

COMMISSION DECISION
of 10 October 2003
amending Decision 97/222/EC as regards imports of meat products from Estonia, Lithuania and Slovakia

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2003/733/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 807/2003 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 21a(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 97/222/EC ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Decision 2002/464/EC ⁽⁴⁾, established a list of third countries or parts of third countries from which the importation of meat products is authorised.
- (2) The epidemiological situation concerning classical swine fever in Estonia, Lithuania, and Slovakia has recently been assessed so that Member States should authorise the importation of fresh pigmeat from those third countries into the Community.
- (3) The list of third countries or parts of third countries from which the Member States authorise the importation of meat products, as laid down in Decision 97/222/EC, should be updated with a view to including those third countries, taking into account the health situation in order to be consistent with Community rules for the importation of fresh meat as relevant for the different treatment categories of meat products.

- (4) The opportunity has been taken to update the names of certain countries and add additional footnotes. For the sake of clarity, Parts I and II of the Annex to Decision 97/222/EC should be replaced in their entirety.
- (5) Decision 97/222/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (6) 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

The Annex to Decision 97/222/EC is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 10 October 2003.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 36.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 89, 4.4.1997, p. 39.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 161, 19.6.2002, p. 16.

ANNEX

Parts I and II of the Annex to Decision 97/222/EC are replaced by the following:

PART I**Description of regionalised territories as laid down for the countries listed in parts II and III**

Country	Territory		Description of territory
	Code	Version	
Argentina	AR-1	1/2002	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 93/402/EC ⁽¹⁾ (as last amended)
	AR-3	1/2002	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 93/402/EC (as last amended)
Bulgaria	BG		Whole country
	BG-1	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 98/371/EC ⁽²⁾ (as last amended)
	BG-2	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 98/371/EC (as last amended)
	BG-3	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 98/371/EC (as last amended)
Brazil	BR		Whole country
	BR-1	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 94/984/EC ⁽³⁾ (as last amended)
Czech Republic	CZ		Whole country
	CZ-1	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 98/371/EC (as last amended)
	CZ-2	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 98/371/EC (as last amended)
Serbia and Montenegro	YU		Whole country
	YU-1	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 98/371/EC (as last amended)
	YU-2	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 98/371/EC (as last amended)
Malaysia	MY		Whole country
	MY-1	95/1	Peninsular (Western) Malaysia only
Slovakia	SK		Whole country
	SK-1	1/2003	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 98/371/EC (as last amended)
	SK-2	1/2003	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 98/371/EC (as last amended)

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 179, 22.7.1993, p. 11.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 110, 28.4.1999, p. 16.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 378, 31.12.1994, p. 11.

PART II

Third countries or parts thereof from where meat products are authorised for importation into the European Community

Code ISO	Country of origin or part thereof	1. Domestic bovine 2. Farmed cloven-hoofed game-(excluding swine)	Domestic ovine/caprine	1. Domestic porcine 2. Farmed cloven-hoofed game (swine)	Domestic soliped	1. Domestic poultry 2. Farmed feathered game	Domestic rabbit and farmed leporidae	Wild cloven hoofed game (excluding swine)	Wild swine	Wild soliped	Wild leporidae (rabbits and hares)	Wild game birds	Wild land mammalian game (excluding ungulates, solipeds and leporidae)
AR	Argentina AR-1 ⁽¹⁾	C	C	C	A	A	A	C	C	—	A	D	—
	Argentina AR-3 ⁽¹⁾	A ⁽⁴⁾	A ⁽⁴⁾	C	A	A	A	C	C	—	A	D	
AU	Australia	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	A
BG	Bulgaria BG	D	D	D	A	D	A	D	D	—	A	D	—
	Bulgaria BG-1	A	A	D	A	D	A	A	D	—	A	D	—
	Bulgaria BG-2	A	A	D	A	D	A	A	D	—	A	D	—
	Bulgaria BG-3	D	D	D	A	D	A	D	D	—	A	D	—
BH	Bahrain	B	B	B	B	—	A	C	C	—	A	—	—
BR	Brazil	C	C	C	A	D	A	C	C	—	A	D	—
	Brazil BR-1	C	C	C	A	A	A	C	C	—	A	A	—
BW	Botswana	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	A	A	—	—
BY	Belarus	C	C	C	B	—	A	C	C	—	A	—	—
CA	Canada	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	A
CH	Switzerland	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
CL	Chile	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	—	A	A	—
CN	People's Republic of China	B	B	B	B	B	A	B	B	—	A	B	—
CO	Colombia	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—

