

COMMISSION DECISION**of 17 November 2000****amending Decision 1999/283/EC concerning the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from certain African countries to take account of the animal health situation in South Africa***(notified under document number C(2000) 3335)***(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2000/739/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 Council Directive 97/79/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Articles 14 and 22 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from certain African countries are laid down by Commission Decision 1999/283/EC ⁽³⁾.
- (2) Imports of fresh meat from South Africa are only possible from a part of the territory of this country which has been recognised by the European Community as officially free of foot-and-mouth disease.
- (3) On 15 September 2000 the competent authorities confirmed on outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in the province of KwaZulu-Natal, in the free region.
- (4) The situation is liable to seriously endanger Community livestock in view of imports of products of biungulate animals.
- (5) The competent authorities of South Africa provided sufficient guarantees with regard to the measures taken to control the movement of animals of susceptible species within and out of the infected area, in particular by declaring 16 districts, around the outbreak in the province of KwaZulu-Natal, a control area for foot-and-mouth disease.

- (6) It is therefore necessary to redefine the territory of South Africa from which imports into the Community of fresh meat are authorised.
- (7) In addition, it appears necessary to clarify, that imports of fresh meat from Namibia are only possible from the territory South of the cordon fences which extend from Palgrave Point in the west to Gam in the east, which has been recognised by the European Community as officially free of foot-and-mouth disease.
- (8) Decision 1999/283/EC must be amended accordingly.
- (9) The present Decision must be reviewed in the light of the evolution of the disease situation.
- (10) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex I to Decision 1999/283/EC is replaced by the Annex to the present Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 November 2000.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission⁽¹⁾ OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.⁽²⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.⁽³⁾ OJ L 110, 28.4.1999, p. 16.

ANNEX

ANNEX I

DESCRIPTION OF TERRITORIES OF CERTAIN AFRICAN COUNTRIES ESTABLISHED FOR ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATION PURPOSES

Country	Code of territory	Version	Description of territory
Botswana	BW	01/99	The whole country
	BW-01	01/99	Veterinary disease control zones, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 18
Morocco	MA	01/99	The whole country
Madagascar	MG	01/99	The whole country
Namibia	NA	01/99	The whole country
	NA-01	01/00	South of the cordon fences which extend from Palgrave-Point in the west to Gam in the east
Swaziland	SZ	01/99	The whole country
	SZ-01	01/99	Area west of the "red line" fences which extend northwards from the River Usutu to the frontier with South Africa west of Nkalashane
South Africa	ZA	01/99	The whole country
	ZA-01	01/00	Republic of South Africa excluding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — the part of the foot-and-mouth disease control area situated in the veterinary region Northern and Eastern Transvaal, in the district of Ingwavuma of the veterinary region of Natal and in the border area with Botswana east of longitude 28°, and — the districts of Camperdown, Pietermaritzburg, Lions River, New Hanover, Umvoti, Kranskop, Mapumulo, Ndwedwe, Lower Tugela, Inanda, Pinetown, Durban, (including the metropolitan area of Durban), Chatsworth, Umzali, Umbumbulu and Richmond in the province of KwaZulu-Natal
Zimbabwe	ZW	01/99	The whole country
	ZW-01	01/99	Veterinary regions of Mashonaland West province, Mashonaland East province (including Chikomba district), Mashonaland Central province, Manicaland province (including only Makoni district), Midlands province (including only the Gweru, Kwekwe, Shurugwi, Chirimanzu and Zvishavane districts), Masvingo province (including only the districts of Gutu and Masvingo), Matabeleland South province (including only the Insiza, Bullimamangwe, Umzingwamange, Gwanda and West Nicholson districts) and Matabeleland North province (including only the districts of Bubi and Umgusa)