

## II

*(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)*

## COMMISSION

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 28 February 1997

**establishing groups of third countries which are able to utilize the veterinary certification for imports of wild game meat, farmed game meat and rabbit meat from third countries**

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(97/217/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 16 (3) thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Whereas following Annex I Chapter 11 of Directive 92/118/EEC, furred farmed game meat and feathered farmed game meat can be imported only if they come from third countries included on the lists of countries from which fresh meat of the corresponding species may be imported pursuant to Council Directive 72/462/EEC<sup>(6)</sup> and Council Directive 91/494/EEC respectively;

Having regard to Council Directive 91/494/EEC of 26 June 1991 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in and imports from third countries of fresh poultrymeat<sup>(1)</sup> as amended by Directive 93/121/EEC<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Articles 9, 11 and 14 thereof,

Whereas Commission Decision 94/86/EC<sup>(7)</sup> as amended by Decision 96/137/EC<sup>(8)</sup> lays down the third countries list from which Member States are authorized to import wild game meat;

Having regard to Council Directive 92/118/EEC of 17 December 1992 laying down animal health and public health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of products not subject to the said requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A Chapter I to Directive 89/662/EEC and, as regards pathogens, to Directive 90/425/EEC<sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Directive 96/90/EC<sup>(4)</sup>, and in particular Article 10 (2) thereof,

Whereas Commission Decision 94/278/EC<sup>(9)</sup> as last amended by Decision 96/344/EC<sup>(10)</sup> lays down the list of third countries from which Member States authorize the import of rabbit meat;

Having regard to Council Directive 92/45/EEC of 16 June 1992 on public health and animal health problems relating to the killing of wild game and the placing on the market of wild game meat<sup>(5)</sup>, as last amended by the

Whereas Commission Decision 97/219/EC<sup>(11)</sup> lays down animal and public health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of farmed game meat and rabbit meat from third countries;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 268, 24. 9. 1991, p. 35.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 340, 31. 12. 1993, p. 39.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 62, 15. 3. 1993, p. 49.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 13, 16. 1. 1997, p. 24.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ No L 268, 14. 9. 1992, p. 35.

<sup>(6)</sup> OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.

<sup>(7)</sup> OJ No L 44, 17. 2. 1994, p. 33.

<sup>(8)</sup> OJ No L 31, 9. 2. 1996, p. 31.

<sup>(9)</sup> OJ No L 120, 11. 5. 1994, p. 44.

<sup>(10)</sup> OJ No L 133, 4. 6. 1996, p. 28.

<sup>(11)</sup> See page 45 of this Official Journal.

Whereas Commission Decision 97/218/EC<sup>(1)</sup> lays down animal and public health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of wild game meat (excluding meat of wild swine) from third countries;

Whereas Commission Decision 97/220/EC<sup>(2)</sup> lays down animal and public health conditions and veterinary certification of meat of wild swine from third countries;

Whereas information was received from the third countries concerned and inspections have been carried out by the Commission services in the third countries; whereas it is now possible to lay down groups of third countries, or parts thereof, which can comply with the Community criteria as laid down in the different categories of certification;

Whereas the group for wild soliped meat includes only those third countries which have zebras on their territory;

Whereas according to their disease situation some third countries concerned cannot comply with the certification requirements for farmed game meat and game meat of ungulates and meat of farmed game birds and game birds; whereas these countries have not been included in the relevant groupings and imports cannot be authorized for the time being;

Whereas it is necessary to foresee the same date of application of this decision as for Decision 97/218/EC, Decision 97/219/EC, and Decision 97/220/EC;

Whereas it is necessary to review this Decision in the light of the results of checks on consignments of products referred to above, imported into the Community and of the results of Commission inspection missions;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

#### *Article 1*

For the purposes of this decision 'farmed game birds' means quail, pigeons, pheasants, partridges and any other game birds. It excludes fowl, turkeys, guinea fowl, ducks, geese and ratites.

#### *Article 2*

Member States shall authorize imports of:

- (a) meat of farmed 'cloven-hoofed game', excluding farmed 'wild swine', conforming to the requirements laid down in the model certificate in:

— Annex A to Decision 97/219/EC provided that the meat comes from third countries or parts of third

countries listed in column A of the Annex to this Decision,

— Annex B to Decision 97/219/EC provided that the meat comes from third countries or parts of third countries listed in column B of the Annex to this Decision;

- (b) meat of farmed 'wild swine' conforming to the requirements laid down in the model certificate in Annex C to Decision 97/219/EC provided that the meat comes from third countries or parts of third countries listed in column C or D of the Annex to this Decision;

- (c) meat of farmed rabbits conforming to the requirements laid down in the model certificate in Annex D to Decision 97/219/EC provided that the meat comes from third countries or parts of third countries listed in column E of the Annex to this Decision;

- (d) meat of farmed 'game birds' conforming to the requirements laid down in the model certificate in:

— Annex E to Decision 97/219/EC provided that the meat comes from third countries or parts of third countries listed in column F of the Annex to this Decision,

— Annex F to Decision 97/219/EC provided that if the meat comes from third countries or parts of third countries listed in column G of the Annex to this Decision.

#### *Article 3*

Member States shall authorize imports of:

- (a) meat, excluding offals, of wild cloven-hoofed animals conforming to the requirements laid down in the model certificate in:

— Annex A to Decision 97/218/EC provided that the meat comes from third countries or parts of third countries listed in column A of the Annex to this Decision,

— Annex B to Decision 97/218/EC provided that the meat comes from third countries or parts of third countries listed in column B of the Annex to this Decision;

- (b) wild soliped meat, excluding offal, conforming to the requirements laid down in the model certificate in Annex C to Decision 97/218/EC provided that the meat comes from third countries or parts of third countries listed in column H of the Annex to this Decision;

<sup>(1)</sup> See page 25 of this Official Journal.

