

COUNCIL DECISION
of 17 December 2003

amending Decision 95/408/EC on the conditions for drawing up, for an interim period, provisional lists of third-country establishments from which Member States are authorised to import certain products of animal origin, fishery products or live bivalve molluscs, as regards the extension of its validity

(2003/912/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to Council Decision 95/408/EC of 22 June 1995 on the conditions for drawing up, for an interim period, provisional lists of third-country establishments from which Member States are authorised to import certain products of animal origin, fishery products or live bivalve molluscs ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Decision 95/408/EC expires on 31 December 2003.
- (2) The Commission proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down detailed rules for the organisation of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption ⁽²⁾ (the Regulation for the organisation of official controls) provides for a new procedure for drawing up lists of establishments in third countries intended to replace the rules laid down in Decision 95/408/EC.
- (3) The validity of Decision 95/408/EC should be extended to bridge the gap between the expiry of that Decision and the entry into force of the Regulation for the organisation of official controls.

- (4) Decision 95/408/EC should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 9 of Decision 95/408/EC '31 December 2003' shall be replaced by '31 December 2005'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 December 2003.

For the Council
The President
G. ALEMANNIO

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 243, 11.10.1995, p. 17. Decision as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ C 262 E, 29.10.2002, p. 449.