COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 January 2004

repealing Decision 96/293/EC concerning certain protective measures with regard to fishery products originating in Mauritania

(notified under document number C(2004) 128)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2004/98/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 22(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Decision 96/293/EC of 30 April 1996 concerning certain protective measures with regard to fishery products originating in Mauritania [2] suspends the import of bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods originating in Mauritania.

(2) Commission Decision 97/20/EC of 17 December 1996 establishing the list of third countries fulfilling the equivalence conditions for the production and placing on the market of bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods [3] has superseded Decision 96/293/EC which has therefore become obsolete and should be repealed.

(3) 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

Decision 96/293/EC is repealed.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 6 February 2004.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 29 January 2004.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 9.
[2] OJ L 111, 4.5.1996, p. 22. Decision as amended by Decision 96/426/EC (OJ L 175, 13.7.1996, p. 33).
[3] OJ L 6, 10.1.1997, p. 46. Decision as last amended by Decision 2002/469/EC (OJ L 163, 21.6.2002, p. 16).