COMMISSION DECISION

of 6 January 2004

amending Decision 98/371/EC as regards the import of fresh meat from certain acceding States

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2004/83/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], and in particular Articles 14, 15 and 16 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 2002/99/EC laying down the animal health rules governing the production, processing, distribution and introduction of products of animal origin for human consumption [2], and in particular Article 8(4) and Article 9(2)(b) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Decision 98/371/EC [3] governs animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from certain European countries.

(2) The animal health situation allowing it, and in order to achieve clarity and consistency prior to accession, it is appropriate to authorise Cyprus and Malta to import into the Community fresh meat from all species referred to in this Decision.

(3) In addition, the general animal health situation in Estonia and Latvia is satisfactory.

(4) Member States should therefore authorise the importation of meat from bovines, ovines, caprines and solipeds from these countries into the Community and also pigmeat from Latvia.

(5) It is also opportune to update the names including the regions and ISO codes for Bulgaria and Slovakia.

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

(7) 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, 6 January 2004.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 807/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 36).

[2] OJ L 18, 23.1.2003, p. 11.

[3] OJ L 170, 16.6.1998, p. 16, as last amended by Decision 2003/827/EC (OJ L 311, 27.11.2003, p. 36).

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 AND 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 km-wide corridor on the border with Turkey
	BG-3	1/99	The 20 km-wide corridor to the border with Turkey
BELARUS	BY	1/98	Whole country
CYPRUS (*)	CY	1/2003	Whole country
CZECH REPUBLIC (*)	CZ	1/2003	Whole country
ESTONIA (*)	EE	1/98	Whole country
CROATIA	HR	1/98	Whole country
HUNGARY (*)	HU	1/98	Whole country
LITHUANIA (*)	LT	1/98	Whole country
LATVIA (*)	LV	1/98	Whole country
MALTA (*)	MT	1/2003	Whole country
FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA	MK	1/2003	Whole country
POLAND (*)	PL	1/98	Whole country

Country	Code of territory	Version	Description of territory
ROMANIA	RO	1/98	Whole country
RUSSIA	RU	1/98	Whole country
SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO	SCG	1/98	Whole country
	SCG-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
	SCG-2	1/98	The region of Kosovo (as defined by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999) and Metohija
SLOVENIA (*)	SI	1/2003	Whole country
SLOVAK REPUBLIC (*)	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).

(*) Only applicable until this acceding State becomes a Member State of the Community.'

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 AND HERZEGOVINA	BA	—		—		—		—		—
BULGARIA	BG	—		—		—		D	—	E
	BG-1	A		—		C		D	—	E
	BG-2	—		—		—		D	—	E
	BG-3	—		—		—		—		—
BELARUS	BY	—		—		—		—	—	E
CYPRUS (*)	**CY**	**A**		**B**	**a**	**C**		**D**		**E**
CZECH REPUBLIC (*)	CZ	A		B		C		D	—	E
ESTONIA (*)	EE	**A**		B	a	**C**		**D**	—	E
CROATIA	HR	A		—		C		D	—	E
HUNGARY (*)	HU	A		B		C		D	—	E
LITHUANIA (*)	LT	A		B	a	C		D	—	E
LATVIA (*)	LV	**A**		**B**	a	**C**		**D**	—	E
MALTA (*)	**MT**	**A**		**B**	**a**	**C**		**D**		**E**
FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA	MK [3]	—		—		C		D	—	E
POLAND (*)	PL	A		B	a	C		D	—	E
ROMANIA	RO	A		—		C		D	—	E
RUSSIA	RU	—		—		—		—	—	E
SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO	SCG	—		—		—		D	—	E
	SCG-1	A		—		C		D	—	E
	SCG-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
SLOVAK REPUBLIC (*)	SK	A		—		C		D	—	E
	SK-1	A		—		C		D	—	E
	SK-2	A		B	a	C		D	—	E

(*) Only applicable till this acceding State becomes a Member State of the Community.

N.B: 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 refer 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 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.'