

COMMISSION DECISION
of 15 November 2002
amending Decision 93/402/EEC as regards imports of fresh meat from Brazil

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2002/908/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 22(1) thereof,

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 ⁽²⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1452/2001 ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 14(3) and Article 15 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) 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 ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Decision 2002/793/EC ⁽⁵⁾, applies to Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Paraguay and Uruguay.
- (2) The Commission has been informed by the Paraguayan veterinary authorities of an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease located outside the area allowed for export into the EU but close to the border with Brazil.
- (3) The surveillance area of the outbreak affects part of the territory of Brazil.
- (4) The Brazilian veterinary authorities immediately put in place measures to avoid the spread of the disease into the Brazilian territory, in particular providing for vaccination of and movement controls on the animals in 16 municipalities along the border area.
- (5) In view of the potential risk of disease in this border area, and of the action taken by the competent veterinary authorities of Brazil, importation of de-boned and matured bovine meat into the EU only from the

concerned municipality should be suspended on a regional basis. However, consignments produced before 31 October 2002 should still be authorised.

- (6) Decision 93/402/EEC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 93/402/EEC is amended as follows:

1. Annex I is replaced by the text in Annex I to this Decision;
2. Annex II is replaced by the text in Annex II to this Decision.

Article 2

The Member States shall amend the measures they apply to imports so as to bring them into compliance with this Decision and they shall give immediate appropriate publicity to the measures adopted. They shall immediately inform the Commission thereof.

Article 3

This Decision shall be reviewed within two months.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 15 November 2002.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 31.1.1998, p. 9.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 198, 21.7.2001, p. 11.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 179, 22.7.1993, p. 11.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 276, 12.10.2002, p. 62.

ANNEX I

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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	04/2002	The Provinces of Buenos Aires, Catamarca, Chaco, Córdoba, Corrientes, Entre Ríos, Formosa, Jujuy, La Pampa, La Rioja, Mendoza, Misiones, Neuquen, Rio Negro, Salta, San Juan, San Luis, Santa Fe, Santiago del Estero, and Tucuman.
	AR-3	01/2002	Chubut, Santa Cruz and Tierra del Fuego
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 Sete Quedas, Sonora, Aquidauana, Bodoquena, Bonito, Caracol, Coxim, Jardim, Ladario, Miranda, Pedro Gomes, Porto Murinho, Rio Negro, Rio Verde of Mato Grosso and Corumba), Santa Catarina, Goiás and the regional units of Cuiaba (except for the municipalities of San Antonio de Leverger, Nossa Senhora do Livramento, Pocone and Barão de Melgaço), Cáceres (except for the municipality of Cáceres), Lucas do Rio Verde, Rondonópolis (except for the municipality of Itiquiora), Barra do Garças and Barra do Bugres in Mato Grosso
	BR-2	01/2002	Mato Grosso do Sul municipality of Sete Quedas
Chile	CL	01/93	Whole country
Colombia	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 Antioquia and Córdoba, and from this point to the mouth of the Sinu River along the Atlantic Coast.
Paraguay	PY	01/93	Whole country
	PY-1	01/02	Chaco central and San Pedro areas
Uruguay	UY	01/2001	Whole country'

Animal health guarantees requested on certification ⁽¹⁾

Country	Territory	Model certificate for fresh meat excluding offal				Model certificate for offal								
		Species				of bovine animals					of ovines			soliped
		Bovine	Ovine-caprine	Porcine	Soliped	HC	MP				PF	HC	PF	
1	2						3	4						
Argentina	AR	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
	AR-1	A ⁽⁴⁾	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	F ⁽⁵⁾	—	—	D
	AR-3	B ⁽⁶⁾	B ⁽⁶⁾	—	D	B ⁽⁶⁾	B ⁽⁶⁾	B ⁽⁶⁾	B ⁽⁶⁾	B ⁽⁶⁾	B ⁽⁶⁾	B ⁽⁶⁾	B ⁽⁶⁾	D
Brazil	BR	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
	BR-1	A ⁽³⁾	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	F ⁽³⁾	—	—	D
	BR-2	A ⁽⁸⁾	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	F ⁽⁹⁾	—	—	D
Chile	CL	B	B	H	D	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	D
Colombia	CO	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
	CO-1	A	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
	CO-2	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
	CO-3	A	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
Paraguay	PY	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
	PY-1	A ⁽⁷⁾	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	F	—	—	D
Uruguay	UY	A ⁽²⁾	C ⁽²⁾	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	F	—	G	D

- (¹) The letter (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H) appearing in the table, refer to the models of animal health guarantees as described in Part 2 of Annex III, to be applied for each product and origin in accordance with Article 2.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 deboned meat from animals slaughtered after 1 November 2001.
(³) In the case of Rio Grande do Sul only to be used for deboned meat from bovine animals and offal for pet food from animals slaughtered after 30 November 2001.
(⁴) Only to be used for deboned meat from bovine animals slaughtered after 31 January 2002-except in the cases of La Pampa and Santiago del Estero for which the date is 8 March 2002 and of Córdoba for which the date is 26 March 2002.
(⁵) Only to be used for offal for pet food from bovine animals slaughtered after 31 January 2002 except in the cases of La Pampa and Santiago del Estero for which the date is 8 March 2002 and of Córdoba for which the date is 26 March 2002.
(⁶) Only to be used for fresh meat (including offal) from ovine, caprine and bovine animals slaughtered after 1 March 2002 in the provinces of Chubut, Santa Cruz, and Tierra del Fuego.
(⁷) Only to be used for deboned meat from bovine animals slaughtered after 1 September 2002.
(⁸) Only to be used for deboned meat from bovine animals slaughtered before 31 October 2002.
(⁹) Only to be used for offal for pet food from bovine animals slaughtered before 31 October 2002.'
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