

COMMISSION DECISION

of 18 February 2005

amending Decision 97/102/EC laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Russia, as regards the designation of the competent authority and the model of health certificate*(notified under document number C(2005) 357)***(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2005/155/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/493/EEC of 22 July 1991 laying down the health conditions for the production and the placing on the market of fishery products⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 11(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In Commission Decision 97/102/EC⁽²⁾, the 'State Fisheries Committee of the Russian Federation' is identified as the competent authority in Russia for verifying and certifying compliance of fishery and aquaculture products with the requirements of Directive 91/493/EEC.
- (2) Following a restructuring of the Russian administration, the competent authority has changed to the 'Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation'. This new authority is capable of effectively verifying the application of the rules in force.
- (3) The Ministry of Agriculture has provided official assurances on compliance with the standards for health controls and monitoring of fishery and aquaculture products as set out in Directive 91/493/EEC and on the fulfilment of hygienic requirements equivalent to those laid down in that Directive.
- (4) Decision 97/102/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (5) 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 97/102/EC is amended as follows:

1. Article 1 is replaced by the following:

'Article 1

The "Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation" assisted by the "National Centre of Quality and Safety of Fishery Products (National Fish Quality)" shall be the competent authority in Russia for verifying and certifying compliance of fishery and aquaculture products with the requirements of Directive 91/493/EEC.'

2. Annex A is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 24 June 2005.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 18 February 2005.

For the Commission
Markos KYPRIANOU
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 15. Directive as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 35, 5.2.1997, p. 23. Decision as last amended by Decision 2002/941/EC (OJ L 325, 30.11.2002, p. 45).

ANNEX

'ANNEX A

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for fishery products from Russia and intended for export to the European Community, excluding bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods in whatever form

Reference No:

Country of dispatch: RUSSIA

Competent authority: Ministry of Agriculture

Inspection Service: National Centre for Quality and Safety of Fishery Products (National Fish Quality)

I. *Details identifying the fishery products*

- Description of fishery/aquaculture products ⁽¹⁾:
- species (scientific name):
- presentation of product and type of treatment ⁽²⁾:
- Code number (where available):
- Type of packaging:
- Number of packages:
- Net weight:
- Requisite storage and transport temperature:

II. *Origin of products*

Name(s) and official approval number(s) of establishment(s), factory vessel(s), or cold store(s) approved or freezer vessel(s) registered by the National Fish Quality for export to the EC:

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III. *Destination of products*

The products are dispatched:

from:
(place of dispatch)

to:
(country and place of destination)

⁽¹⁾ Delete where applicable.

⁽²⁾ Live, refrigerated, frozen, salted, smoked, preserved.

by the following means of transport:

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Name and address of dispatcher:

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Name of consignee and address at place of destination:

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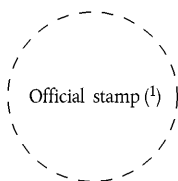
IV. Health attestation

— The official inspector hereby certifies that the fishery or aquaculture products specified above:

- 1. were caught and handled on board vessels in accordance with the health rules laid down by Directive 92/48/EEC;
- 2. were landed, handled and where appropriate packaged, prepared, processed, frozen, thawed and stored hygienically in compliance with the requirements laid down in Chapters II, III and IV of the Annex to Directive 91/493/EEC;
- 3. have undergone health controls in accordance with Chapter V of the Annex to Directive 91/493/EEC;
- 4. are packaged, marked, stored and transported in accordance with Chapters VI, VII and VIII of the Annex to Directive 91/493/EEC;
- 5. do not come from toxic species or species containing biotoxins;
- 6. have satisfactorily undergone the organoleptic, parasitological, chemical and microbiological checks laid down for certain categories of fishery products by Directive 91/493/EEC and in the implementing decisions thereto.

— The undersigned official inspector hereby declares that he is aware of the provisions of Directives 91/493/EEC and 92/48/EEC and Decision 97/102/EC.

Done at on
(Place) (Date)



Signature of official inspector (1)
(Name in capital letters, capacity and qualifications of person signing)

(1) The colour of the stamp and signature must be different from that of the other particulars in the certificate.