

COMMISSION DECISION

of 16 October 2001

amending Council Decision 79/542/EEC drawing up a list of third countries from which the Member States authorise imports of bovine animals, swine, equidae, sheep and goats, fresh meat and meat products, in particular in relation to New Caledonia and the Islands of St Pierre and Miquelon

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2001/731/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 3 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Decision 79/542/EEC ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Commission Decision 2001/117/EC ⁽⁴⁾, draws up a list of third countries from which the Member States authorise imports of bovine animals, swine, equidae, sheep and goats, fresh meat and meat products.
- (2) It is opportune to clarify, with regard to the listing of countries in relation to the different species of live animals covered by the Decision, that the authorisation to import is conditional upon the existence for these countries and for such live animals of Community harmonised health conditions and veterinary certification, laid down in Community legislation under the provisions of Articles 8 and 11 of Council Directive 72/462/EEC. Therefore, it is necessary for transparency that only imports from those countries where harmonised rules have been laid down shall be mentioned in part 1 of the Annex to Decision 79/542/EEC as being authorised.
- (3) Following Community veterinary missions, it appears that New Caledonia and the Islands of St Pierre and Miquelon are covered by sufficiently well-structured and organised veterinary services.
- (4) New Caledonia has during the last 12 months been free from foot-and-mouth disease and rinderpest; no vaccinations have been carried out against any of these diseases for the past 12 months, and the importation of animals vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease is forbidden.
- (5) New Caledonia can be included on the list of third countries from which Member States authorise the imports of meat from wild animals and can also be

listed for fresh meat and meat products of bovine animals.

- (6) The equine health situation is satisfactorily controlled by the veterinary services of St Pierre and Miquelon and, in particular, the country has been free from African horse sickness and Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis for more than two years, and from dourine and glanders for more than six months.
- (7) St Pierre and Miquelon can be listed for equidae.
- (8) Since the adoption of Commission Decision 2001/611/EC of 20 July 2001 amending Decision 92/160/EEC with regard to the regionalisation of Mexico, amending Decisions 92/260/EEC, 93/195/EEC, 93/196/EEC and 93/197/EEC with regard to imports of equidae from Mexico and repealing Decisions 95/392/EC and 96/486/EC ⁽⁵⁾, Member States may again authorise imports of certain categories of equidae from certain areas in Mexico. However, a reference to the regionalisation and to the prohibition on imports of equidae for slaughter was omitted in Decision 79/542/EEC, and this should be clarified.
- (9) Countries appearing in the list being identified according to the ISO codes used by the Community legislation for the nomenclature of countries and territories for the external trade, the provisional status of such codes should be specified whenever appropriate.
- (10) The Annex to Decision 79/542/EEC should be amended accordingly.
- (11) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Part 1 of the Annex to Decision 79/542/EEC is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 146, 14.6.1979, p. 15.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 43, 14.2.2001, p. 38.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 214, 8.8.2001, p. 49.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 20 October 2001.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 16 October 2001.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

Imports shall fulfil the appropriate animal and public health requirements.

PART 1

Live animals, fresh meat and meat products

ISO code	Country or territory	Fresh meat and meat products Domestic				Fresh meat Wild		Live animals				Animal health		
		B	S/G	P	E	CH	E	B	S/G	P	E	Fresh meat	Meat products	Live animal
AL	Albania	O	X	X	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
AR	Argentina	X	X	O	X	X	X	O	O	O	X		(³)	
AU	Australia	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	O	O	X			
BA	Bosnia-Herzegovina	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	(¹)		
BG	Bulgaria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	(¹)		
BH	Bahrain	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O		(³) (⁴)	
BR	Brazil	X	X	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	X		(³)	(⁵)
BW	Botswana	X	X	O	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	(¹) (²)	(³)	
BY	Belarus	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	O	O	X	(¹)		
BZ	Belize	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
CA	Canada	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			(⁶)
CH	Switzerland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
CL	Chile	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	X	X			
CN	People's Republic of China	O	O	X	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	(¹)	(³)	
CO	Colombia	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O		(³)	
CR	Costa Rica	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
CU	Cuba	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
CY	Cyprus	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	O	X	X			

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CZ	Czech Republic	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
DZ	Algeria	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	X			
EE	Estonia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	(¹)		
ET	Ethiopia	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O		(³)	
FK	Falkland Islands	X	X	O	X	X	X	O	O	O	X			
GL	Greenland	X	X	O	X	X	X	O	X	O	X	(¹)		
GT	Guatemala	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
HK	Hong Kong	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O		(³)	
HN	Honduras	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
HR	Croatia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	(¹)		
HU	Hungary	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
IL	Israel	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	X		(³)	
IN	India	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O		(³)	
IS	Iceland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
KE	Kenya	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O		(³)	
LT	Lithuania	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	(¹)		
LV	Latvia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	(¹)		
MA	Morocco	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	X		(³)	
MG	Madagascar	X	X	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O		(³)	
MK (?)	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	O	X	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	X			

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MT	Malta	X	O	X	X	O	X	O	X	O	X		(3)	
MU	Mauritius	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	X		(3)	
MX	Mexico	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	X			(5) (8)
NA	Namibia	X	X	O	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	(1) (2)	(3)	
NC	New Caledonia	X	O	O	O	X	O	O	O	O	O	(1)		
NI	Nicaragua	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
NZ	New Zealand	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
PA	Panama	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
PL	Poland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	(1)		
PM	St Pierre and Miquelon	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	X			
PY	Paraguay	X	X	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	X		(3)	
RO	Romania	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	(1)		
RU	Russia	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	O	O	X	(1) (2)		(5)
SG	Singapore	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O		(3)	
SI	Slovenia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	(1)		
SK	Slovak Republic	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	(1)		
SV	El Salvador	X	X	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
SZ	Swaziland	X	O	O	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	(1) (2)	(3)	
TH	Thailand	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O		(3)	
TN	Tunisia	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	X		(3) (4)	
TR	Turkey	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
UA	Ukraine	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	X			

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US	United States of America	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	O	O	X			
UY	Uruguay	X	X	O	X	X	X	O	O	O	X		(³)	
YU	Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	O	O	X	(¹)		
ZA	South Africa	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	O	O	X	(¹) (²)	(³)	(⁵)
ZW	Zimbabwe	X	O	O	O	X	X	O	O	O	O		(³)	

B = Bovines (including buffalo and bisson)

S/G = Sheep/goats

P = Pigs

E = Equidae

CH = Clovenhoofed animals

X = Authorised

O = Unauthorised

special remarks

(¹) Excluding meat of wild swine.

(²) Excluding bone-in meat and offal.

(³) Notwithstanding the restrictions in the above list, meat products which have undergone heat treatment in a hermetically sealed container to a Fo value of 3 or more are authorised.

(⁴) Notwithstanding the restrictions in the above list, meat products which have been treated to a centre temperature of at least 80 °C are authorised.

(⁵) Member States shall only import equidae in accordance with Commission Decision 92/160/EEC establishing the regionalisation.

(⁶) Imports of live bovine animals are restricted to animals intended for reproduction and to veal calves aged under two weeks intended for fattening.

(⁷) Provisional code that does not affect the definitive denomination of the country to be attributed after the conclusion of the negotiations currently taking place in the United Nations.

(⁸) Imports of equidae for slaughter are not allowed.'