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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 27 November 2002

amending Decision 98/371/EC as regards imports of fresh pig meat from the Slovak Republic

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2002/940/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 Articles 14, 15 and 16 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 98/371/EC ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Decision 2002/7/EC ⁽⁴⁾, governs the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from certain European countries.
- (2) For animal health reasons, and in particular to control classical swine fever imports of fresh pig meat for human consumption from the Slovak Republic were not authorised.
- (3) The Slovakian Competent Veterinary Authorities have requested authorisation to export pig meat to the Community and have supported their request with information on the health status of the swine in the Slovak Republic and the control of classical swine fever.
- (4) In July 2002 a Commission veterinary mission visited Slovakia to assess the animal health situation, and in particular the classical swine fever situation.
- (5) On the basis of the mission report and further information provided by the Slovakian Competent Veterinary Authorities, the health status of swine in Slovakia

appears to be satisfactory as regards classical swine fever in domestic swine; however, there are a number of designated areas where infection exists in wild boars.

- (6) The importation of pig meat from the Slovak Republic into the Community should therefore be authorised from the districts which are not under restriction due to infection in wild boars and in addition certain conditions relating to the use of catering waste for feeding to swine should be laid down.
- (7) For the purpose of exporting pig meat to the European Community the Slovakian competent veterinary authorities have undertaken to establish a list of pig holdings subject to regular veterinary supervision and appropriate controls to exclude any use of catering waste for feeding to pigs.
- (8) Decision 98/371/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (9) 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 98/371/EC 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.

⁽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 3, 5.1.2002, p. 50.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Community*.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27 November 2002.

For the Commission
David BYRNE
Member of the Commission

DESCRIPTION OF TERRITORIES OF CERTAIN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ESTABLISHED FOR ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATION PURPOSES

Country	Code of territory	Version	Description of territory
Albania	AL	1/98	Whole country
Bosnia- Herzegovina	BA	1/98	Whole country
Bulgaria	BG	1/98	Whole country
	BG-1	1/98	The provinces of Varna, Dobrich, Solistra, Choumen, Targovichte, Razgrad, Rousse, V.Tarnovo, Gabrovo, Pleven, Lovetch, Plovdiv, Smolian, Pasardjik, Sofia district, Sofia city, Pernik, Kustendil, Blagoevgrad, Vratza, Montana and Vidin
	BG-2	1/99	The provinces of Bourgas, Jambol, Sliven, Starazagora, Hasskovo and Kardjali, except the twenty-kilometre-wide corridor on the border with Turkey
	BG-3	1/99	The twenty-kilometre-wide corridor to the border with Turkey
Belarus	BY	1/98	Whole country
Czech Republic	CZ	1/98	Whole country
	CZ-1	1/99	Whole country excluding the provinces of Kroměříž, Vyškov, Hodonín, Uherské Hradiště, Zlín and Vsetín
	CZ-2	1/99	The provinces of Kromíř, Vyškov, Hodonín, Uherské Hradišt, Zlín and Vsetín
Estonia	EE	1/98	Whole country
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	YU	1/98	Whole country
	YU-1	1/98	The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia excluding the region of Kosovo and Metohija
	YU-2	1/98	The region of Kosovo and Metohija
Croatia	HR	1/98	Whole country
Hungary	HU	1/98	Whole country
Lithuania	LT	1/98	Whole country
Latvia	LV	1/98	Whole country
Polond	PL	1/98	Whole country
Romania	RO	1/98	Whole country

Country	Code of territory	Version	Description of territory
Russia	RU	1/98	Whole country
Slovenia	SI	1/98	Whole country
Slovak Republic	SK	1/98	Whole country
	SK-1	1/2002	Whole country excluding the District Veterinary and Food Administrations of Trnava (comprising Piestany and Hlohovec districts), Levice (comprising Levice district), Nitra (comprising Nitra and Zlate Moravce districts), Topolčany (comprising Topolcany district), Nové Mesto nad Váhom (comprising Nové Mesto nad Vahom district), Trenčín (comprising Trenčín and Banovce nad Bebravou districts), Prievidza (comprising Prievidza and Partizanske districts), Púchov (comprising Puchov and Ilava districts), Žiar nad Hronom (comprising Žiar nad Hronom, Zarnovica, Banska Stiavnica Districts), Zvolen (comprising Zvolen and Detva districts), Banská Bystrica (comprising Banska Bystrica and Brezno districts).'

ANNEX II

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ANIMAL HEALTH GUARANTEES TO BE REQUESTED ON CERTIFICATION OF 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	—		—		—		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	FY	—		—		—		D	—	E
	FY-1	A		—		C		D	—	E
	FY-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 ⁽³⁾	MK	—		—		C		D	—	E
Poland	PL	A		B	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
	SK-1	A		B	A	C		D	—	E

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.

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

⁽²⁾ SG: Supplementary guarantees. The letters (a, b, c, d...) appearing on the tables are referring 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 the section V of each model of certificate laid down in Annex III.

⁽³⁾ 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.'