

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 19 January 1993

**amending Council Decision 79/542/EEC drawing up a list of third countries from which the Member States authorize imports of bovine animals, swine, and equidae, fresh meat and meat products and repealing Decisions 89/15/EEC and 90/135/EEC**

(93/100/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic 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 and meat products from third countries<sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 86/469/EEC of 16 September 1986 concerning the examination of animals and fresh meat for the presence of residues<sup>(3)</sup>, and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 88/146/EEC of 7 March 1988 prohibiting the use in livestock farming of certain substances having a hormonal action<sup>(4)</sup>, and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas by Council Decision 79/542/EEC<sup>(5)</sup>, as last amended by Commission Decision 93/99/EEC<sup>(6)</sup>, a list of third countries from which Member States authorize imports of bovine and porcine animals, equidae fresh meat and meat products has been established;

Whereas by Commission Decision 89/15/EEC<sup>(7)</sup>, as last amended by Decision 91/487/EEC<sup>(8)</sup>, Member States authorize imports of live animals and fresh meat from third countries who gave guarantees in relation to the examination of animals and fresh meat for the presence of residues of substances having a hormonal action;

Whereas by Commission Decision 90/135/EEC<sup>(9)</sup>, as last amended by Decision 91/486/EEC<sup>(10)</sup>, the plans specifying the guarantees offered by certain third countries, in respect of the examination for residues of substances

other than those having a hormonal action, are taken into account;

Whereas within the internal market the free circulation of live animals and animal products involves the organization of veterinary checks on imports from third countries, at the point of entry into the territory of the Community;

Whereas the proper functioning of this new system is based on the ease of communication of information and transparency;

Whereas in order to achieve this objective it is necessary to combine the different lists of third countries from which Member States authorize imports of live animals and fresh meat and to list the third countries in accordance with the International Standard Code (ISO code);

Whereas guarantees have been forwarded by the competent authorities of certain countries in relation to the use of substances having a hormonal effect for fattening purposes in relation to live animals and these must be taken into account;

Whereas the ban on the use of substances having a hormonal effect for fattening purposes applies to live animals intended for slaughter; whereas, it is not justified, that this ban affects equidae for breeding and production and registered horses coming from those countries listed for equidae;

Whereas, moreover, it is necessary to take into account the regionalization of certain third countries as laid down in Commission Decision 92/160/EEC<sup>(11)</sup>, as last amended by Decision 92/161/EEC<sup>(12)</sup>;

Whereas furthermore, it is necessary to take into account imports of sheep and goats from third countries;

Whereas certain Member States import live sheep for immediate slaughter from Albania, and it is necessary, as an interim measure to authorize direct imports of these animals to the Member States concerned until the Commission has carried out a veterinary mission; whereas it is necessary to lay down a time limit of 1 July 1993 for such imports;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 173, 27. 6. 1992, p. 13.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 275, 26. 9. 1986, p. 36.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 70, 16. 3. 1988, p. 16.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ No L 146, 14. 6. 1979, p. 15.

<sup>(6)</sup> See page 17 of this Official Journal.

<sup>(7)</sup> OJ No L 8, 11. 1. 1989, p. 11.

<sup>(8)</sup> OJ No L 260, 17. 9. 1991, p. 15.

<sup>(9)</sup> OJ No L 76, 22. 3. 1990, p. 24.

<sup>(10)</sup> OJ No L 260, 17. 9. 1991, p. 13.

<sup>(11)</sup> OJ No L 71, 18. 3. 1992, p. 27.

<sup>(12)</sup> OJ No L 71, 18. 3. 1992, p. 29.

