a farm in Norway that is not under animal health restrictions due to a suspicion or an outbreak of infectious salmon anaemia, and it is thus appropriate to replace the measures by those contained in this Decision and Decision 1999/766/EC should accordingly be repealed.

(5) In light of the disease situation in Norway, the protective measures contained in this Decision should remain applicable until February 2004.

(6) 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

Live fish, eggs and gametes belonging to the family *Salmonidae*

1. Member States shall prohibit imports of live fish belonging to the family *Salmonidae* originating in Norway.

2. Member States shall prohibit imports of live eggs of fish belonging to the family *Salmonidae* originating in Norway, unless they have been disinfected twice, both at the green egg stage and the eyed egg stage, and subject to the consignments being accompanied by a certificate in accordance with the model laid down in Annex I of this Decision.

3. Member States shall authorise the import of live gametes of fish belonging to the family *Salmonidae* originating in Norway.

Article 2

Conditions for the import of non-processed slaughtered fish belonging to the family *Salmonidae* for human consumption

Member States shall authorise import of slaughtered Atlantic salmon *(Salmo salar)*, sea trout *(Salmo trutta)* and rainbow trout *(Oncorhynchus mykiss)* originating in Norway provided that they are eviscerated, or when they are non-eviscerated, provided that the consignments are accompanied by a certificate in accordance with the model laid down in Annex II of this Decision.

[1] OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 56.
[2] OJ L 162, 1.7.1996, p. 1.
[3] OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 9.
[4] OJ L 302, 25.11.1999, p. 23.
[5] OJ L 40, 12.2.2002, p. 12.

Article 3

Derogation for scientific purposes

By way of derogation, Member States may allow the importation into their territory of samples of the animals and products covered by the present Decision for scientific purposes.

Article 4

Decision 1999/766/EC is repealed.

Article 5

The Member States shall amend the measures they apply in trade in order to bring them into conformity with this Decision. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

Article 6

This Decision shall apply from 3 February 2003 until 1 February 2004.

Article 7

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 29 January 2003.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

Model health certificate regarding ISA for salmonid EGGS originating in Norway

Reference code No ORIGINAL

1. **Authorities involved**

1.1. Competent authority: .....

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1.2. Competent issuing authority: .....

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2. **Place of origin of the consignment**

2.1. Farm of origin: .....

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2.2. Address or location of farm: .....

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2.3. Name, address and phone number of the consignor:

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3. **Destination of the consignment**

3.1. Member State: .....

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3.2. Farm name: .....

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3.3. Address: .....

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3.4. Name, adress and phone number of the consignee:

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4. **Means of transport and consignment identification**

4.1. Lorry, rail wagon, ship, or aircraft: .....

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4.2. Registration number(s), ship name or flight number: ..

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4.3. Consignment identification details: .....

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5. **Description of the consignment**

Fertilised eggs of the fish specie(s)		
Scientific name:	Common name:	Total volume of eggs
☐ *Salmo salar*	☐ Atlantic salmon	
☐ *Salmo trutta*	☐ Sea trout	
☐ *Oncorhynchus mykiss*	☐ Rainbow trout	

6. **Animal health attestation for salmonid eggs originating in Norway for farming in the EC**

I, the undersigned official inspector, hereby certify that the eggs referred to at point 5 of this certificate have been disinfected twice, both at the green egg stage and the eyed egg stage, in accordance with Section 5.2, Appendix 5.2.1 of the International Aquatic Animal Health Code of the International Office of Epizootic Diseases, Third edition 2000, and that they come from a farm that is not under animal health restrictions due to a suspicion or an outbreak of infectious salmon anaemia.

Done at ....., on .....
(Place) (Date)

Official stamp
([1])

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(Signature of official inspector) ([1])

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(Name in capital letters, qualifications and title)

([1]) The signature and seal must be in a colour different of that of the printing

ANNEX II

Model health certificate regarding ISA for non-eviscerated salmonids originating in Norway

Reference code No: ORIGINAL

1. **Authorities involved**

1.1. Competent authority: .....

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1.2. Competent issuing authority: .....

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2. **Place of origin of the consignment**

2.1. Establishment of origin where the fish were slaughtered and packed: .....

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2.2. Address or location of establishment: .....

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2.3. Farm of origin: .....

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2.4. Address or location of farm: .....

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2.5. Name, address and phone number of the consignor:

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3. **Destination of the consignment**

3.1. Member State: .....

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3.2. Name, address and phone number of the consignee:

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4. **Means of transport and consignment identification**

4.1. Lorry, rail-wagon, ship, or aircraft: .....

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4.2. Registration number(s), ship name or flight number: ..

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4.3. Consignment identification details: .....

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5. **Description of the consignment**

Fish specie(s)		
Scientific name:	Common name:	Total weight of fish
☐ *Salmo salar*	☐ Atlantic salmon	
☐ *Salmo trutta*	☐ Sea trout	
☐ *Oncorhynchus mykiss*	☐ Rainbow trout	

6. **Animal health attestation for salmonid products originating in Norway**

I, the undersigned official inspector, hereby certify that the products referred to at point 5 of this certificate come from a farm and an establishment located in a region of Norway that is not under animal health restrictions due to a suspicion or an outbreak of infectious salmon anaemia.

Done at ....., on .....
(Place) (Date)

Official stamp [1]

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(Signature of official inspector) [1]

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(Name in capital letters, qualifications and title)

[1] The signature and seal must be in a colour different to that of the printing.