

COMMISSION DECISION**of 20 March 2000****amending Decision 94/984/EC laying down animal health conditions and veterinary certificates for the importation of fresh poultry meat from third countries in respect of Argentina***(notified under document number C(2000) 703)***(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2000/254/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/494/EEC of 26 June 1991 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in and imports from third countries of fresh poultry meat ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 1999/89/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Articles 11 and 12 thereof;

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 94/984/EC ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Decision 1999/549/EC ⁽⁴⁾, established the animal health conditions and the veterinary certificates for imports of fresh poultry meat from certain third countries. Two different certificates, model A and model B are laid down. Their use depends on the Newcastle disease situation in the country concerned.
- (2) Argentina is listed in Annex I to Decision 94/984/EC as a third country which is allowed to use the model B certificate laid down in Annex II to that Decision.
- (3) An inspection in July 1998 was carried out by the Commission services in Argentina to review the Newcastle disease situation and additional information has been received from that country.
- (4) It appears, in accordance with the results of that inspection and the submitted information, that the Newcastle disease situation in Argentina has improved.
- (5) Argentina can comply with the requirements of the model A certificate laid down in Annex II to Decision 94/984/EC.
- (6) This Decision shall apply for fresh poultry meat certified as from 1 April 2000.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Annex I to Decision 94/984/EC the line

‘AR | Argentina | | B ^(?)’

is replaced by:

‘AR | Argentina | | A’

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 35.⁽²⁾ OJ L 300, 23.11.1999, p. 17.⁽³⁾ OJ L 378, 21.12.1994, p. 11.⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 209, 7.8.1999, p. 36.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply for fresh poultry meat certified as from 1 April 2000.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 March 2000.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission
