

**COMMISSION DECISION**  
**of 25 January 2002**  
**concerning certain protective measures with regard to certain fishery and aquaculture products**  
**intended for human consumption and imported from Pakistan**

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2002/62/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

*Article 2*

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 97/78/EC of 18 December 1997 laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 22(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Directive 97/78/EC, the necessary measures must be adopted as regards the import of certain products from third countries where anything likely to constitute a serious danger for animal or human health appears or develops.
- (2) The presence of chloramphenicol has been detected in shrimps intended for human consumption and imported from Pakistan.
- (3) Since the presence of this substance presents a potential risk for human health, it is proposed that all the consignments of shrimps imported from Pakistan should be sampled in order to demonstrate their wholesomeness.
- (4) Council Directive 92/59/EEC of 29 June 1992 on general product safety <sup>(2)</sup> has set up the Rapid Alert System for Food, and recourse to it is appropriate for implementing the mutual information requirement laid down in Directive 97/78/EC.
- (5) This Decision will be reviewed in the light of the guarantees offered by the competent authorities of Pakistan and on the basis of the results of the tests carried out by the Member States.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

1. Member States shall, using appropriate sampling plans and detection methods, subject each consignment of shrimps originating or coming from Pakistan to a chemical test in order to ensure that the products concerned do not present a danger to human health. This test must be carried out, in particular, with a view to detecting the presence of chloramphenicol.

2. Member States shall immediately inform the Commission of the results of the test referred in paragraph 1, making use of the Rapid Alert System for Food, set up by Council Directive 92/59/EEC.

*Article 3*

Member States shall not authorise the importation into their territory or the consignment to another Member State of the products referred to in Article 1 unless the results of the tests referred to in Article 2 are favourable.

*Article 4*

All expenditure incurred in applying this Decision shall be charged to the consignor, the consignee or their agent.

*Article 5*

Member States shall amend the measures they apply to imports in order to bring them into line with this Decision. They shall immediately inform the Commission thereof.

*Article 6*

This Decision shall be reviewed on the basis of the guarantees provided by the competent Pakistani authorities and on the basis of the results of the tests referred to in Article 2.

*Article 7*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Done at Brussels, 25 January 2002.

*Article 1*

This Decision shall apply to shrimps coming from or originating in Pakistan.

*For the Commission*

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*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 9.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 228, 11.8.1992, p. 24.