COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION
of 18 November 2003
amending Decision 97/222/EC as regards imports of meat products from Australia and Slovenia

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2003/826/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 807/2003 [2], and in particular Article 21a(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Decision 97/222/EC [3], as last amended by Decision 2003/733/EC [4], established a list of third countries or parts of third countries from which the importation of meat products is authorised.

(2) The epidemiological situation concerning classical swine fever in Slovenia has recently been assessed and found to be satisfactory. Member States should therefore authorise the importation of fresh pig meat from Slovenia into the Community.

(3) The list of third countries or parts of third countries from which the Member States authorise the importation of meat products, as laid down in Decision 97/222/EC, should be updated with regard to Slovenia in order to be consistent with Community rules for the importation of fresh meat as relevant for the different treatment categories of meat products.

(4) As regards Australia, only fresh poultrymeat and live poultry, in particular ratite meat and ratites, may be imported subject to certain specific testing requirements due to the use of Newcastle disease vaccines that do not comply with Community legislation, and the importation of wild and farmed game meat products should be restricted to treated products until the situation can be further assessed as regards those categories of birds.

(5) Decision 97/222/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.

(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

The Annex to Decision 97/222/EC is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 18 November 2003.

For the Commission
David BYRNE
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.
[2] OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 36.
[3] OJ L 89, 4.4.1997, p. 39.
[4] OJ L 264, 15.10.2003, p. 32.

ANNEX

Parts I and II of the Annex to Decision 97/222/EC are replaced by the following:

'PART I

Description of regionalised territories as laid down for the countries listed in Parts II — III

Country	Territory		Description of territory
	Code	Version	
AR Argentina	AR-1	01/2002	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 93/402/EC [1] (as last amended)
	AR-3	01/2002	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 93/402/EC (as last amended)
BG Bulgaria	BG		Whole country
	BG-1	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 98/371/EC [2] (as last amended)
	BG-2	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 98/371/EC (as last amended)
	BG-3	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 98/371/EC (as last amended)
BR Brazil	BR		Whole country
	BR-1	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 94/984/EC [3] (as last amended)
CZ Czech Republic	CZ		Whole country
	CZ-1	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 98/371/EC (as last amended)
	CZ-2	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 98/371/EC (as last amended)
MY Malaysia	MY		Whole country
	MY-1	95/1	Peninsular (Western) Malaysia only
Serbia and Montenegro	CS		Whole country
	CS-1	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 98/371/EC (as last amended)
	CS-2	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 98/371/EC (as last amended)
SK Slovakia	SK		Whole country
	SK-1	1/2003	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 98/371/EC (as last amended)
	SK-2	1/2003	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 98/371/EC (as last amended)

[1] OJ L 179, 22.7.1993, p. 11.
[2] OJ L 110, 28.4.1999, p. 16.
[3] OJ L 378, 31.12.1994, p. 11.

PART II

Third countries or parts thereof from where meat products are authorised for importation into the European Community

Code ISO	Country of origin or part thereof	1. Domestic bovine 2. Farmed cloven-hoofed game-(excluding swine)	Domestic ovine/caprine	1. Domestic porcine 2. Farmed cloven-hoofed game (swine)	Domestic soliped	1. Domestic poultry 2. Farmed feathered game	Domestic rabbit and farmed leporidae	Wild cloven hoofed game (excluding swine)	Wild swine	Wild soliped	Wild leporidae (rabbits and hares)	Wild game birds	Wild land mammalian game (excluding ungulates, solipeds and leporidae)
AR	Argentina AR-1 (1)	C	C	C	A	A	A	C	C	—	A	D	—
	Argentina AR-3 (1)	A (4)	A (4)	C	A	A	A	C	C	—	A	D	—
AU	Australia	A	A	A	A	A (5) D (6)	A	A	A	—	A	D	A
BG	Bulgaria BG	D	D	D	A	D	A	D	D	—	A	D	—
	Bulgaria BG-1	A	A	D	A	D	A	A	D	—	A	D	—
	Bulgaria BG-2	A	A	D	A	D	A	A	D	—	A	D	—
	Bulgaria BG-3	D	D	D	A	D	A	D	D	—	A	D	—
BH	Bahrain	B	B	B	B	—	A	C	C	—	A	—	—
BR	Brazil	C	C	C	A	D	A	C	C	—	A	D	—
	Brazil BR-1	C	C	C	A	A	A	C	C	—	A	A	—
BW	Botswana	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	A	A	—	—
BY	Belarus	C	C	C	B	—	A	C	C	—	A	—	—
CA	Canada	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	A
CH	Switzerland	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
CL	Chile	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	—	A	A	—

