

COMMISSION DECISION

of 12 October 1998

amending Decision 97/20/EC establishing the list of third countries fulfilling the equivalence conditions for the production and placing on the market of bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(98/571/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/492/EEC of 15 July 1991 laying down the health conditions for the production and the placing on the market of live bivalve molluscs⁽¹⁾, as last amended by the Directive 97/79/EC⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 9(3)(a) thereof,

Whereas Commission Decision 97/20/EC⁽³⁾ of 17 December 1996, last amended by Decision 97/565/EC⁽⁴⁾, establishes the list of third countries from which imports of bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods in whatever form are authorised for human consumption;

Whereas Commission Decision 98/569/EC⁽⁵⁾ lays down special conditions for the import of live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods originating in Tunisia;

Whereas it is therefore necessary to add Tunisia on the list of third countries from which importation of bivalve

molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods are authorized;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision 97/20/EC is replaced by the Annex of the present Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 12 October 1998.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 24. 9. 1991, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 24, 30. 1. 1998, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 6, 10. 1. 1997, p. 46.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 232, 23. 8. 1997, p. 15.

⁽⁵⁾ See page 31 of this Official Journal.

*ANNEX***List of third countries from which imports of bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods in whatever form for human consumption are authorised***I. Third countries which have been the subject of a specific decision based on Council Directive 91/492/EEC*

Australia
Chile
Morocco
Peru
South Korea
Tunisia
Turkey

II. Third countries which may be the subject of a provisional decision based on Council Decision 95/408/EC

Canada
Faeroes
Greenland
New Zealand
Thailand (only for products sterilised or heat-treated under the conditions laid down in Commission Decision 93/25/EEC)
United States of America
