

COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 July 2001

concerning protective measures with regard to imports of certain animals from Bulgaria due to an outbreak of bluetongue, repealing Decision 1999/542/EC, amending Decision 98/372/EC concerning the animal health conditions and veterinary certifications for import of live animals of bovine and swine species from certain European countries to take into account some aspects in relation with Bulgaria and amending Decision 97/232/EC drawing up lists of third countries from which Member States authorise imports of sheep and goats

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2001/600/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to 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⁾ and in particular Article 6(1) and Article 7 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/496/EEC of 15 July 1991, laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on animals entering the Community from third countries and amending Directives 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC and 90/675/EEC ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Directive 96/43/EC ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 18(7) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 98/372/EC lays down the animal health conditions and veterinary certifications for import of live animals of bovine and swine species from certain European countries ⁽⁵⁾.
- (2) Commission Decision 97/232/EC draws up lists of third countries from which Member States authorise imports of sheep and goats ⁽⁶⁾.
- (3) Following confirmation of outbreaks of bluetongue in July 1999, in the region of Bourgas in Bulgaria, Commission Decision 1999/542/EC ⁽⁷⁾ laid down certain protective measures with regard to imports of animals of bovine, caprine and ovine species originating from and transiting Bulgaria.
- (4) Following a Commission mission carried out in November 2000 it appears that controls by the Bulgarian veterinary services and the general animal health situation have considerably improved.

- (5) Concerning bluetongue in particular, a monitoring programme has been set up over a period of time, and based on the results of this survey, together with the information and guarantees provided by the competent veterinary authorities, it becomes possible to regionalise Bulgaria with a view to allowing the import into the Community of bovines, sheep and goats.
- (6) Some measures must be retained however in order to ensure that live animals of the bovine, ovine and caprine species do not originate from or pass through that part of Bulgaria comprising the provinces of Bourgas, Jambol, Hasskovo and Kardgali.
- (7) Decision 1999/542/EC should be repealed and Decisions 97/232/EC and 98/372/EC amended accordingly.
- (8) This Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision 97/232/EC is replaced by Annex III to this Decision.

Article 2

Annexes I and II to Decision 98/372/EC are replaced by Annexes I and II to this Decision.

Article 3

1. Decision 1999/542/EC is replaced.
2. Member States receiving live animals of the bovine, ovine and caprine species which have been transported through the territory of Bulgaria shall ensure that the animals have not passed through the part of Bulgaria comprising the provinces of Bourgos, Jambol, Hasskovo and Kardgali.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.⁽²⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.⁽³⁾ OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 56.⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 162, 1.7.1996, p. 1.⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 170, 16.6.1998, p. 34.⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 93, 8.4.1997, p. 43.⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 207, 6.8.1999, p. 33.

Article 4

This Decision shall apply from 1 August 2001.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 July 2001.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

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**DESCRIPTION OF TERRITORIES OF CERTAIN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ESTABLISHED FOR ANIMAL
HEALTH CERTIFICATION PURPOSES**

Country	Code of territory	Version	Description of territory
Albania	AL	01/98	Whole country
Bosnia and Herzegovina	BA	01/98	Whole country
Bulgaria	BG	01/98	Whole country
	BG-1	01/2001	The provinces of Varna, Dobrich, Silistra, Choumen, Targovichte, Razgrad, Rousse, V. Tarnovo, Gabrovo, Pleven, Lovetch, Plovdiv, Sliven, Smolian, Starazagora, Pasardjik, Sofia district, Sofia city, Pernik, Kustendil, Blagoevgrad, Vratza, Montana and Vidin
	BG-2	01/2001	The provinces of Bourgas, Jambol, Hasskovo et Kardgali
	BG-3	01/99	The 20 km-wide corridor on the border with Turkey
Belarus	BY	01/98	Whole country
Czech Republic	CZ	01/98	Whole country
	CZ-1	01/99	Whole country excluding the Provinces of Kroměříž, Vyškov, Hodonín, Uherské Hradiště, Zlín and Vsetín
	CZ-2	01/99	The provinces of Kroměříž, Vyškov, Hodonín, Uherské Hradiště, Zlín and Vsetín
Estonia	EE	01/98	Whole country
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	YU	01/98	Whole country
	YU-1	01/98	The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia excluding the region of Kosovo and Metohija
	YU-2	01/98	The region of Kosovo and Metohija
Croatia	HR	01/98	Whole country
Hungary	HU	01/98	Whole country
Lithuania	LI	01/98	Whole country
Latvia	LV	01/98	Whole country
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	807	01/98	Whole country
Poland	PL	01/98	Whole country
Romania	RO	01/98	Whole country
Russia	RU	01/98	Whole country
Slovenia	SI	01/98	Whole country
Slovak Republic	SK	01/98	Whole country'