Whereas certain guarantees have been received from the competent authorities of Lithuania and Ukraine and it is appropriate, as a first step, to add Lithuania and Ukraine to the list concerning the introduction into the Community of equidae;

Whereas the Member States should not authorize imports of animals and animal products covered by this Decision from a third country unless such animals and animal products satisfy the animal health requirements for imports from that country;

Whereas it is necessary to amend Decision 79/542/EEC accordingly, and to repeal Decisions 89/15/EEC and 90/135/EEC;

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*

Decision 79/542/EEC is amended as follows:

1. the title is replaced by the following:

'Council Decision 79/542/EEC of 21 December 1976 drawing up a list of third countries from which the Member States authorize imports of bovine animals, swine, equidae, sheep and goats, fresh meat and meat products';

2. in Article 1, paragraph 3 (a) and (b) is replaced by the following:

'3. Without prejudice to Decision 92/160/EEC

(a) Member States shall authorize imports of equidae from third countries or parts of third countries appearing in Part 1 of the Annex,

(b) Member States shall authorize temporary admission into the Community or registered horses from or re-entry of registered horses after being temporarily exported to the third countries or parts of third countries appearing in Part 2 of the Annex';

3. in Article 1, the following paragraph 4 is added:

'4. Member States shall authorize imports of live animals, in particular equidae for slaughter, meat and meat products only from those third countries or parts of those third countries which appear on the list in Part 1 of the Annex and conform to the guarantees regarding residues.';

4. the Annex is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

*Article 2*

Decisions 89/15/EEC and 90/135/EEC are repealed.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 19 January 1993.

*For the Commission*

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*Member of the Commission*

ANNEX

PART 1

LIVE ANIMALS, FRESH MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS

Country ISO code	Country	Fresh meat and meat products						Fresh meat			Live animals					Special Remarks			Country ISO Codes
		Domestic			Wild			Wild	E	B	S/G	P	E	Meat products	Live animals	Residues			
		B	S/G	P	E	CH	E												
		B	S/G	P	E	CH	E												
AL	Albania	0	x	x	x	0	x	0	x	x	0	0	0	0			0	AL	
AR	Argentina	x	x	0	x	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			XR	AR	
AT	Austria	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			XR	AT	
AU	Australia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			XR	AU	
BG	Bulgaria	x	x	x	x	0	x	0	x	0	0	0	0	0			XR	BG	
BR	Brazil	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			XR	BR	
BW	Botswana	x	x	0	x	x	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			XR	BW	
BY	Belarus	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			0	BY	
BZ	Belize	x	0	0	x	0	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	BZ	
CA	Bosnia-Herzegovina	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			0	CA	
CH	Canada	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			XR(a)(b)	CH	
CL	Switzerland	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			XR	CL	
CN	Chile	0	x	0	x	0	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	CN	
CO	People's Republic of China	x	0	x	x	0	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	CO	
CR	Colombia	x	0	0	x	0	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	CR	
CS	Costa Rica	x	0	0	x	0	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	CS	
CU	Czechoslovakia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			XR	CU	
CY	Cuba	x	0	0	x	0	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	CY	
DZ	Cyprus	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			0	DZ	
EE	Algeria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	EE	
ET	Estonia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			0	ET	
FI	Ethiopia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	FI	
GL	Finland	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			XR	GL	
GT	Greenland	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			XR	GT	
HK	Guatemala	x	0	0	x	0	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	HK	
HN	Hong Kong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	HN	
HR	Honduras	x	0	0	x	0	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	HR	
HU	Croatia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			0	HR	
HU	Hungary	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			XR	HU	