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CY	Cyprus	C	C	C	A	A	A	C	C	—	A	A	—
CZ	Czech Republic CZ	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
	Czech Republic CZ-1	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	—
	Czech Republic CZ-2	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
EE	Estonia	C	C	A ⁽²⁾ D ⁽³⁾	A	—	A	C	C	—	A	—	A
ET	Ethiopia	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
GL	Greenland	—	—	—	—	—	A	—	—	—	A	A	A
HK	Hong Kong	B	B	B	B	D	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
HR	Croatia	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
HU	Hungary	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	—
IL	Israel	B	B	B	B	D	A	B	B	—	A	D	—
IN	India	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
IS	Iceland	B	B	B	A	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
KE	Kenya	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
KR	Korea (Republic)	—	—	—	—	D	A	—	—	—	A	D	—
LT	Lithuania	C	C	A ⁽²⁾ D ⁽³⁾	A	D	A	C	C	—	A	D	A
LV	Latvia	C	C	A	A	D	A	C	C	—	A	—	A

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MA	Morocco	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
MG	Madagascar	B	B	B	B	D	A	B	B	—	A	D	—
MK	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (*)	A	A	B	A	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
MT	Malta	—	—	—	—	A	A	—	—	—	A	—	—
MU	Mauritius	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
MX	Mexico	A	D	D	A	D	A	D	D	—	A	D	—
MY	Malaysia MY	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Malaysia MY-1	—	—	—	—	D	A	—	—	—	A	D	—
NA	Namibia (1)	B	B	B	B	D	A	B	B	A	A	D	—
NZ	New Zealand	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	A
PL	Poland	A	A	A (2) D (3)	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
PY	Paraguay	C	C	C	B	—	A	C	C	—	A	—	—
RO	Romania	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	A
RU	Russia	C	C	C	B	—	A	C	C	—	A	—	A
SG	Singapore	B	B	B	B	D	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
SI	Slovenia	A	A	D	A	D	A	A	D	—	A	D	—

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SK	Slovakia	A	A	—	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
	Slovakia SK-1	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
	Slovakia SK-2	A	A	A ⁽²⁾ D ⁽³⁾	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
SZ	Swaziland	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	A	A	—	—
TH	Thailand	B	B	B	B	A	A	B	B	—	A	D	—
TN	Tunisia	C	C	B	B	A	A	B	B	—	A	D	—
TR	Turkey	—	—	—	—	D	A	—	—	—	A	D	—
UA	Ukraine	—	—	—	—	—	A	—	—	—	A	—	—
US	United States of America	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	—
UY	Uruguay	C	C	B	A	D	A	—	—	—	A	D	—
YU	Serbia and Montenegro	D	D	D	A	D	A	C	C	—	A	—	—
	Serbia and Montenegro YU-1	D	D	D	A	D	A	C	D	—	A	—	—
	Serbia and Montenegro YU-2	D	D	D	A	D	A	C	C	—	A	—	—
ZA	South Africa ⁽¹⁾	C	C	C	A	D	A	C	C	A	A	D	—
ZW	Zimbabwe ⁽¹⁾	C	C	B	A	D	A	B	B	—	A	D	—

(*) Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: 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.

⁽¹⁾ See Part III for minimum treatment requirements for pasteurised meat products and biltong.

⁽²⁾ For meat products prepared from fresh meat of domestic porcines in accordance with Decision 98/371/EC as last amended.

⁽³⁾ For meat products prepared from fresh meat of farmed cloven-hoofed game (swine).

⁽⁴⁾ For meat products prepared from fresh meat obtained from animals slaughtered after 1 March 2002.

— No certificate laid down and meat products are not authorised.