

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 2 May 2002

**amending Decision 93/402/EEC concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from South American countries, in particular as regards to Argentina**

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2002/338/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine, ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat or meat products from third countries <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1452/2001 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 14(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports into the Community of fresh meat from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Paraguay and Uruguay are laid down by Commission Decision 93/402/EEC of 10 June 1993 concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from South American countries <sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Decision 2002/198/EC <sup>(4)</sup>.
- (2) Since the adoption of Decision 2002/198/EC, the epidemiological situation of foot-and-mouth disease in Argentina has been clarified in respect of the provinces of Chubut, Santa Cruz and Tierra del Fuego.
- (3) The Argentinian authorities have provided the documentation concerning the serology testing plan and interim results. The Office International des Epizoties has proposed that those provinces should be granted the status of foot-and-mouth disease 'free without vaccination'.
- (4) It is therefore appropriate to allow the importation into the Community of bone-in ovine, caprine and bovine

fresh meat from animals originating from those provinces which were slaughtered after 1 March 2002.

- (5) It is also opportune to update some footnotes in Annex II while not affecting the conditions.
- (6) Decision 93/402/EEC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (7) 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 93/402/EEC is amended as follows:

1. Annex I is replaced by the corresponding text in Annex I to this Decision;
2. Annex II is replaced by the corresponding text in Annex II to this Decision.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 2 May 2002.

*For the Commission*

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*Member of the Commission*<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 198, 21.7.2001, p. 11.<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 179, 22.7.1993, p. 11.<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 66, 8.3.2002, p. 21.

## ANNEX

## ANNEX I

**Description of territories of South America established for animal health certification purposes**

Country	Territory		Description of territory
	Code	Version	
Argentina	AR	01/2001	Whole country
	AR-1	04/2002	The provinces of Buenos Aires, Catamarca, Chaco, Córdoba, Corrientes, Entre Ríos, Formosa, Jujuy, La Pampa, La Rioja, Mendoza, Misiones, Neuquen, Rio Negro, Salta, San Juan, San Luis, Santa Fe, Santiago del Estero, and Tucumán
	AR-3	01/2002	Chubut, Santa Cruz and Tierra del Fuego
Brazil	BR	01/93	Whole country
	BR-1	02/2001	The States of Rio Grande do Sul; Paraná, Minas Gerais (except regional delegations of Oliveira, Passos, São Gonçalo de Sapucaí, Setelagoas and Bambuí), São Paulo, Espírito Santo, Mato Grosso do Sul (except for the municipalities of Sonora, Aquidauana, Bodoquena, Bonito, Caracol, Coxim, Jardim, Ladario, Miranda, Pedro Gomes, Porto Murtinho, Rio Negro, Rio Verde of Mato Grosso and Corumba), Santa Catarina, Goiás and the regional units of Cuiaba (except for the municipalities of San Antonio de Leverger, Nossa Senhora do Livramento, Pocone and Barão de Melgaço), Caceres ( except for the municipality of Caceres) Lucas do Rio Verde, Rondonopolis (except for the municipality of Itiquiora), Barra do Garças and Barra do Bugres in Mato Grosso
Chile	CL	01/93	Whole country
Colombia	CO	01/93	Whole country
	CO-1	01/93	The zone included within the following borderlines: from the point where the Murri River flows into the Atrato River, downstream along the Atrato River to where it flows into the Atlantic Ocean, from this point to the Panamanian border following the Atlantic coastline to Cabo Tiburon; from this point to the Pacific Ocean following the Columbian-Panamanian border: from this point to the mouth of the Valle River along the Pacific coast and from this point along a straight line to the point where the Murri River flows into the Atrato River.
	CO-2	01/93	The municipalities of Arboletas, Necocli, San Pedro de Uraba, Turbo, Apartado, Chigorodo, Mutata, Dabeiba, Uramita, Murindo, Riosucio (right bank of the Atrato river) and Frontino.
	CO-3	01/93	The zone included within the following borderlines: from the mouth of the Sinu river on the Atlantic Ocean, upstream along the Sinu river to its head waters of Alto Paramillo, from this point to Puerto Rey on the Atlantic Ocean, following the borderline between the department of Antiquia and Cordoba, and from this point to the mouth of the Sinu river along the Atlantic coast.
Paraguay	PY	01/93	Whole country
Uruguay	UY	01/2001	Whole country

## ANNEX II

Animal health guarantees requested in certification <sup>(1)</sup>

Country	Territory	Model certificate for fresh meat excluding offal				Model certificate for offal								
		Species				of bovine animals					of ovines			of solipeds
		Bovine	Ovine-caprine	Porcine	Soliped	HC	MP				PF	HC	PF	
1	2						3	4						
Argentina	AR	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
	AR-1	A <sup>(4)</sup>	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	F <sup>(5)</sup>	—	—	D
	AR-3	B <sup>(6)</sup>	B <sup>(6)</sup>	—	D	B <sup>(6)</sup>	B <sup>(6)</sup>	B <sup>(6)</sup>	B <sup>(6)</sup>	B <sup>(6)</sup>	B <sup>(6)</sup>	B <sup>(6)</sup>	B <sup>(6)</sup>	D
Brazil	BR	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
	BR-1	A <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	F <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	D
Chile	CL	B	B	H	D	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	D
Colombia	CO	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
	CO-1	A	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
	CO-2	—	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
	CO-3	A	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	D
Paraguay	PY	A	—	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	F	—	—	D
Uruguay	UY	A <sup>(2)</sup>	C <sup>(2)</sup>	—	D	—	—	—	—	—	F	—	G	D

<sup>(1)</sup> The letters (A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H) appearing in the table, refer to the models of animal health guarantees as described in part 2 of Annex III, to be applied for each product and origin in accordance with Article 2; a dash (—) indicates that imports are not authorised.

HC: Human consumption.

MP: Destined for heat-treated meat products industry:

1 = hearts

2 = livers

3 = masseter muscles

4 = tongues.

PF: Destined for the pet food industry.

<sup>(2)</sup> Only to be used for deboned meat from animals slaughtered after 1 November 2001.

<sup>(3)</sup> In the case of Rio Grande do Sul only to be used for deboned meat from bovine animals and offal for pet food from animals slaughtered after 30 November 2001.

<sup>(4)</sup> Only to be used for deboned meat from bovine animals slaughtered after 31 January 2002, except in the cases of La Pampa and Santiago del Estero for which the date is 8 March 2002 and of Córdoba for which the date is 26 March 2002.

<sup>(5)</sup> Only to be used for offal for pet food from bovine animals slaughtered after 31 January 2002, except in the cases of La Pampa and Santiago del Estero for which the date is 8 March 2002 and of Córdoba for which the date is 26 March 2002.

<sup>(6)</sup> Only to be used for fresh meat (including offal) from ovine, caprine and bovine animals slaughtered after 1 March 2002 in the provinces of Chubut, Santa Cruz, Rio Negro south of the 42nd parallel and Tierra del Fuego.'