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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 November 2001

amending Decision 98/371/EC concerning the animal health conditions and veterinary certifications for imports of fresh meat from certain European countries in regard to Lithuania

(notified under document number C(2001) 3389)

(2001/774/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 and meat products from third countries ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1452/2001 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Articles 14 and 22 thereof.

Whereas:

- (1) The animal health conditions and veterinary certification for the importation of fresh meat from certain European countries were established by Commission Decision 98/371/EC ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Decision 2000/19/EC ⁽⁴⁾.
- (2) Imports of fresh meat must take into account the different epidemiological situations in the country concerned.
- (3) Following a recent Commission veterinary mission to Lithuania, it appears that the animal health situation is satisfactory in the whole country and that a residue plan has been agreed.
- (4) The competent veterinary authorities of Lithuania have confirmed that it has been free from rinderpest, and foot-and-mouth disease for at least 12 months. Furthermore they have undertaken 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

those diseases or of any alteration in the vaccination policy against them.

- (5) It is therefore appropriate to authorise the imports of fresh meat of bovine, ovine and caprine species from Lithuania.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex II of Decision 98/371/EC is replaced by Annex of the present Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall come into effect 7 days after its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 7 November 2001.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 198, 21.7.2001, p. 11.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 170, 16.6.1998, p. 16.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 6, 11.1.2000, p. 58.

ANNEX

'ANNEX II

MODELS OF ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATES REQUIRED FOR FRESH MEAT

Country	Code	Fresh meat for human consumption								Fresh meat intended for purposes other than human consumption
		Bovine		Swine		Ovine/caprine		Solipeds		
		MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾	MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾	MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾	MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾	
ALBANIA	AL	—		—		—		—	—	—
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA	BA	—		—		—		—	—	—
BULGARIA	BG	—		—		—		D	—	E
	BG-1	A		—		C		D	—	E
	BG-2	A		—		C		D	—	E
	BG-3	—		—		—		D	—	E
BELARUS	BY	—		—		—		—	—	E
CZECH REPUBLIC	CZ	A		B		C		D	—	E
	CZ-1	A		B		C		D	—	E
	CZ-2	A		B		C		D	—	E
ESTONIA	EE	—		—		—		—	—	E
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA	YU	—		—		—		D	—	E
	YU-1	A		—		C		D	—	E
	YU-2	—		—		—		D	—	E
CROATIA	HR	A		—		C		D	—	E
HUNGARY	HU	A		B		C		D	—	E
LITHUANIA	LT	A		—		C		D	—	E
LATVIA	LV	—		—		—		—	—	E
FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA	MK	—		—		C		D	—	E
POLAND	PL	A		—		C		D	—	E
ROMANIA	RO	A		—		C		D	—	E
RUSSIA	RU	—		—		—		—	—	E
SLOVENIA	SI	A		—		C		D	—	E
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	SK	A		—		C		D	—	E

⁽¹⁾ MC: Model of certificate required: The letters (A, B, C, D...) in the tables refer to the models of animal health guarantees as described in Annex III, to be applied for each product and origin in accordance with Article 2. A dash "—" indicates that imports are not authorised.

⁽²⁾ SG: Supplementary guarantees. The letters (a, b, c, d...) in 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 V of each model of certificate laid down in Annex III.

NB: Imports of fresh meat for human consumption are not allowed unless a programme of control of residues in the exporting third country has been approved by the Commission.'