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COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 April 2004

amending the Appendix to Annex XIV to the 2003 Act of Accession to include certain establishments in the meat sector in Slovakia in the list of establishments in transition

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(Text with EEA relevant)

(2004/463/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Treaty of Accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia⁵³, and in particular Article 2(3) thereof,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia⁵⁴, and in particular Annex XIV, Chapter 5, Section B, paragraph (d) thereto,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex XIV, Chapter 5, Section B, paragraph (a) to the 2003 Act of Accession provides that the structural requirements laid down in Annex I to Council Directive 64/433/EEC of 26 June 1964 on health conditions for the production and marketing of fresh meat⁵⁵ and in Annexes A and B to Council Directive 77/99/EEC of 21 December 1976 on health problems affecting the production and marketing of meat products and certain other products of animal origin⁵⁶ are not to apply to establishments in Slovakia listed in the Appendix to Annex XIV to the Act of Accession until 31 December 2006, subject to certain conditions.
- (2) In Slovakia, nine more high capacity meat establishments have difficulties in complying with the structural requirements laid down in Annex I to Directive 64/433/EEC and in Annexes A and B to Directive 77/99/EEC, by 1 May 2004.

⁵³ OJ L 236, 23.9.2003, p. 17

⁵⁴ OJ L 236, 23.9.2003, p. 33

⁵⁵ OJ 121, 29.7.1964, p. 2012. Directive as last amended by the 2003 Act of Accession.

⁵⁶ OJ L 26, 31.1.1977, p. 85. Directive as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 807/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 36.)

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- (3) Accordingly those nine establishments need time to finalize their upgrading process in order to be in full compliance with the relevant structural requirements laid down in Directives 64/433/EEC and 77/99/EEC.
- (4) The nine establishments, which are currently in an advanced state of upgrading, have given reliable guarantees that they have the necessary funds to correct their remaining shortcomings within a short time and have received a favourable opinion from the Slovak Food and Veterinary Service, as regards the finalisation of their upgrading process.
- (5) For Slovakia, the detailed information regarding the shortcomings for each establishment is available.
- (6) In order to facilitate the transition from the existing regime in Slovakia to that resulting from the application of the Community veterinary legislation, it is justified therefore upon the request of Slovakia, to grant the nine establishments a transitional period
- (7) Due to the advanced stage of upgrading of the nine establishments, the transitional period should be limited to a maximum of 12 months.
- (8) The Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health has been informed of the measures provided for in this Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

- (1) The establishments listed in the Annex to this Decision are added to the Appendix referred to in Chapter 5, Section B to Annex XIV to the 2003 Act of Accession.
- (2) For the establishments listed in Annex to this Decision, the rules foreseen in Annex XIV, Chapter 5, Section B, paragraph (b) of the Act of Accession are applicable

Article 2

This Decision shall apply subject to and as from the date of the entry into force of the Treaty of Accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 29 April 2004.

For the Commission David BYRNE Member of the Commission

<u>ANNEX</u>

Meat establishments in transition

	Veterinary approval number	Name and address of establishment	Sector: Meat			
			Activity of the establishments			
No			Fresh meat, Slaughter, Cutting	Meat products	Cold store	Date of compliance
1.	TN 6-31	Jakub Ilavský, s.r.o. 913 11 Trenč. Stankovce 273	x	х		31.12.2004
2.	TN 6-30	Jakub Ilavský, s.r.o. Sedličná 54 913 11 Trenč. Stankovce 273		Х		31.12.2004
3.	PE 6-10	COLAGEN SLOVAKIA, s.r.o. Kúpeľná 193 958 04 Partizánske	Х	Х		31.03.2005
4.	MI 6-1	Mäso ZEMPLÍN a.s. Užhorodská č. 86 071 01 Michalovce		Х		16.04.2005
5.	MY 6-1	Peter Fabuš-FABUŠ Mäsopriemysel Myjava Šimonovičova 481 907 01 Myjava	Х	Х		15.12.2004
6.	PU 6-1	Púchovský mäsový priemysel a.s. Vsetínska 1354/15 020 39 Púchov	Х	Х	Х	30.04.2005
7.	KN 6-4	JATKA Hurbanovo s.r.o 947 01 Hurbanovo	Х	Х		30.09.2004
8.	MA 6-30	BERTO-Ignác Bertovič Hlavná 1 900 66 Vysoká pri Morave	Х	Х		28.02.2005
9.	CA 6-31	K.B.K. spol. s.r.o. A. Hlinku 27 022 01 Čadca		Х		15.02.2005