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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 30 September 1996

amending Commission Decision 93/402/EEC concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from South American Countries

(Text with EEA relevance)

(96/595/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the 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⁽¹⁾, as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Articles 14, 15 and 16,

Whereas the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from Colombia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Brazil, Chile and Argentina are laid down by Commission Decision 93/402/EEC⁽²⁾, as last amended by Decision 95/443/EEC⁽³⁾;

Whereas stricter health conditions have been established for offal destined for human consumption and the petfood industry; whereas, in the light of experience, it seems appropriate to reinforce the control of those products by indicating in the health certificate the name and address of the processing establishment where the heat treatment will take place;

Whereas the Brazilian authorities have requested the Commission to include a part of the State of Mato Grosso

in the territories of Brazil from which Member States authorize the imports of deboned fresh meat;

Whereas an on-the-spot Commission inspection carried-out in June 1996 has found that the animal health situation, the veterinary services and the programme of control of foot-and-mouth disease is satisfactory in this part of Mato Grosso; whereas it seems appropriate to include this part of Mato Grosso among the regions of Brazil from which Member States authorize the imports of deboned bovine fresh meats;

Whereas the veterinary authorities of Brazil and Mato Grosso have provided the necessary guarantees;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex I of Decision 93/402/EEC is replaced by the Annex I of this Decision. Annex III, Part 1, to Decision 93/402/EEC is replaced by Annex II hereto.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 179, 22. 7. 1993, p. 11.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 258, 28. 10. 1995, p. 65.

Article 2

- (a) Member States authorize, for 60 days following the date of notification of this Decision to Member States, importations of fresh meat from Brazil produced and certified in accordance with the conditions laid down in Decision 93/402/EEC prior to the entry into force of this Decision.
- (b) Member States authorize, for 60 days following the date of notification of this Decision to Member States, importations of offal intended for the manufacture of heat-treated, meat-based products from Colombia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Brazil, Chile and Argentina produced and certified in accordance with the conditions laid down in Decision 93/402/EEC prior to the entry into force of this Decision.

Article 3

This Decision shall apply from the 10th day following notification thereof to the Member States.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 30 September 1996.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

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DESCRIPTION OF TERRITORIES OF SOUTH AMERICA ESTABLISHED FOR ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATION PURPOSES

Country	Territory		Description of territory
	Code	Version	
Argentina	AR	01/93	Whole country
	AR-1	01/93	South of 42nd parallel
	AR-2	01/94	North of 42nd parallel
	AR-3	01/93	Provinces of Entre Ríos, Corrientes and Misiones
	AR-4	01/93	Provinces of Catamarca, San Juan, La Rioja, Mendoza Neuquén, Río Negro and Buenos Aires
Brazil	BR	01/93	Whole country
	BR-1	01/96	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 de Mato Grosso and Corumbá), Santa Catarina, Goiás and the regional units of Cuiabá (except for the municipalities of Santo Antônio do Leverger, Nossa Senhora do Livramento, Poconé and Barão de Melgaço), Cáceres (except for the municipality of Cáceres), Lucas do Rio Verde, Rondonópolis (except for the municipality of Itiquira), 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 Tiburón; from this point to the Pacific Ocean following the Colombian-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 headwaters of Alto Paramillo, from this point to Puerto Rey on the Atlantic Ocean, following the borderline between the department of Antioquia and Córdoba, and from this point to the mouth of the Sinu river along the Atlantic coast
Paraguay	PY	01/93	Whole country
Uruguay	UY	01/93	Whole country'

ANNEX II

ANNEX III

PART 1

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

Note to the importer: this certificate is for veterinary purposes only and must only accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection post

Country of destination:

Reference No of the public health certificate ⁽¹⁾:

Exporting country: Territory code:

Ministry:

Department:

References:

(optional)

I. Identification of meat

Meat of:

(animal species)

Nature of cuts:

Type of packaging:

Number of cuts or packages:

Net weight:

II. Origin of meat

Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) ⁽²⁾ of the approved slaughterhouse(s):

Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) ⁽²⁾ of the approved cutting plant(s):

Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) ⁽²⁾ of the approved cold store(s):

III. Destination of meat

The meat will be sent from:

(place of loading)

to:

(country and place of destination)

by the following means of transport ⁽¹⁾:

Name and address of consigner:

Name and address of consignee:

Name and address of the processing establishment ⁽⁴⁾:

⁽¹⁾ Optional.

⁽²⁾ Optional when the country of destination authorizes the importation of fresh meat for uses other than human consumption in implementation of Article 19 (a) of Council Directive 72/462/EEC.

⁽³⁾ For containers the registration number should be given, for aircrafts the flight number and for ships the name.

⁽⁴⁾ For offal described in Article 1 (c) intended for the manufacture of heat-treated, meat-based products or for heat-treated petfood.