ANNEX II

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ANIMAL HEALTH GUARANTEES REQUESTED ON CERTIFICATION

LIVE ANIMALS

Country	Code	Bovine				Swine			
		Breeding/production		Slaughter		Breeding/production		Slaughter	
		MC (1)	SG (2)	MC (1)	SG (2)	MC (1)	SG (2)	MC (1)	SG (2)
Albania (3)	AL	—		—		—		—	
Bosnia and Herzegovina (3)	BA	—		—		—		—	
Bulgaria	BG	—		—		—		—	
	BG-1	A		B		—		—	
	BG-2	—	—	—	—	—		—	
	BG-3	—		—		—		—	
Belarus (3)	BY	—		—		—		—	
Czech Republic	CZ	A		B		—		—	
	CZ-1	A		B		C		D	
	CZ-2	A		B		—		—	
Estonia	EE	A		B		—		—	
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	YU	—		—		—		—	
	YU-1	—		—		—		—	
	YU-2	—		—		—		—	
Croatia	HR	A	d	B		—		—	
Hungary	HU	A		B		C		D	
Lithuania	LI	A		B		—		—	
Latvia	LV	A		B		—		—	
Former Yugoslava Republic of Macedonia	807	—		—		—		—	
Poland	PL	A		B		—		—	
Romania	RO	A		B		—		—	

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		Breeding/production		Slaughter		Breeding/production		Slaughter	
		MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾	MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾	MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾	MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾
Russia ⁽³⁾	RU	—		—		—		—	
Slovenia	SI	A		B		—		—	
Slovak Republic	SK	A		B		—		—	

⁽¹⁾ MC: model of certificate to be fulfilled. The letters (A, B, C, D ...) appearing on the tables refer to the models of animal health guarantees as described in Annex III, to be applied for each animal and origin in accordance with Article 2 of Decision 98/372/EC. A dash "—" indicates that imports are not authorised.

⁽²⁾ SG: Supplementary guarantees. The letters (a, b, c, d ...) appearing on the tables refer to the supplementary guarantees to be provided by the exporting country as described in Annex IV. These supplementary guarantees must be inserted by the exporting country in Section VI of each model of certificate laid down in Annex III.

⁽³⁾ The imports of domestic animals of the bovine and porcine species are not allowed in so far as a programme of control of residues in the exporting non-member country has not been approved by the European Commission.'

ANNEX III

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PART 1

List of non-member countries authorised to use the certificate at Annex I, part 1(a) to Decision 93/198/EEC for imports of sheep and goats destined for immediate slaughter

Iceland
Switzerland

PART 2

List of non-member countries authorised to use the certificate at Annex I, part 1(b) to Decision 93/198/EEC for imports of sheep and goats destined for immediate slaughter

Bulgaria (excluding the provinces of Bourgas, Jambol, Hasskovo and Kardjali)
Canada (excluding the Okanagan Valley region of British Columbia which is defined as the area enclosed by a line drawn from a point on the Canada/United States border 120° 15' longitude, 49° latitude northerly to a point 119° 35' longitude, 50° 30' latitude north easterly to a point 119° longitude, 50° 45' latitude southerly to a point on the Canada/United States border 118° 15' longitude and 49° latitude)
Croatia
Czech Republic
Estonia
Hungary
Latvia
Lithuania
Malta
New Zealand
Poland
Romania
Slovak Republic
Slovenia

PART 3

List of non-member countries which must use the certificate at Annex II, part 1(a) to Decision 93/198/EEC for imports of sheep and goats for fattening

Bulgaria (excluding the provinces of Bourgas, Jambol, Hasskovo and Kardjali)
Canada (excluding the Okanagan Valley region of British Columbia which is defined as the area enclosed by a line drawn from a point on the Canada/United States border 120° 15' longitude, 49° latitude northerly to a point 119° 35' longitude, 50° 30' latitude north easterly to a point 119° longitude, 50° 45' latitude southerly to a point on the Canada/United States border 118° 15' longitude and 49° latitude)
Chile
Croatia
Czech Republic
Greenland
Hungary
Iceland
Malta

New Zealand
Poland
Romania
Slovak Republic
Switzerland

PART 4

List of non-member countries which must use the certificate at Annex II, part 1(b) to Decision 93/198/EEC for imports of breeding sheep and goats

Bulgaria (excluding the provinces of Bourgas, Jambol, Hasskovo and Kardjali)
Canada (excluding the Okanagan Valley region of British Columbia which is defined as the are enclosed by a line drawn from a point on the Canada/United States border 120° 15' longitude, 49° latitude northerly to a point 119° 35' longitude, 50° 30 latitude northern easterly to a point 119° longitude, 50° 45' latitude southerly to a point on the Canada/United States border 118° 15' longitude and 49° latitude)
Chile
Croatia
Czech Republic
Greenland
Hungary
Iceland
Malta
New Zealand
Poland
Romania
Switzerland
Slovak Republic

PART 5

Non-member countries or parts of non-member countries recognised as satisfying the criteria for officially brucellosis free status

Greenland
Czech Republic
Slovak Republic'
