COMMISSION DECISION

of 18 November 2003

amending Decision 98/371/EC as regards the import of fresh pigmeat from Slovenia

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2003/827/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 Articles 14, 15 and 16 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Decision 98/371/EC [3], as last amended by Decision 2003/742/EC [4], governs animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from certain European countries.

(2) For animal health reasons, and in particular to control classical swine fever, imports of fresh pigmeat for human consumption from Slovenia were not authorised.

(3) Slovenia has requested authorisation to export pigmeat to the Community supporting this request with information on the health status of swine in Slovenia and the control of classical swine fever.

(4) In May 2003 the Commission carried out a veterinary mission to assess the animal health situation in Slovenia.

(5) On the basis of the mission report and further information provided by Slovenia, the health status of swine in Slovenia appears to be satisfactory as regards classical swine fever.

(6) The import of pigmeat for human consumption from Slovenia into the Community should therefore be authorised subject to certain conditions relating to the use of catering waste for feeding to swine.

(7) For the purpose of exporting pigmeat, Slovenia has undertaken to draw up a list of pig holdings subject to regular veterinary supervisions and appropriate controls to exclude any use of catering waste for feeding to swine.

(8) Decision 98/371/EC should be amended accordingly.

(9) 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

Annexes I and II to Decision 98/371/EC are replaced by the text in the Annexes 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 170, 16.6.1998, p. 16.
[4] OJ L 268, 18.10.2003, p. 73.

ANNEX I

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Description of territories of certain European countries established for animal health certification purposes

Country	Code of territory	Version	Description of territory
Albania	AL	1/98	Whole country
Bosnia-Herzegovina	BA	1/98	Whole country
Bulgaria	BG	1/98	Whole country
	BG-1	1/98	The provinces of Varna, Dobrich, Solistra, Choumen, Targovichte, Razgrad, Rousse, V.Tarnovo, Gabrovo, Pleven, Lovetch, Plovdiv, Smolian, Pasardjik, Sofia district, Sofia city, Pernik, Kustendil, Blagoevgrad, Vratza, Montana and Vidin
	BG-2	1/99	The provinces of Bourgas, Jambol, Sliven, Starazagora, Hasskovo and Kardjali, except the 20-kilometre-wide corridor on the border with Turkey
	BG-3	1/99	The 20-kilometre-wide corridor to the border with Turkey
Belarus	BY	1/98	Whole country
Czech Republic	CZ	1/98	Whole country
	CZ-1	1/99	Whole country excluding the provinces of Kroměříž, Vyškov, Hodonín, Uherské Hradiště, Zlín and Vsetín
	CZ-2	1/99	The provinces of Kroměříž, Vyškov, Hodonín, Uherské Hradiště, Zlín and Vsetín
Estonia	EE	1/98	Whole country
Serbia and Montenegro	CS	1/98	Whole country
	CS-1	1/98	Serbia and Montenegro excluding the region of Kosovo (as defined by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999) and Metohija
	CS-2	1/98	The region of Kosovo (as defined by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999) and Metohija
Croatia	HR	1/98	Whole country
Hungary	HU	1/98	Whole country
Lithuania	LI	1/98	Whole country

