COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 6 January 2004

amending Council Decision 79/542/EEC drawing up a list of third countries from which the Member States authorise imports of bovine animals, swine, equidae, sheep and goats, fresh meat and meat products, in particular to include certain acceding States

(notified under document number C(2003) 5352)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2004/81/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 3 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Council Decision 79/542/EEC [3], draws up a list of third countries from which the Member States authorise imports of bovine animals, swine, equidae, sheep and goats, fresh meat and meat products.

(2) A number of acceding States have requested authorisation to export live animals, fresh meat and meat products to the Community prior to accession.

(3) A large number of veterinary missions have been carried out by the Food and Veterinary Office to assess the animal health situation in these countries.

(4) On the basis of these mission reports, of the scope of existing authorisations, and in order to harmonise the listings prior to accession, it is appropriate to extend the scope of authorisations in principle for importations into the Community from acceding States.

(5) The Annex to Decision 79/542/EEC should 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

Part I of the Annex to Decision 79/542/EEC is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 27 January 2004.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 6 January 2004.

For the Commission

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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 146, 14.6.1979, p. 15, as last amended by Decision 2001/731/EC (OJ L 274, 17.10.2001, p. 22).

ANNEX

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Imports shall fulfil the appropriate animal and public health requirements.

PART 1

Live animals, fresh meat and meat products

ISO country code	Country or territory	Fresh meat and meat products Domestic				Fresh meat Wild		Live animals				Animal health		
		B	S/G	P	E	CH	E	B	S/G	P	E	fresh meat	meat products	live animals
AL	Albania	0	X	X	X	0	X	0	0	0	0			
AR	Argentina	X	X	0	X	X	X	0	0	0	X		(3)	
AU	Australia	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	0	0	X			
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	0	0	0	(1)		
BG	Bulgaria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	X	(1)		
BH	Bahrain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		(3) (4)	
BR	Brazil	X	X	0	X	0	X	0	0	0	X		(3)	(5)
BW	Botswana	X	X	0	X	X	X	0	0	0	0	(1) (2)	(3)	
BY	Belarus	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	0	0	X	(1)		
BZ	Belize	X	0	0	X	0	X	0	0	0	0			
CA	Canada	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			(6)
CH	Switzerland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
CL	Chile	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	X	X	X			
CN	People's Republic of China	0	0	X	X	X	X	0	0	0	0	(1)	(3)	
CO	Colombia	X	0	0	X	0	X	0	0	0	0		(3)	
CR	Costa Rica	X	0	0	X	0	X	0	0	0	0			
CU	Cuba	X	0	0	X	0	X	0	0	0	0			

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CY	Cyprus (*)	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	0	X	X			
CZ	Czech Republic (*)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
DZ	Algeria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X			
EE	Estonia (*)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	X	(1)		
ET	Ethiopia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		(3)	
FK	Falkland Islands	X	X	0	X	X	X	0	0	0	X			
GL	Greenland	X	X	0	X	X	X	0	X	0	X	(1)		
GT	Guatemala	X	0	0	X	0	X	0	0	0	0			
HK	Hong Kong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		(3)	
HN	Honduras	X	0	0	X	0	X	0	0	0	0			
HR	Croatia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	X	(1)		
HU	Hungary (*)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
IL	Israel	0	0	0	X	0	X	0	0	0	X		(3)	
IN	India	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		(3)	
IS	Iceland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
KE	Kenya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		(3)	
LT	Lithuania (*)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	X	(1)		
LV	Latvia (*)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	X	(1)		
MA	Morocco	0	0	0	X	0	X	0	0	0	X		(3)	
MG	Madagascar	X	X	0	X	0	X	0	0	0	0		(3)	
MK (7)	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0	X	0	X	0	X	0	0	0	X			
MT	Malta (*)	X	0	X	X	0	X	0	X	0	X		(3)	

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UM	Mauritius	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X		(3)	
MX	Mexico	X	0	0	X	0	X	0	0	0	X			(5) (8)
NA	Namibia	X	X	0	X	X	X	0	0	0	0	(1) (2)	(3)	
NC	New Caledonia	X	0	0	0	X	0	0	0	0	0	(1)		
NI	Nicaragua	X	0	0	X	0	X	0	0	0	0			
NZ	New Zealand	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
PA	Panama	X	0	0	X	0	X	0	0	0	0			
PL	Poland (*)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	X	(1)		
PM	St.Pierre & Miquelon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X			
PY	Paraguay	X	X	0	X	0	X	0	0	0	X		(3)	
RO	Romania	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	X	(1)		
RU	Russia	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	0	0	X	(1) (2)		(5)
SCG	Serbia and Montenegro	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	0	0	X	(1)		
SG	Singapore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		(3)	
SI	Slovenia (*)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	X	(1)		
SK	Slovak Republic (*)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	X	(1)		
SV	El Salvador	X	X	0	X	0	X	0	0	0	0			
SZ	Swaziland	X	0	0	X	X	X	0	0	0	0	(1) (2)	(3)	
TH	Thailand	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		(3)	
TN	Tunisia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X		(3) (4)	
TR	Turkey	0	0	0	X	0	X	0	0	0	0			

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UA	Ukraine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X			
US	United States of America	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	0	0	X			
UY	Uruguay	X	X	0	X	X	X	0	0	0	X		(3)	
ZA	South Africa	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	0	0	X	(1) (2)	(3)	(5)
ZW	Zimbabwe	X	0	0	0	X	X	0	0	0	0		(3)	

Special remarks:

B = Bovines (including buffalo and bison)

S/G = Sheep/goats

P = Pig

E = Equidae

C/H = Cloven-hoofed animals

X = Authorised

O = Unauthorised

(*) Only applicable until this acceding State becomes a Member State of the Community.
(1) Excluding meat of wild swine.
(2) Excluding bonein meat and offal.
(3) Notwithstanding the restrictions in the above list, meat products which have undergone heat treatment in a hermetically sealed container to an Fo value of three or more are authorised.
(4) Notwithstanding the restrictions in the above list, meat products which have been treated to a centre temperature of at least 80° C are authorised.
(5) Member States shall only import equidae in accordance with Commission Decision 92/160/EEC establishing the regionalisation.
(6) Imports of live bovine animals are restricted to animals intended for reproduction and to veal calves aged under two weeks intended for fattening.
(7) 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.
(8) Imports of equidae for slaughter are not allowed.'