

COMMISSION DECISION
of 2 July 1999
amending Decision 98/568/EC laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products originating in Guatemala

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(1999/487/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to 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 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 11 thereof,

- (1) Whereas Article 1 of Commission Decision 98/568/EC of 6 October 1998 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Guatemala ⁽³⁾, which states that the Dirección General de Servicios Pecuarios (Digesepe) del Ministerio de Agricultura, Ganadería y Alimentación shall be the competent authority in the Guatemala for verifying and certifying compliance of fishery and aquaculture products with the requirements of the Directive 91/493/EEC;
- (2) Whereas, following a restructuring of the Guatemala Government, the competent authority for health certificates for fishery products (Digesepe) has changed to the Area de Inocuidad de Alimentos — Unidad de Normas y Regulaciones (AIA — UNR) and this new authority is capable of effectively verifying the application of the laws in force; whereas it is, therefore, necessary to modify the nomination of the competent authority named by Decision 98/568/EC and the health certificate model included in Annex A to this Decision:

- (3) 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

Commission Decision 98/568/EC is amended as follows.

1. Article 1 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 1

The Area de Inocuidad de Alimentos — Unidad de Normas y Regulaciones (AIA — UNR) of the Ministerio de Agricultura, Ganadería y Alimentación shall be the competent authority in Guatemala for verifying and certifying compliance of fishery and aquaculture products with the requirements of Directive 91/493/EEC.'

2. Annex A shall be replaced by the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 2 July 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 277, 14.10.1998, p. 27.

ANNEX

‘ANNEX A

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for fishery and aquaculture products originating in Guatemala and intended for export to the European Community, excluding bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods in any form

Reference N°

Country of dispatch GUATEMALA

Competent authority: Área de Inocuidad de Alimentos — Unidad de Normas y Regulaciones (AIA — UNR)

I. Details identifying the fishery products

- Description of fishery/aquaculture products ⁽¹⁾:
 - species (scientific name):
 - presentation of product and type of treatment ⁽²⁾:
- Code number (where available):
- Type of packaging:
- Number of packages:
- Net weight:
- Requisite storage and transport temperature:

II. Origin of products

Name(s) and official approval number(s) of establishment(s), factory vessel(s) or cold store(s) approved or freezer vessel(s) registered by the AIA-UNR for export to the European Community:
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III. Destination of products

The products are dispatched
from:
(place of dispatch)
to:
(country and place of destination)
by the following means of transport:.....
Name and address of dispatcher:.....
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Name of consignee and address at place of destination:
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⁽¹⁾ Delete where applicable.
⁽²⁾ Live, refrigerated, frozen, salted, smoked, preserved, etc.

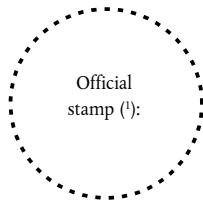
IV. **Health attestation**

The official inspector hereby certifies that the fishery or aquaculture products specified above:

- 1) were caught, and handled on board vessels in accordance with the health rules laid down by Directive 92/48/EEC;
- 2) were landed, handled and where appropriate packaged, prepared, processed, frozen, thawed and stored hygienically in compliance with the requirements laid down in Chapters II, III and IV of the Annex to Directive 91/493/EEC;
- 3) have undergone health controls in accordance with Chapter V of the Annex to Directive 91/493/EEC;
- 4) are packaged, marked, stored and transported in accordance with Chapters VI, VII and VIII of the Annex to Directive 91/493/EEC;
- 5) do not come from toxic species or species containing biotoxins;
- 6) have satisfactorily undergone the organoleptic, parasitological, chemical and microbiological checks laid down for certain categories of fishery products by Directive 91/493/EEC and in the implementing decisions thereto.

The undersigned official inspector hereby declares that he is aware of the provisions of Directive 91/493/EEC, Directive 92/48/EEC and Decision 98/568/EC.

Done at , on
(Place) (Date)



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Signature of official inspector (!)

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(Name in capital letters, capacity and qualifications of person signing)

(!) The colour of the stamp and signature must be different from that of the other particulars in the certificate.