Country	Code of territory	Version	Description of territory
Latvia	LV	1/98	Whole country
Poland	PL	1/98	Whole country
Romania	RO	1/98	Whole country
Russia	RU	1/98	Whole country
Slovenia	SI	1/2003	Whole country
Slovakia	SK	1/98	Whole country
	SK-1	1/2003	The District Veterinary and Food Administrations (DVFA) of Trnava (comprising Piešťany, Hlohovec and Trnava districts); Levice (comprising Levice district); Nitra (comprising Nitra and Zlaté Moravce districts); Topoľčany (comprising Topoľčany district); Nové Mesto nad Váhom (comprising Nové Mesto nad Váhom district); Trenčín (comprising Trenčín and Bánovce nad Bebravou districts); Prievidza (comprising Prievidza and Partizánske districts); Púchov (comprising Púchov and Ilava districts); Žiar nad Hronom (comprising Žiar nad Hronom, Žarnovica and Banská Štiavnica districts); Zvolen (comprising Zvolen and Detva districts); Banská Bystrica (comprising Banská Bystrica and Brezno districts).
	SK-2	1/2003	The District Veterinary and Food Administrations (DVFA) of Bratislava mesto (comprising Bratislava I, II, III, IV and V districts); Senec (comprising Senec, Pezinok and Malacky districts); Dunajská Streda (comprising Dunajská Streda district); Galanta (comprising Galanta district); Senica (comprising Senica and Skalica districts); Nové Mesto nad Váhom (comprising Myjava district); Púchov (comprising Považská Bystrica district); Nové Zámky (comprising Nové Zámky district); Komárno (comprising Komárno district); Šaľa (comprising Šaľa district); Žilina (comprising Žilina and Bytča district); Dolný Kubín (comprising Dolný Kubín, Tvrdošín and Námestovo districts); Martin (comprising Martin and Turčianske Teplice districts); Liptovský Mikuláš (comprising Liptovský Mikuláš and Ružomberok districts); Lučenec (comprising Lučenec and Poltár districts); Veľký Krtíš (comprising Veľký Krtíš district); Rimavská Sobota (comprising Rimavská Sobota and Revúca districts); Zvolen (comprising Krupina district); Poprad (comprising Poprad, Kežmarok and Levoča districts); Prešov (comprising Prešov and Sabinov districts); Bardejov (comprising Bardejov district); Vranov nad Topľou (comprising Vranov nad Topľou district); Svidník (comprising Svidník and Stropkov districts); Humenné (comprising Humenné, Medzilaborce and Snina districts); Stará Ľubovňa (comprising Stará Ľubovňa district); Košice — mesto (comprising Košice I, II, III and IV districts); Košice — okolie (comprising Košice — okolie district); Michalovce (comprising Michalovce and Sobrance districts); Rožňava (comprising Rožňava district); Spišská Nová Ves (comprising Spišská Nová Ves and Gelnica districts) and Trebišov (comprising Trebišov district).'

ANNEX II

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Animal health guarantees to be requested on certification of fresh meat

Country	Code	Fresh meat for human consumption								Fresh meat intended for purposes other than human consumption
		Bovine		Swine		Ovine/Caprine		Solipeds		
		MC [1]	SG [2]	MC [1]	SG [2]	MC [1]	SG [2]	MC [1]	SG [2]	MC
Albania	AL	—		—		—		—	—	—
Bosnia-Herzegovina	BA	—		—		—		—	—	—
Bulgaria	BG	—		—		—		D	—	E
	BG-1	A		—		C		D	—	E
	BG-2	—		—		—		D	—	E
Belarus	BY	—		—		—		—	—	E
Czech Republic	CZ	A		B		C		D	—	E
	CZ-1	A		B		C		D	—	E
	CZ-2	A		B		C		D	—	E
Estonia	EE	—		B	a	—		—	—	E
Croatia	HR	A		—		C		D	—	E
Hungary	HU	A		B		C		D	—	E
Lithuania	LT	A		B	a	C		D	—	E
Latvia	LV	—		—		—		—	—	E
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia [3]	MK	—		—		C		D	—	E
Poland	PL	A		B	a	C		D	—	E
Romania	RO	A		—		C		D	—	E
Russia	RU	—		—		—		—	—	E
Serbia and Montenegro	CS	—		—		—		D	—	E
	CS-1	A		—		C		D	—	E
	CS-2	—		—		—		D	—	E

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		Bovine		Swine		Ovine/Caprine		Solipeds		
		MC (1)	SG (2)	MC (1)	SG (2)	MC (1)	SG (2)	MC (1)	SG (2)	MC
Slovenia	SI	A		B	a	C		D	—	E
Slovakia	SK	A		—		C		D	—	E
	SK-1	A		—		C		D	—	E
	SK-2	A		B	a	C		D	—	E

NB: Imports of fresh meat for human consumption are not allowed unless a programme of control of residues in the exporting third country has been approved by the Commission.

(1) MC: model of certificate to be completed. The letters (A, B, C, D, etc.) appearing on the tables refer to the models of animal health guarantees, as described in Annex III to Decision 98/371/EC, to be applied for each product and origin in accordance with Article 2 of this Decision. A dash "-" indicates that imports are not authorised.

(2) SG: supplementary guarantees. The letters (a, b, c, d etc.) appearing on the tables are referring to the supplementary guarantees to be provided by the exporting country as described in Annex IV. These supplementary guarantees must be inserted by the exporting country in the section V of each model of certificate laid down in Annex III.

(3) 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.'