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CN	People's Republic of China	B	B	B	B	B	A	B	B	—	A	B	—
CO	Colombia	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
CY	Cyprus	C	C	C	A	A	A	C	C	—	A	A	—
CZ	Czech Republic CZ	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
	Czech Republic CZ-1	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	—
	Czech Republic CZ-2	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
EE	Estonia	C	C	A [2] D [3]	A	—	A	C	C	—	A	—	A
ET	Ethiopia	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
GL	Greenland	—	—	—	—	—	A	—	—	—	A	A	A
HK	Hong Kong	B	B	B	B	D	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
HR	Croatia	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
HU	Hungary	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	—
IL	Israel	B	B	B	B	D	A	B	B	—	A	D	—
IN	India	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
IS	Iceland	B	B	B	A	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
KE	Kenya	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
KR	Korea (Rep.)	—	—	—	—	D	A	—	—	—	A	D	—
LT	Lithuania	C	C	A [2] D [3]	A	D	A	C	C	—	A	D	A

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LV	Latvia	C	C	A	A	D	A	C	C	—	A	—	A
MA	Morocco	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
MG	Madagascar	B	B	B	B	D	A	B	B	—	A	D	—
MK	Former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia (*)	A	A	B	A	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
MT	Malta	—	—	—	—	A	A	—	—	—	A	—	—
MU	Mauritius	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
MX	Mexico	A	D	D	A	D	A	D	D	—	A	D	—
MY	Malaysia MY	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Malaysia MY-1	—	—	—	—	D	A	—	—	—	A	D	—
NA	Namibia (1)	B	B	B	B	D	A	B	B	A	A	D	—
NZ	New Zealand	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	A
PL	Poland	A	A	A (2) D (3)	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
PY	Paraguay	C	C	C	B	—	A	C	C	—	A	—	—
RO	Romania	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	A
RU	Russia	C	C	C	B	—	A	C	C	—	A	—	A

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CS	Serbia and Montenegro	D	D	D	A	D	A	C	C	—	A	—	—
	Serbia and Montenegro CS-1	D	D	D	A	D	A	C	D	—	A	—	—
	Serbia and Montenegro CS-2	D	D	D	A	D	A	C	C	—	A	—	—
SG	Singapore	B	B	B	B	D	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
SI	Slovenia	A	A	A (2) D (3)	A	D	A	A	D	—	A	D	—
SK	Slovakia	A	A	—	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
	Slovakia SK-1	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
	Slovakia SK-2	A	A	A (2) D (3)	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
SZ	Swaziland	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	A	A	—	—
TH	Thailand	B	B	B	B	A	A	B	B	—	A	D	—
TN	Tunisia	C	C	B	B	A	A	B	B	—	A	D	—
TR	Turkey	—	—	—	—	D	A	—	—	—	A	D	—
UA	Ukraine	—	—	—	—	—	A	—	—	—	A	—	—

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US	United States of America	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	—
UY	Uruguay	C	C	B	A	D	A	—	—	—	A	D	—
ZA	South Africa (1)	C	C	C	A	D	A	C	C	A	A	D	—
ZW	Zimbabwe (1)	C	C	B	A	D	A	B	B	—	A	D	—

(*) Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: provisional code that does not affect the definitive denomination of the country to be attributed after the conclusion of the negotiations currently taking place in the United Nations.
(1) See Part III for minimum treatment requirements for pasteurised meat products and biltong.
(2) For meat products prepared from fresh meat of domestic porcines in accordance with Decision 98/371/EC as last amended.
(3) For meat products prepared from fresh meat of farmed cloven-hoofed game (swine).
(4) For meat products prepared from fresh meat obtained from animals slaughtered after 1 March 2002.
(5) For meat products only from poultrymeat.
(6) For meat products only from meat of farmed feathered game.
— No certificate laid down and meat products are not authorised.'