Country ISO code	Country	Fresh meat and meat products				Fresh meat		Live animals				Special Remarks				Country ISO Codes		
		B	S/G	P	E	CH	E	B	S/G	P	E	Fresh meat	Meat products	Live animals	Residues			
IL	Israel	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	(1)	(1)		O	IL
IN	India	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O				O	IN
IS	Iceland	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				XR	IS
KE	Kenya	O	O	O	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				O	KE
LI	Lithuania	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				(d)	LI
LV	Latvia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				O	LV
MA	Morocco	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O				O	MA
MG	Madagascar	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				XR	MG
MT	Malta	X	O	X	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O				XR	MT
MU	Mauritius	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O				O	MU
MX	Mexico	X	X	O	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				XR	MX
NA	Namibia	X	O	O	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				XR	NA
NI	Nicaragua	X	O	O	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	(1)(2)			O	NI
NO	Norway	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				XR	NO
NZ	New Zealand	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				XR	NZ
PA	Panama	X	O	O	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				O	PA
PL	Poland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				XR	PL
PY	Paraguay	X	X	O	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				XR	PY
RO	Romania	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				XR	RO
RU	Russia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				O	RU
SE	Sweden	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				XR	SE
SG	Singapore	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O				O	SG
SI	Slovenia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				O	SI
SV	El Salvador	X	X	O	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				O	SV
SZ	Swaziland	X	O	O	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				XR	SZ
TH	Thailand	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O				O	TH
TN	Tunisia	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O				O	TN
TR	Turkey	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O				O	TR
UA	Ukraine	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O				O	UA
US	United States of America	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				XR(c)	US
UY	Uruguay	X	X	O	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				XR	UY
YU	Yugoslav Republics	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				XR	YU
ZA	South Africa	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				XR	ZA
ZW	Zimbabwe	X	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O				XR	ZW

- B = Bovines (including buffalo)  
 S/G = Sheep/Goat  
 P = Pig  
 C/H = Clovenhoofed  
 E = Equidae  
 X = Authorized in principle  
 O = Not authorized

*Special remarks*

- (1) Excluding meat of wild swine.  
 (2) Excluding bone-in meat and offal of wild clovenhoofed animals.  
 (3) Notwithstanding any restrictions indicated in the above list, meat products which have undergone a heat treatment in a hermetically sealed container to a F. value of 3 or more are authorized.  
 (4) Notwithstanding any restrictions indicated in the above list, meat products which have undergone a heat treatment so that a centre temperature of at least 80 °C has been achieved are authorized.  
 (5) Member States shall only import equidae in accordance with Commission Decision 92/160/EEC establishing the regionalization.  
 (6) Member States shall not import equidae coming from this country.  
 (7) Member States may import live sheep for immediate slaughter from this country direct to their territory until 1 July 1993.

*Additional notes*

- XR.** The plan concerning the residues in live animals and fresh meat for substances having a thyrostatic, oestrogenic or gestogenic action and for substances other than those having a hormonal action has been approved by the Commission.  
 Equidae other than equidae for slaughter shall be imported without the third country concerned being obliged to present a plan.
- (a) As regards imports of meat of bovine animals intended for human consumption these are restricted to meat obtained from cows which have been used only for dairy production.  
 (b) Imports of live bovine animals are restricted to animals intended for reproduction and to veal calves of less than 15 days of age intended for fattening.  
 (c) As regards imports of meat of bovine animals intended for human consumption these are restricted to :  
 (i) either meat obtained from cows which have only been used for dairy production,  
 (ii) or meat :  
 — complying with the conditions agreed between the United States of America and the European Economic Community ;  
 and  
 — which has been obtained from fresh meat establishments supplied with animals from holdings approved by the Commission. The names of such establishments are subject to specific communication from the Commission to the Member States.
- (d) As regards imports of live horses for slaughter sufficient guarantees have been received to allow importations.

## PART 2

## SPECIAL COLUMN FOR REGISTERED HORSES

Country ISO Codes	Country	Registered horses	Special remarks
AE	United Arab Emirates	x	
BB	Barbados	x	
BH	Bahrain	x	
BM	Bermuda	x	
BO	Bolivia	x	
CO	Colombia	x	( <sup>1</sup> )
CR	Costa Rica	x	( <sup>1</sup> )
CU	Cuba	x	
EC	Equador	x	( <sup>1</sup> )
EG	Egypt	x	( <sup>1</sup> )
HK	Hong Kong	x	
JM	Jamaica	x	
JO	Jordan	x	
JP	Japan	x	
KW	Kuwait	x	
LY	Libya	x	
OM	Oman	x	
PE	Peru	x	( <sup>1</sup> )
TR	Turkey	x	( <sup>1</sup> )
VE	Venezuela	x	( <sup>1</sup> )

x = Authorized in principle.

(<sup>1</sup>) Member States shall only import equidae in accordance with Commission Decision 92/160/EEC establishing the regionalization.