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## COMMISSION

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 February 1996

amending Council Decision 79/542/EEC and Commission Decisions 92/260/EEC, 93/195/EEC, 93/196/EEC and 93/197/EEC

(Text with EEA relevance)

(96/279/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/426/EEC of 26 June 1990 on animal health conditions governing the movement and imports from third countries of *equidae* <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Articles 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18 and Article 19 (i) and (ii) thereof;

Whereas by Council Decision 79/542/EEC <sup>(2)</sup>, as last amended by Commission Decision 96/132/EC <sup>(3)</sup>, a list of third countries from which Member States authorize among others imports of *equidae* has been established;

Whereas Commission Decision 92/160/EEC <sup>(4)</sup>, as last amended by Decision 95/536/EC <sup>(5)</sup>, established the regionalization of certain third countries for imports of *equidae*;

Whereas the health conditions and veterinary certification for the temporary admission of registered horses, for the

imports of *equidae* for slaughter and for imports of registered *equidae* and *equidae* for breeding and production are laid down respectively in Commission Decisions 92/260/EEC <sup>(6)</sup>, as last amended by Decision 96/81/EC <sup>(7)</sup>, 93/196/EEC <sup>(8)</sup> and Commission 93/197/EEC <sup>(9)</sup>, both as last amended by Decision 96/82/EC <sup>(10)</sup>, and for the re-entry of registered horses after temporary export in Decision 93/195/EEC <sup>(11)</sup>, as last amended by Commission Decision 95/323/EC <sup>(12)</sup>;

Whereas changes in the sanitary situation of third countries have been taken into account by amending the aforementioned Decisions; whereas, however, sometimes it occurred that these amendments were incomplete and omissions were made, and that it is necessary to correct this situation and to amend these Decisions accordingly;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

<sup>(6)</sup> OJ No L 130, 15. 5. 1992, p. 67.<sup>(7)</sup> OJ No L 19, 25. 1. 1996, p. 52.<sup>(8)</sup> OJ No L 86, 6. 4. 1993 p. 7.<sup>(9)</sup> OJ No L 86, 6. 4. 1993, p. 16.<sup>(10)</sup> OJ No L 19, 25. 1. 1996, p. 56.<sup>(11)</sup> OJ No L 86, 6. 4. 1993, p. 1.<sup>(12)</sup> OJ No L 190, 11. 8. 1995, p. 11.<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 42.<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 146, 14. 6. 1979, p. 15.<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 30, 8. 2. 1996, p. 52.<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 71, 18. 3. 1992, p. 27.<sup>(5)</sup> OJ No L 304, 16.12. 1995, p. 49.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Article 1 (3) (c) of Decision 79/542/EEC is deleted.

*Article 2*

Decision 92/260/EEC is amended as follows:

1. in Annex I the list of countries in Group B is replaced by:

'Australia, Bulgaria, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, New Zealand, Poland, Romania, Russia <sup>(1)</sup>, Slovenia, Slovak Republic, Ukraine';

2. in Annex I the list of countries in Group D is replaced by:

'Argentina, Barbados, Bermuda, Bolivia, Brazil <sup>(1)</sup>, Chile, Cuba, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Uruguay';

3. in Annex II the title of the certificate B is replaced by:

**'HEALTH CERTIFICATE**

for the temporary admission of registered horses into Community territory from Australia, Bulgaria, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, New Zealand, Poland, Romania, Russia <sup>(1)</sup>, Slovenia, Slovak Republic, and Ukraine for a period of less than 90 days';

4. in Annex II the third indent of paragraph (d) of Chapter III of certificates A, B, C, D and E is replaced by:

'— Australia, Bulgaria, Belarus, Canada, Switzerland, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greenland, Hong Kong, Croatia, Hungary, Iceland, Japan, Lithuania, Latvia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Macau, Malaysia (peninsula), Norway, New Zealand, Poland, Romania, Russia <sup>(1)</sup>, Singapore, Slovenia, Slovak Republic, Ukraine, United States of America'.

*Article 3*

Decision 93/195/EEC is amended as follows:

1. in Annex I the list of countries in Group A is replaced by:

'Switzerland, Greenland, Iceland';

2. in Annex I the list of countries in Group B is replaced by:

'Australia, Bulgaria, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, New Zealand, Poland, Romania, Russia <sup>(1)</sup>, Slovenia, Slovak Republic, Ukraine';

3. In Annex II the list of countries in Group A in the title of the health certificate is replaced by:

'Switzerland, Greenland, Iceland';

4. In Annex II the list of countries in Group B in the title of the health certificate is replaced by:

'Australia, Bulgaria, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, New Zealand, Poland, Romania, Russia <sup>(1)</sup>, Slovenia, Slovak Republic, Ukraine'.

*Article 4*

Decision 93/196/EEC is amended as follows:

1. in Annex I the list of countries in footnote 5 is replaced by:

'Australia, Canada, Switzerland, Greenland, Iceland, New Zealand and United States of America';

2. in Annex II footnote 3 the list of countries in Group A is replaced by:

'Switzerland, Greenland, Iceland';

3. in Annex II footnote 3 the list of countries in Group B is replaced by:

'Australia, Bulgaria, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, New Zealand, Poland, Romania, Russia <sup>(1)</sup>, Slovenia, Slovak Republic, Ukraine'.

*Article 5*

Decision 93/197/EEC is amended as follows:

1. in Annex I the list of countries in Group A is replaced by:

'Switzerland, Greenland, Iceland';

2. in Annex I the list of countries in Group B is replaced by:

'Australia, Bulgaria, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, New Zealand, Poland, Romania, Russia (<sup>1</sup>), Slovenia, Slovak Republic, Ukraine';

3. in Annex II the title of the certificate A is replaced by:

**'HEALTH CERTIFICATE**

for imports into Community territory of registered *equidae* and *equidae* for breeding and production from Switzerland, Greenland and Iceland';

4. in Annex II the title of the certificate B is replaced by:

**'HEALTH CERTIFICATE**

for imports into Community territory of registered *equidae* and *equidae* for breeding and production from Australia, Bulgaria, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, New Zealand, Poland, Romania, Russia (<sup>1</sup>), Slovenia, Slovak Republic, Ukraine'.

*Article 6*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 February 1996.

*For the Commission*

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*Member of the Commission*