COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 January 2005

amending Decision 97/296/EC drawing up the list of third countries from which the import of fishery products is authorised for human consumption, with respect to Antigua and Barbuda, Hong Kong, El Salvador and Slovakia

(notified under document number C(2004) 4608)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2005/71/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 95/408/EC of 22 of June 1995 on the conditions for drawing up, for an interim period, provisional lists of third country establishments from which Member States are authorised to import certain products of animal origin, fishery products or live bivalve molluscs [1], and in particular Article 2(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Decision 97/296/EC of 22 April 1997 drawing up the list of third countries from which the import of fishery products is authorised for human consumption [2], lists the countries and territories from which import of fishery products for human consumption is authorised. Part I of the Annex to that Decision lists the countries and territories covered by a specific decision under Council Directive 91/493/EEC of 22 July 1991 laying down the health conditions for the production and the placing on the market of fishery products [3], and part II of that Annex lists the countries and territories meeting the conditions set out in Article 2(2) of Decision 95/408/EC.

(2) Commission Decisions 2005/72/EC [4], 2005/73/EC [5] and 2005/74/EC [6] provide for specific import conditions for fishery products originating in Antigua and Barbuda, Hong Kong and El Salvador which should therefore be included in the list in Part I of the Annex to Decision 97/296/EC.

(3) The list set out in Part I of the Annex to Decision 97/296/EC includes Slovakia. Since that country is now a Member State its name should be deleted from that list.

(4) In the interests of clarity the lists concerned should be replaced in their entirety.

(5) Decision 97/296/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.

(6) This Decision should apply from the same day as Decisions 2005/72/EC, 2005/73/EC and 2005/74/EC as regards the import of fishery products from Antigua and Barbuda, Hong Kong and El Salvador.

(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

The Annex to Decision 97/296/EC is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 17 March 2005.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 January 2005.

For the Commission
Markos KYPRIANOU
Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 243, 11.10.1995, p. 17. Decision as last amended by Directive 2004/41/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 157, 30.4.2004, p. 33; corrected in OJ L 195, 2.6.2004, p. 12).
[2] OJ L 122, 14.5.1997, p. 21. Decision as last amended by Decision 2004/359/EC (OJ L 113, 20.4.2004, p. 45).
[3] OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 15. Directive as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1).
[4] See page 49 of this Official Journal.
[5] See page 54 of this Official Journal.
[6] See page 59 of this Official Journal.

ANNEX

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List of countries and territories from which importation of fishery products in any form intended for human consumption is authorised

I. *Countries and territories covered by a specific decision under Council Directive 91/493/EEC*

AE — UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

AG — ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

AL — ALBANIA

AN — NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

AR — ARGENTINA

AU — AUSTRALIA

BD — BANGLADESH

BG — BULGARIA

BR — BRAZIL

BZ — BELIZE

CA — CANADA

CH — SWITZERLAND

CI — IVORY COAST

CL — CHILE

CN — CHINA

CO — COLOMBIA

CR — COSTA RICA

CS — SERBIA and MONTENEGRO [1]

CU — CUBA

CV — CAPE VERDE

EC — ECUADOR

EG — EGYPT

FK — FALKLAND ISLANDS

GA — GABON

GH — GHANA

GL — GREENLAND

GM — GAMBIA

GN — GUINEA CONAKRY

GT — GUATEMALA

GY — GUYANA

HK — HONG KONG

HN — HONDURAS

HR — CROATIA

ID — INDONESIA

[1] Not including Kosovo as defined by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999.

IN — INDIA

IR — IRAN

JM — JAMAICA

JP — JAPAN

KE — KENYA

KR — SOUTH KOREA

KZ — KAZAKHSTAN

LK — SRI LANKA

MA — MOROCCO

MG — MADAGASCAR

MR — MAURITANIA

MU — MAURITIUS

MV — MALDIVES

MX — MEXICO

MY — MALAYSIA

MZ — MOZAMBIQUE

NA — NAMIBIA

NC — NEW CALEDONIA

NG — NIGERIA

NI — NICARAGUA

NZ — NEW ZEALAND

OM — OMAN

PA — PANAMA

PE — PERU

PG — PAPUA NEW GUINEA

PH — PHILIPPINES

PF — FRENCH POLYNESIA

PM — ST PIERRE & MIQUELON

PK — PAKISTAN

RO — ROMANIA

RU — RUSSIA

SC — SEYCHELLES

SG — SINGAPORE

SN — SENEGAL

SR — SURINAME

SV — EL SALVADOR

TH — THAILAND

TN — TUNISIA

TR — TURKEY

TW — TAIWAN

TZ — TANZANIA

UG — UGANDA

UY — URUGUAY

VE — VENEZUELA

VN — VIETNAM

YE — YEMEN

YT — MAYOTTE

ZA — SOUTH AFRICA

ZW — ZIMBABWE

II. *Countries and territories meeting the terms of Article 2(2) of Council Decision 95/408/EC*

AM — ARMENIA [1]

AO — ANGOLA

AZ — AZERBAIJAN [2]

BJ — BENIN

BS — BAHAMAS

BY — BELARUS

CG — REPUBLIC OF CONGO [3]

CM — CAMEROON

DZ — ALGERIA

ER — ERITREA

FJ — FIJI

GD — GRENADA

IL — ISRAEL

MM — MYANMAR

SB — SOLOMON ISLANDS

SH — ST HELENA

TG — TOGO

US — UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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[1] Authorised only for imports of live crayfish (*Astacus leptodactylus*) intended for direct human consumption.
[2] Authorised only for imports of caviar.
[3] Authorised only for imports of fishery products caught, frozen and packed in their final packaging at sea.'