

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION of 7 March 2002

amending Decision 93/402/EEC concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from South American countries in particular as regards to Argentina

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2002/198/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 Regulation (EC) No 1452/2001 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 14(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports into the Community of fresh meat from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Paraguay and Uruguay are laid down by Commission Decision 93/402/EEC of 10 June 1993 concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from South American countries ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Decision 2002/68/EC ⁽⁴⁾.
- (2) Since the adoption of Commission Decisions 2002/45/EC ⁽⁵⁾ and 2002/68/EC the epidemiological situation of foot and mouth disease in Argentina has improved in the regions of La Pampa, Santiago del Estero and Córdoba.
- (3) In these provinces the remaining outbreaks of foot and mouth disease have been closed and the situation is now under control.
- (4) It is therefore appropriate to allow the importation into the Community of deboned and matured bovine meat from animals originating from these provinces and

slaughtered in the case of La Pampa and Santiago after 8 March 2002 and in the case of Córdoba after 26 March 2002.

- (5) Decision 93/402/EEC should therefore be amended in order to add the provinces of La Pampa, Santiago del Estero and Córdoba to the list of provinces listed in the Annexes of Decision 93/402/EEC.
- (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

Annexes I and II to Decision 93/402/EEC are replaced by the corresponding Annexes to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 7 March 2002.

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 179, 22.7.1993, p. 11.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 30, 31.1.2002, p. 47.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 20, 23.1.2002, p. 7.

ANNEXES

ANNEX I

Description of territories of South America established for animal health certification purposes

Country	Territory		Description of territory
	Code	Version	
Argentina	AR	01/2001	Whole country
	AR-1	03/2002	The Provinces of Buenos Aires, Catamarca, Chaco, Chubut, Córdoba, Corrientes, Entre Ríos, Formosa, Jujuy, La Pampa, La Rioja, Mendoza, Misiones, Neuquen, Rio Negro, Salta, San Juan, San Luis, Santa Cruz, Santa Fe, Santiago del Estero, Tierra de Fuego and Tucuman
Brazil	BR	01/93	Whole country
	BR-1	02/2001	The States of: Rio Grande do Sul; Parana, 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, Bodoquena, Bonito, Caracol, Coxim, Jardim, Ladario, Miranda, Pedro Gomes, Porto Murinho, Rio Negro, Rio Verde of Mato Grosso and Corumba), Santa Catarina Goias 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, Rondonopolis (except for the municipality of Itiquiora), Barra do Garças and Barra do Bugres in Mato Grosso
Chile	CL	01/93	Whole country
Columbia	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 Córdoba, and from this point to the mouth of the Sinu River along the Atlantic Coast
Paraguay	PY	01/93	Whole country
Uruguay	UY	01/2001	Whole country

ANNEX II

Animal health guarantees requested on certification ⁽¹⁾

Country	Territory	Model certificate for fresh meat				Model certificate for offal							Model certificate for deboned fresh meat (not to be used for offal)					
		Species				of bovine animals				of ovines			Species					
		Bovine	Ovine-Caprine	Porcine	Soliped	HC	MP				PF	HC	PF	Bovine	Ovine-Caprine	Porcine	Soliped	
					1	2	3	4										
Argentina	AR	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
	AR-1	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	F ⁽²⁾	—	—	A ⁽⁶⁾	—	—	D
Brazil	BR	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
	BR-1	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	F ⁽²⁾	—	—	A ⁽⁵⁾	—	—	D
Chile	CL	B	B	H	D	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	A	C	H	D	
Colombia	CO	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
	CO-1	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	A	—	—	—	D
	CO-2	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
	CO-3	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	A	—	—	—	D
Paraguay	PY	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	F	—	A	—	—	D	
Uruguay	UY	B ⁽²⁾	B ⁽²⁾	—	D	B ⁽²⁾	B ⁽²⁾	B ⁽²⁾	B ⁽²⁾	B ⁽²⁾	B ⁽²⁾	F B ⁽²⁾	—	A ⁽⁴⁾	C ⁽⁴⁾	—	D	

⁽¹⁾ The letters (A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H) appearing on the table are referring to the models of animal health guarantees as described in Annex III Part 2 of this Decision, to be applied for each product and origin in accordance with Article 2 of this Decision; a dash (—) indicates that imports are not authorised.

HC: Human consumption.

MP: Destined for heat-treated meat products industry.

1 = hearts.

2 = livers.

3 = masseter muscles.

4 = tongues.

PF: Destined for the pet food industry.

⁽²⁾ Only to be used for meat from animals slaughtered before 23 March 2001.

⁽³⁾ Only to be used for offal from animals slaughtered before 23 April 2001.

⁽⁴⁾ Only to be used for deboned meat from animals slaughtered before 23 April 2001 and/or after 1 November 2001.

⁽⁵⁾ In the case of Rio Grande do Sul only to be used for deboned meat or offal for pet food from animals slaughtered before 9 May 2001 and/or after 30 November 2001.

⁽⁶⁾ Only to be used for deboned meat from bovine animals slaughtered after 31 January 2002, except La Pampa and Santiago del Estero for which the date is 8 March 2002 and Córdoba for which the date is 26 March 2002.

⁽⁷⁾ Only to be used for deboned meat or offal for pet food from bovine animals slaughtered after 31 January 2002, except La Pampa and Santiago del Estero for which the date is 8 March 2002 and Córdoba for which the date is 26 March 2002.