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COMMISSION DECISION

of 22 April 1997

drawing up the list of third countries from which the import of fishery products is authorized for human consumption

(Text with EEA relevance)

(97/296/EC)

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► <u>M2</u> Commission Decision 97/564/EC of 28 July 1997	L 232	13	23.8.1997
► <u>M3</u> Commission Decision 97/758/EC of 6 November 1997	L 307	38	12.11.1997
► <u>M4</u> Commission Decision 97/877/EC of 23 December 1997	L 356	62	31.12.1997
► <u>M5</u> Commission Decision 98/148/EC of 13 February 1998	L 46	18	17.2.1998
► <u>M6</u> Commission Decision 98/419/EC of 30 June 1998	L 190	55	4.7.1998
► <u>M7</u> Commission Decision 98/573/EC of 12 October 1998	L 277	49	14.10.1998
► <u>M8</u> Commission Decision 98/711/EC of 24 November 1998	L 337	58	12.12.1998
► <u>M9</u> Commission Decision 1999/136/EC of 28 January 1999	L 44	61	18.2.1999
► <u>M10</u> Commission Decision 1999/244/EC of 26 March 1999	L 91	37	7.4.1999

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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 June 1995 on the conditions for drawing up, for an interim period, provisional lists of third country establishments from which Member States are authorized to import certain products of animal origin, fishery products or live bivalve molluscs ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Decision 97/34/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 2 (2) thereof,

Whereas the Commission has fixed the special conditions for the import of fishery products applying to certain specific third countries;

Whereas Commission Decision 95/328/EC ⁽³⁾ establishes a standardized health certificate for imports of fishery products from third countries not yet covered by that type of Decision;

Whereas Commission Decision 97/20/EC ⁽⁴⁾ draws up the list of third countries from which the import of bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods in whatever form intended for human consumption is authorized;

Whereas it is now necessary to draw up a list of third countries which satisfy the equivalence conditions referred to in Article 2 (2) of Decision 95/408/EC and which are therefore able to guarantee that fishery products exported to the Community meet the health requirements laid down for the protection of consumer health by Council Directive 91/493/EEC laying down the health conditions for the production and the placing on the market of fishery products ⁽⁵⁾;

Whereas that list must comprise the third countries already covered by a specific Decision and the third countries meeting the conditions laid down in Article 2 (2) for which a provisional list of authorized establishments can be drawn up in accordance with the procedure laid down in Decision 95/408/EC;

Whereas in order to avoid any disruption of the traditional pattern of trade, Article 11 (7) of Directive 91/493/EEC may continue to apply for a limited period to fishery products imported from third countries not yet included in that list;

Whereas that list of third countries is established without prejudice to Community or national rules concerning the protection of animal health or of the environment;

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

The list of third countries meeting the conditions laid down in Article 2 (2) of Decision 95/408/EC on the conditions for drawing up, for an interim period, provisional lists of third country establishments from

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 243, 11. 10. 1995, p. 17.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 13, 16. 1. 1997, p. 33.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 191, 12. 8. 1995, p. 32.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 6, 10. 1. 1997, p. 46.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 268, 24. 9. 1991, p. 15.

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which Member States are authorized to import certain products of animal origin, fishery products or live bivalve molluscs is hereby established in the ►**M6** Annex I ◀ hereto.

Article 2

1. Without prejudice to provisions relating to the protection of animal health or of the environment, Member States shall ensure that no fishery products in whatever form intended for human consumption are imported except from the third countries in the ►**M6** ————— ◀ list ►**M6** in the Annex I ◀.

2. Paragraph 1 shall not apply to fishery products imported from an establishment approved in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 11 (6) of Directive 91/493/EEC.

*Article 3***▼M6**

1. Notwithstanding Article 2, Member States may continue to import, up to 31 January 1999, fishery products coming from the countries and territories included in Annex II, in accordance with Article 11(7) of Directive 91/493/EEC.

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2. Member States shall see to it that fishery products imported under the conditions laid down in paragraph 1 are marketed only on the domestic market of the importing Member State or Member States according the same derogation and that the country of origin is shown clearly on the labelling.

Article 4

This Decision shall apply from 1 July 1997.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

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ANNEX

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/EC*

AL — Albania
 AR — Argentina
 AU — Australia
 BD — Bangladesh
 BR — Brazil
 CA — Canada
 CI — Côte d'Ivoire
 CL — Chile
 CO — Colombia
 CU — Cuba
 EC — Ecuador
 EE — Estonia
 FK — Falkland Islands
 FO — Faroes
 GH — Ghana
 GM — Gambia
 GT — Guatemala
 ID — Indonesia
 IN — India
 JP — Japan
 KR — South Korea
 MA — Morocco
 MG — Madagascar
 MR — Mauritania
 MV — Maldives
 MX — Mexico
 MY — Malaysia
 NG — Nigeria
 NZ — New Zealand
 PE — Peru
 PH — Philippines
 RU — Russia
 SC — Seychelles
 SG — Singapore
 SN — Senegal
 TH — Thailand
 TN — Tunisia
 TW — Taiwan
 TZ — Tanzania
 UY — Uruguay
 ZA — South Africa

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

AG — Antigua and Barbuda ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ Authorised only for imports of fresh fish.

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AN	— Netherlands Antilles
AO	— Angola
AZ	— Azerbaijan ⁽¹⁾
BJ	— Benin
BS	— Bahamas
BZ	— Belize
CH	— Switzerland
CM	— Cameroun
CN	— China
CR	— Costa Rica
CV	— Cape Verde
CY	— Cyprus
CZ	— Czech Republic
DZ	— Algeria
ER	— Eritrea
FJ	— Fiji
GA	— Gabon
GL	— Greenland
GN	— Guinea Conakri
HK	— Hong Kong
HN	— Honduras
HR	— Croatia
HU	— Hungary ⁽²⁾
IL	— Israel
IR	— Iran
JM	— Jamaica
KE	— Kenya
LK	— Sri Lanka
LT	— Lithuania
LV	— Latvia
MM	— Myanmar
MT	— Malta
MU	— Mauritius
MZ	— Mozambique
NA	— Namibia
NI	— Nicaragua
PA	— Panama
PF	— French Polynesia
PG	— Papua New Guinea
PK	— Pakistan
PL	— Poland
PM	— St Pierre and Miquelon
RO	— Romania
SB	— Solomon Island
SH	— St Helena
SI	— Slovenia
SR	— Suriname
TG	— Togo
TR	— Turkey
UG	— Uganda

⁽¹⁾ Authorised only for imports of caviar.

⁽²⁾ Authorised only for import of live animals intended for human consumption.

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- US — United States of America
- VC — St Vincent and Grenadines ⁽¹⁾
- VE — Venezuela
- VN — Vietnam
- ZW — Zimbabwe

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