COMMISSION DECISION

Of 26 April 2004

amending Decisions 2001/881/EC and 2002/459/EC as regards changes and further additions to the list of border inspection posts

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2004/408/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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[1], and in particular Article 6(2) thereof,

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[2], and in particular Article 6(4) thereof,

(1) The list of border inspection posts for veterinary checks on live animals and animal products from third countries, approved by Commission Decision 2001/881/EC[3], which includes the ANIMO unit number for every border inspection post, should be updated to take account in particular of developments in certain Member States and of inspections carried out by the Food and Veterinary Office.

(2) Following confirmation of completion of facilities in Liège, Belgium and at Århus, Denmark, additional categories should be added to the entries for these border inspection posts.

(3) Following a satisfactory Community inspection an additional border inspection post at Norrkoping, Sweden should be added to the list.

(4) Following requests from certain Member States certain other inspection centres or border inspection posts should be deleted from the list.

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1 OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 9.

2 OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 56. Directive as last amended by Directive 96/43/EC (OJ L 162, 1.7.1996, p. 1.).

3 OJ L 326, 11.12.2001, p. 44. Decision as last amended by Decision 2003/831/EC (OJ L 313, 28.11.2003, p. 61.).

(5) In addition, a number of amendments have been requested by Member States and should be introduced to the listing details as regards categories and inspection centres for several other border inspection posts that have already been approved.

(6) The list of ANIMO units in Commission Decision 2002/459/EC[4], which includes the ANIMO unit number for each border inspection post in the Community, should accordingly be updated to take account of any relevant changes and to maintain an identical list to that in Decision 2001/881/EC.

(7) The amendments concerning Piraeus, Greece and Karlskrona, Karlshamn and Ystad in Sweden are a result of the enlargement process and those amendments should therefore take effect only from the date of Accession.

(8) 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

In the Annex to Decision 2001/881/EC, the entries for the following Member States, Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Spain, France, Portugal, Sweden and the United Kingdom, are replaced by the corresponding entries in Annex I to this Decision.

Article 2

The Annex to Decision 2002/459/EC is amended in accordance with Annex II to this Decision.

Article 3

The amendments as regards the listing for Piraeus (Greece), and delisting for Karlskrona, Karlshamn and Ystad (Sweden) shall apply from 1 May 2004.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 April 2004.

For the Commission
David BYRNE
Member of the Commission

[4] OJ L 159, 17.6.2002, p. 27. Decision as last amended by Decision 2003/831/EC.

ANNEX I

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ANNEX II

The Annex to Decision 2002/459/EC is amended as follows:

(1) In the section for border inspection posts in DENMARK, the following entry is deleted:

"0931699 P Køge "

and the following entry is added

"0951699 P Ålborg 2"

(2) In the section for border inspection posts in SWEDEN, the following entries are deleted:

"1610299 P Karlshamn

1610199 P Karlskrona

1612199 P Ystad"

and the following entry is added:

"1605299 P Norrköping"

(3) In the section for border inspection posts in THE UNITED KINGDOM, the following entry is deleted:

"0713399 P Newhaven"