

COMMISSION DECISION**of 11 March 2005****laying down special conditions for imports of fishery products from Saudi Arabia***(notified under document number C(2005) 563)***(Text with EEA relevance)****(2005/218/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) An inspection has been carried out on behalf of the Commission in Saudi Arabia to verify the conditions under which fishery products are produced, stored and dispatched to the Community.
- (2) The requirements in the legislation of Saudi Arabia on health inspection and monitoring of fishery products may be considered equivalent to those laid down in Directive 91/493/EEC.
- (3) In particular, the 'General Directorate of Quality Control Laboratories (GDQCL)' is capable of effectively verifying the implementation of the rules in force.
- (4) The GDQCL has provided official assurances on compliance with the standards for health controls and monitoring of fishery products as set out in Chapter V of the Annex to Directive 91/493/EEC and on the fulfilment of hygienic requirements equivalent to those laid down by that Directive.
- (5) It is appropriate to lay down detailed provisions concerning fishery products imported into the Community from Saudi Arabia, in accordance with Directive 91/493/EEC.
- (6) It is also necessary to draw up a list of approved establishments, factory vessels, or cold stores, and a list of freezer vessels equipped in accordance with the requirements of Council Directive 92/48/EEC of 16 June 1992 laying down the minimum hygiene rules

applicable to fishery products caught on board certain vessels in accordance with Article 3(1)(a)(i) of Directive 91/493/EEC⁽²⁾. Those lists should be drawn up on the basis of a communication from the GDQCL to the Commission.

- (7) It is appropriate for this Decision to be applied 3 days after its publication providing for the necessary transitional period.
- (8) 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 'General Directorate of Quality Control Laboratories (GDQCL)' shall be the competent authority in Saudi Arabia identified for the purposes of verifying and certifying compliance of fishery products with the requirements of Directive 91/493/EEC.

Article 2

Fishery products imported into the Community from Saudi Arabia shall meet the requirements set out in Articles 3, 4 and 5.

Article 3

1. Each consignment shall be accompanied by a numbered original health certificate in accordance with the model set out in Annex I and comprising a single sheet, duly completed, signed and dated.

2. The health certificate shall be drawn up in at least one official language of the Member State where the checks are carried out.

⁽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 187, 7.7.1992, p. 41.

3. The health certificate shall bear the name, capacity and signature of the representative of the GDQCL, and the latter's official stamp in a colour different from that of the endorsements.

Article 4

The fishery products shall come from approved establishments, factory vessels, or cold stores, or from registered freezer vessels listed in Annex II.

Article 5

All packages shall bear the words 'SAUDI ARABIA' and the approval/registration number of the establishment, factory vessel, cold store or freezer vessel of origin in indelible letters, except in the case of frozen fishery products in bulk and intended for the manufacture of preserved foods.

Article 6

This Decision shall apply from 19 March 2005.

Article 7

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 11 March 2005.

For the Commission
Markos KYPRIANOU
Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

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

Reference No:

Country of dispatch: SAUDI ARABIA

Competent authority: General Directorate of Quality Control Laboratories (GDQCL)

I. *Details identifying the fishery products*

- Description of fishery/aquaculture⁽¹⁾ products:
- 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/registration number(s) of establishment(s), factory vessel(s), or cold store(s) approved or freezer vessel(s) registered by GDQCL 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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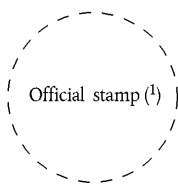
IV. Health attestation

— The official inspector hereby certifies that the fishery 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 2005/218/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.

ANNEX II

LIST OF ESTABLISHMENTS AND VESSELS

Approval No	Name	City/Region	Approval limit	Category
KSA-01	National Prawn Company	Al-Laith, Makkah Province		PPa

Legend: PPa Plant processing only or partially materials derived from aquaculture (farmed products).