<sup>(2)</sup> See page 70 of this Official Journal.

- (c) wild *leporidae* (rabbit and hare) meat conforming to the requirements laid down in the model certificate in Annex D to Decision 97/218/EC provided that the meat comes from third countries or parts of third countries listed in column E of the Annex to this Decision;
- (d) the meat of wild game birds conforming to the requirements laid down in the model certificate in Annex E to Decision 97/218/EC provided that the meat comes from third countries or parts of third countries listed in column F of the Annex to this Decision;
- (e) the meat, excluding offal, of wild land-mammals (excluding wild ungulates and *leporidae*) conforming to the requirements laid down in the model certificate in Annex F to Decision 97/218/EC provided that the meat comes from third countries or parts of third countries listed in column I of the Annex to this Decision.

*Article 4*

Member States shall authorize imports of meat, excluding offals, of wild swine conforming to the requirements laid down in the model certificate in

- Annex A to Decision 97/220/EC provided that the meat comes from third countries listed in column C of the Annex to this Decision,
- Annex B to Decision 97/220/EC provided that the meat comes from third countries listed in column D of the Annex to this Decision.

*Article 5*

This Decision will be reviewed before 1 January 1998.

*Article 6*

This Decision shall apply from 1 March 1997.

*Article 7*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 28 February 1997.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

## ANNEX

Groups of third countries which are able to utilize the veterinary certification as laid down in Decisions 97/218/EC, 97/219/EC and 97/220/EC

Cloven-hoofed game, excluding wild swine		Column B		Column C		Column D		Farmed rabbits and wild <i>Leporidae</i>	Game birds			Wild solipeds		Other wild land-mammals			
ISO-Code	Country	ISO-Code	Country	ISO-Code	Country	ISO-Code	Country		Column E	ISO-Code	Country	ISO-Code	Country	ISO-Code	Country	Column I	
AR-1	Argentina (*)	AR-3 + 4	Argentina (*) (*)	AU	Australia (*)	CZ	Czech Republic (*)	Third countries appearing on the list of the first part of the Annex to Decision 79/542/EEC as last amended	AU	Australia (*)	AR	Argentina (*)	BW	Botswana	AU	Australia (*)	
AU	Australia (*)	BW	Botswana (*)	CA	Canada (*)	HU	Hungary		BR	Brazil (*) (*)	TH	Thailand (*) (*)	NA	Namibia	CA	Canada (*)	
BG	Bulgaria	NA	Namibia (*)	CH	Switzerland				BG	Bulgaria			SZ	Swaziland	EE	Estonia	
CA	Canada (*)	SZ	Swaziland (*)	CY	Cyprus (*)				CA	Canada (*)			ZA	South Africa	GL	Greenland (*)	
CH	Switzerland	ZA	South Africa (*)	NZ	New Zealand (*)				CH	Switzerland					LI	Lithuania	
CL	Chile (*)			US	United States of America (*)				CL	Chile (*)					LV	Latvia	
CY	Cyprus (*)			CZ	Czech Republic (*)				CY	Cyprus (*)					NZ	New Zealand (*)	
CZ	Czech Republic								CZ	Czech Republic					RO	Romania	
EE	Estonia								GL	Greenland (*)					RU	Russia	
GL	Greenland								HR	Croatia (*)							
HR	Croatia (*)								HU	Hungary							
HU	Hungary								IL	Israel (*)							
LI	Lithuania								LI	Lithuania							
LV	Latvia								NZ	New Zealand (*)							
NZ	New Zealand (*)								PL	Poland							

Cloven-hoofed game, excluding wild swine			Wild swine			Farmed rabbits and wild <i>Leporidae</i>	Game birds			Wild solipeds		Other wild land-mammals						
Column A		Column B		Column C			Column D		Column E		Column F		Column G		Column H		Column I	
ISO-Code	Country	ISO-Code	Country	ISO-Code	Country		ISO-Code	Country	ISO-Code	Country	ISO-Code	Country	ISO-Code	Country	ISO-Code	Country	ISO-Code	Country
PL	Poland									RO	Romania							
RO	Romania									SL	Slovenia							
SL	Slovenia									SK	Slovak Republic							
SK	Slovak Republic									TN	Tunisia (*) (1)							
UY	Uruguay (*)									US	United States of America (*)							
US	United States of America (*)																	

(1) Excluding unplucked/unskinned and unviscerated unless transported by aeroplane.  
 (\*) The regionalization as laid down in Decision 92/390/EEC (as last amended) applies.  
 (†) The regionalization as laid down in Decision 93/402/EEC (as last amended) applies.  
 (‡) The regionalization as laid down in Decision 92/22/EEC (as last amended) applies.  
 (§) The regionalization as laid down in Decision 92/24/EEC (as last amended) applies.  
 (¶) The regionalization as laid down in Decision 92/23/EEC (as last amended) applies.  
 (‡) The regionalization as laid down in Decision 92/21/EEC (as last amended) applies.  
 (¶) Excluding the districts Breclav, Brno, Jihlava, J. Hradec, Liberec, Pisek, Tabor, Trebic, Zdar n.s., Znojmo, Vyskov, Hodonin.  
 (¶) Only the districts Brno, Jihlava, J. Hradec, Liberec, Pisek, Tabor, Trebic, Zdar n.s., Znojmo, Vyskov, Hodonin.  
 (¶¶) The regionalization as laid down in Decision 94/984/EC (as last amended) applies.  
 (1) Only wild game meat.  
 (2) Only farmed game meat.