

COMMISSION DECISION

of 24 November 2000

amending Decision 93/402/EEC concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from South American countries to take account of the animal health situation in Uruguay

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/755/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Council Directive 72/462/EEC, of 12 December 1972, on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine, ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat or meat products from third countries ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC ⁽²⁾, in particular Articles 14 and 22 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from Colombia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Brazil, Chile and Argentina are laid down by Commission Decision 93/402/EEC ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Decision 2000/699/EC ⁽⁴⁾.

(2) Imports of fresh meat must take into account the different epidemiological situations in the countries concerned, and indeed in the different parts of their territories.

(3) The responsible veterinary authorities of the concerned countries must confirm that their countries or regions have for at least 12 months been free from rinderpest, and foot-and-mouth disease, furthermore, the responsible authorities of the concerned countries must undertake to notify the Commission and the Member States within 24 hours, by fax, telex or telegram of the confirmation of the occurrence of any of the abovementioned diseases or an alteration in the vaccination policy against them.

(4) On 24 October 2000 the competent authorities of Uruguay confirmed an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in the department of Artigas.

(5) The competent authorities of Uruguay provided satisfactory guarantees with regard to the measures taken to control the movement of animals of susceptible species

within and out of the infected area, in particular by declaring the whole department of Artigas a control area for foot-and-mouth disease.

(6) It is therefore necessary to redefine the territories within Uruguay from which imports into the Community of fresh meat are authorised.

(7) It is justified to continue allowing imports from Uruguay of boned meat produced in conformity with the requirements laid down in Decision 93/402/EEC.

(8) Decision 93/402/EEC must be amended accordingly.

(9) The measures adopted in the present Decision will be reviewed in the light of the evolution of the situation.

(10) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 93/402/EEC is amended as follows:

1. Annex I is replaced by the Annex A to this Decision.
2. Annex II is replaced by the Annex B to this Decision.

Article 2

1. Member States shall authorise imports from Uruguay of fresh meat, produced after 24 October 2000 under the provisions laid down in article 1 of the present Decision.

2. Notwithstanding point 1, Member States shall authorise imports of fresh meat from Uruguay, produced before 24 October 2000, and certified in accordance with the conditions laid down in Decision 93/402/EEC.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 179, 22.7.1993, p. 11.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 287, 14.11.2000, p. 62.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 24 November 2000.

For the Commission
David BYRNE
Member of the Commission

ANNEX A

'ANNEX I

DESCRIPTION OF TERRITORIES OF SOUTH AMERICA ESTABLISHED FOR ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATION PURPOSES

Country	Territory		Description of territory
	Code	Version	
Argentina	AR	01/93	Whole country
	AR-1	01/93	South of 42nd parallel
	AR-2	01/94	North of 42nd parallel
	AR-3	01/93	Provinces of Entre Ríos, Corrientes and Misiones
	AR-4	01/97	Provinces of Catamarca, San Juan, La Rioja, Mendoza, Neuquen, Rio Negro, San Luis, La Pampa, Cordoba, Santa Fe, Santiago del Estero, Chaco, Formosa and Buenos Aires
Brazil	BR	01/93	Whole country
	BR-1	01/96	States of Rio Grande do Sul, Paraná, Minas Gerais, (except regional delegations of Oliveira, Passos, São Gonçalo de Sapucaí, Setelagoas and Bambuí) São Paulo, Espírito Santo, Mato Grosso do Sul (except for the municipalities of Sonora, Aquidauana, Bodoqueno, Bonito, Caracol, Coxim, Jardim, Ladario, Miranda, Pedro Gomes, Porto Murinho, Rio Negro, Rio Verde of Mato Grosso and Corumbá) Santa Catarina, Goiás and the regional units of Cuiaba (except for the municipalities of San Antonio de Leverger, Nossa Senhora do Livramento, Pocone and Barão de Melgaço), Caceres (except for the municipality of Caceres), Lucas do Rio Verde, Rondonópolis (except for the municipality of Itiquiora), Barra do Garça and Barra do Burges in Mato Grosso
Chile	CL	01/93	Whole country
Colombia	CO	01/93	Whole country
	CO-1	01/93	The zone included within the following borderlines: from the point where the Murri River flows into the Atrato River, downstream along the Atrato River to where it flows into the Atlantic Ocean, from this point to the Panamanian border following the Atlantic coastline to Cabo Tiburon; from this point to the Pacific Ocean following the Columbian-Panamanian border: from this point to the mouth of the Valle River along the Pacific Coast and from this point along a straight line to the point where the Murri River flows into the Atrato River.
	CO-2	01/93	The municipalities of Arboletas, Necocli, San Pedro de Uraba, Turbo, Apartado, Chigorodo, Mutata, Dabeiba, Uramita, Murindo, Riosucio (right bank of the Atrato river) and Frontino.
	CO-3	01/93	The zone included within the following borderlines from the mouth of the Sinu River on the Atlantic Ocean, upstream along the Sinu River to its head-Waters of Alto Paramillo, from this point to Puerto Rey on the Atlantic Ocean, following the borderline between the Department of Antiquia and Cordoba, and from this point to the mouth of the Sinu River along the Atlantic Coast.

Country	Territory		Description of territory
	Code	Version	
Paraguay	PY	01/93	Whole country
Uruguay	UY	01/93	Whole country
	UY-1	01/00	Whole country excluding the department of Artigas'

ANNEX B

'ANNEX II

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ANIMAL HEALTH GUARANTEES REQUESTED ON CERTIFICATION (1)

Country	Territory	Fresh meat				Deboned fresh meat				Offal						
		Species				Species				of bovine animals				ovine		
		Bovine	Ovine/ caprine	Porcine	Soliped	Bovine	Ovine/ caprine	Porcine	Solipeds	HC (*)	MP (*)				PF (*)	PF (*)
										1	2	3	4			
Argentina	AR	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	F	—
	AR-1	B	B	—	D	A	C	—	D	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
	AR-2	—	—	—	D	A	—	—	D	—	—	—	E	E	F	—
	AR-3	—	—	—	D	A	C	—	D	—	—	—	E	E	F	—
	AR-4	—	—	—	D	A	C	—	D	—	—	—	E	E	F	—
Brazil	BR	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	BR-1	—	—	—	D	A	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	F	—
Chile	CL	B	B	H	D	A	C	H	D	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Colombia	CO	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	CO-1	—	—	—	D	A	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	CO-2	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	CO-3	—	—	—	D	A	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paraguay	PY	—	—	—	D	A	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	F	—
Uruguay	UY	—	—	—	D	A	C	—	D	—	—	—	E	E	F	G
	UY-1	B	B	—	D	A	C	—	D	B	B	B	B	B	B	B

(¹) The letter (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H) appearing on the table, refers to the models of animal health guarantees as described in Annex III Part 2 of Decision 93/402/EEC, to be to be applied for each product and origin in accordance with Article 2 of this Decision.

(*) HC Human consumption.

MP Destined for heat-treated meat product industry.

1 = hearts.

2 = livers.

3 = masseter muscles.

4 = tongues.

PF Destined for the petfood industry.'
