

COMMISSION DECISION

of 22 February 2006

amending Decision 97/296/EC drawing up the list of third countries from which the import of fishery products is authorised for human consumption, with respect to the United States of America

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2006/200/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 95/408/EC of 22 June 1995 on the conditions for drawing up, for an interim period, provisional lists of third country establishments from which Member States are authorised to import certain products of animal origin, fishery products or live bivalve molluscs ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 2(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 97/296/EC of 22 April 1997 drawing up the list of third countries from which the import of fishery products is authorised for human consumption ⁽²⁾, lists the countries and territories from which import of fishery products for human consumption is authorised. Part I of the Annex to that Decision lists the countries and territories covered by a specific Decision pursuant to Council Directive 91/493/EEC of 22 July 1991 laying down the health conditions for the production and the placing on the market of fishery products ⁽³⁾, and part II of that Annex lists the countries and territories meeting the conditions set out in Article 2(2) of Decision 95/408/EC.
- (2) Commission Decision 2006/199/EC ⁽⁴⁾, sets specific import conditions for fishery products from the United States of America. This country should therefore be included in the list in part I of the Annex to Decision 97/296/EC.

- (3) In the interest of clarity, the lists concerned should be replaced in their entirety.
- (4) Decision 97/296/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (5) This Decision should apply from the same day as Decision 2006/199/EC laying down specific conditions for import of fishery products from the United States of America.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision 97/296/EC is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 24 April 2006.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22 February 2006.

For the Commission
Markos KYPRIANOU
Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 243, 11.10.1995, p. 17. Decision as last amended by Directive 2004/41/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 157, 30.4.2004, p. 33; corrected by OJ L 195, 2.6.2004, p. 12).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 122, 14.5.1997, p. 21. Decision as last amended by Decision 2005/501/EC (OJ L 183, 14.7.2005, p. 109).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 15. Directive as last amended by Directive 2004/41/EC.

⁽⁴⁾ See page 17 of this Official Journal.

ANNEX

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List of countries and territories from which importation of fishery products in any form intended for human consumption is authorised*I. Countries and territories covered by a specific decision pursuant to Council Directive 91/493/EEC*

AE — United Arab Emirates	LK — Sri Lanka
AG — Antigua and Barbuda	MA — Morocco
AL — Albania	MG — Madagascar
AN — Netherlands Antilles	MR — Mauritania
AR — Argentina	MU — Mauritius
AU — Australia	MV — Maldives
BD — Bangladesh	MX — Mexico
BG — Bulgaria	MY — Malaysia
BR — Brazil	MZ — Mozambique
BS — The Bahamas	NA — Namibia
BZ — Belize	NC — New Caledonia
CA — Canada	NG — Nigeria
CH — Switzerland	NI — Nicaragua
CI — Ivory Coast	NZ — New Zealand
CL — Chile	OM — Oman
CN — China	PA — Panama
CO — Colombia	PE — Peru
CR — Costa Rica	PG — Papua New Guinea
CS — Serbia and Montenegro ⁽¹⁾	PH — Philippines
CU — Cuba	PF — French Polynesia
CV — Cape Verde	PM — Saint Pierre and Miquelon
DZ — Algeria	PK — Pakistan
EC — Ecuador	RO — Romania
EG — Egypt	RU — Russia
FK — Falkland Islands	SA — Saudi Arabia
GA — Gabon	SC — Seychelles
GD — Grenada	SG — Singapore
GH — Ghana	SN — Senegal
GL — Greenland	SR — Suriname
GM — Gambia	SV — El Salvador
GN — Guinea Conakry	TH — Thailand
GT — Guatemala	TN — Tunisia
GY — Guyana	TR — Turkey
HK — Hong Kong	TW — Taiwan
HN — Honduras	TZ — Tanzania
HR — Croatia	UG — Uganda
ID — Indonesia	US — United States of America
IN — India	UY — Uruguay
IR — Iran	VE — Venezuela
JM — Jamaica	VN — Vietnam
JP — Japan	YE — Yemen
KE — Kenya	YT — Mayotte
KR — South Korea	ZA — South Africa
KZ — Kazakhstan	ZW — Zimbabwe

⁽¹⁾ Not including Kosovo as defined by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999.

II. *Countries and territories meeting the terms of Article 2(2) of Council Decision 95/408/EC*

AM — Armenia⁽¹⁾

AO — Angola

AZ — Azerbaijan⁽²⁾

BJ — Benin

BY — Belarus

CG — Republic of Congo⁽³⁾

CM — Cameroon

ER — Eritrea

FJ — Fiji

IL — Israel

MM — Myanmar

SB — Solomon Islands

SH — Saint Helena

TG — Togo

⁽¹⁾ Authorised only for imports of live crayfish (*Astacus leptodactylus*) intended for direct human consumption.

⁽²⁾ Authorised only for imports of caviar.

⁽³⁾ Authorised only for imports of fishery products caught, frozen and packed in their final packaging at sea.