

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 15 October 2003

**amending Decision 97/296/EC drawing up the list of third countries from which the import of fishery products is authorised for human consumption, with respect to Cape Verde, Belize, French Polynesia, the United Arab Emirates and the Netherlands Antilles**

(notified under document number C(2003) 3666)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2003/764/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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<sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 806/2003<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 2(2) and (3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Decision 97/296/EC<sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Decision 2003/606/EC<sup>(4)</sup>, lists the countries and territories from which importation of fishery products for human consumption is authorised. Part I of the Annex to Decision 97/296/EC lists the names of the countries and territories covered by a specific decision pursuant to Directive 91/493/EEC<sup>(5)</sup> and part II names those qualifying under Article 2(2) of Decision 95/408/EC.

(2) Commission Decisions 2003/763/EC<sup>(6)</sup>, 2003/759/EC<sup>(7)</sup>, 2003/760/EC<sup>(8)</sup>, 2003/761/EC<sup>(9)</sup> and 2003/762/EC<sup>(10)</sup> set specific import conditions for fishery products originating in Cape Verde, Belize, French Polynesia, the United Arab Emirates and the Netherlands Antilles, respectively. These countries should therefore be added to the list in part I of the Annex to Decision 97/296/EC.

(3) Decision 97/296/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.

(4) This Decision should take effect on the same day as Decisions 2003/759/EC, 2003/760/EC, 2003/761/EC and 2003/762/EC as regard the import of fishery products from Belize, French Polynesia, United Arab Emirates and Netherlands Antilles.

(5) As regard the import of fishery products from Cape Verde this Decision should take effect on the same day as Decision 2003/763/EC, since there is no need for a transitional period.

(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 97/296/EC is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall apply from 8 December 2003 as regards the imports of fishery products from Belize, French Polynesia, the United Arab Emirates and the Netherlands Antilles.

This Decision shall apply from 27 October 2003 as regards the import of fishery products from Cape Verde.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 243, 11.10.1995, p. 17.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 122, 14.5.1997, p. 21.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 210, 20.8.2003, p. 16.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 15.

<sup>(6)</sup> See page 38 of this Official Journal.

<sup>(7)</sup> See page 18 of this Official Journal.

<sup>(8)</sup> See page 23 of this Official Journal.

<sup>(9)</sup> See page 28 of this Official Journal.

<sup>(10)</sup> See page 33 of this Official Journal.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 15 October 2003.

*For the Commission*  
David BYRNE  
*Member of the Commission*

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## ANNEX

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**List of countries and territories from which importation of fishery products in any form intended for human consumption is authorised**I. *Countries and territories covered by a specific decision pursuant to Directive 91/493/EEC*

AE — UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	MG — MADAGASCAR
AL — ALBANIA	MR — MAURITANIA
AN — NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	MU — MAURITIUS
AR — ARGENTINA	MV — MALDIVES
AU — AUSTRALIA	MX — MEXICO
BD — BANGLADESH	MY — MALAYSIA
BG — BULGARIA	MZ — MOZAMBIQUE
BR — BRAZIL	NA — NAMIBIA
BZ — BELIZE	NC — NEW CALEDONIA
CA — CANADA	NG — NIGERIA
CH — SWITZERLAND	NI — NICARAGUA
CI — CÔTE D'IVOIRE	NZ — NEW ZEALAND
CL — CHILE	OM — OMAN
CN — CHINA	PA — PANAMA
CO — COLOMBIA	PE — PERU
CR — COSTA RICA	PG — PAPUA NEW GUINEA
CU — CUBA	PH — PHILIPPINES
CV — CAPE VERDE	PF — FRENCH POLYNESIA
CZ — CZECH REPUBLIC	PM — ST PIERRE and MIQUELON
EC — ECUADOR	PK — PAKISTAN
EE — ESTONIA	PL — POLAND
FK — FALKLAND I.	RU — RUSSIA
GA — GABON	SC — SEYCHELLES
GH — GHANA	SG — SINGAPORE
GL — GREENLAND	SI — SLOVENIA
GM — GAMBIA	SK — SLOVAKIA
GN — GUINEA CONAKRY	SN — SENEGAL
GT — GUATEMALA	SR — SURINAME
HN — HONDURAS	TH — THAILAND
HR — CROATIA	TN — TUNISIA
ID — INDONESIA	TR — TURKEY
IN — INDIA	TW — TAIWAN
IR — IRAN	TZ — TANZANIA
JM — JAMAICA	UG — UGANDA
JP — JAPAN	UY — URUGUAY
KR — SOUTH KOREA	VE — VENEZUELA
KZ — KAZAKHSTAN	VN — VIETNAM
LK — SRI LANKA	YE — YEMEN
LT — LITHUANIA	YT — MAYOTTE
LV — LATVIA	ZA — SOUTH AFRICA
MA — MOROCCO	

## II. Countries and territories meeting the terms of Article 2(2) of Decision 95/408/EC

AM — ARMENIA <sup>(1)</sup>	GD — GRENADA
AO — ANGOLA	HK — HONG KONG
AG — ANTIGUA and BARBUDA <sup>(2)</sup>	HU — HUNGARY <sup>(7)</sup>
AZ — AZERBAIJAN <sup>(3)</sup>	IL — ISRAEL
BJ — BENIN	KE — KENYA
BS — THE BAHAMAS	MM — MYANMAR
BY — BELARUS	MT — MALTA
CG — REPUBLIC OF CONGO <sup>(4)</sup>	RO — ROMANIA
CM — CAMEROON	SB — SOLOMON ISLAND
CS — SERBIA and MONTENEGRO <sup>(5)</sup> , <sup>(6)</sup>	SH — ST HELENA
CY — CYPRUS	SV — EL SALVADOR
DZ — ALGERIA	TG — TOGO
ER — ERITREA	US — UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FJ — FIJI	ZW — ZIMBABWE

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<sup>(1)</sup> Authorised only for imports of live crayfish (*Astacus leptodactylus*) intended for direct human consumption.

<sup>(2)</sup> Authorised only for imports of fresh fish.

<sup>(3)</sup> Authorised only for imports of caviar.

<sup>(4)</sup> Authorised only for imports of fishery products caught, frozen and packed in their final packaging at sea.

<sup>(5)</sup> Not including Kosovo as defined by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999.

<sup>(6)</sup> Authorised only for imports of wild fish intended for direct human consumption.

<sup>(7)</sup> Authorised only for import of live animals intended for direct human consumption.'