

COMMISSION DECISION

of 10 January 2003

amending Decision 2000/159/EC on the provisional approval of residue plans of third countries according to Council Directive 96/23/EC

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2003/16/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 96/23/EC of 29 April 1996 on measures to monitor certain substances and residues thereof in live animals and animal products and repealing Directives 85/358/EEC and 86/469/EEC and Decisions 89/187/EEC and 91/664/EEC ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 29 thereof,

Having regard to 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 ⁽²⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1452/2001 ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 2000/159/EC of 8 February 2000 on the provisional approval of residue plans of third countries according to Council Directive 96/23/EC ⁽⁴⁾, as amended by Decision 2002/336/EC ⁽⁵⁾, lists the third countries which have submitted a plan, setting out the guarantees offered by the third country as regards the monitoring of the groups of residues and substances referred to in Annex I to Directive 96/23/EC.
- (2) Certain third countries have presented residue monitoring plans to the Commission for products and species not originally indicated in the Annex of Decision 2000/159/EC. The evaluation of these monitoring plans and

the additional information requested by the Commission provided sufficient guarantees on the residue monitoring in these third countries for the products or species indicated.

- (3) Decision 2000/159/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (4) 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 2000/159/EC is amended as set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 10 January 2003.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 125, 23.5.1996, p. 10.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 198, 21.7.2001, p. 11.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 51, 24.2.2000, p. 30.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 116, 3.5.2002, p. 51.

ANNEX

The Annex to Decision 2000/159/EC is amended as follows:

The rows concerning Belize, Estonia, Falkland Islands, Mozambique, Namibia, New Caledonia, Taiwan and Venezuela are replaced by the corresponding rows:

| ISO code | Country | Bovine | Ovine/caprine | Swine | Equine | Poultry | Aqua-culture | Milk | Eggs | Rabbit | Wild game | Farmed game | Honey |
|----------|------------------|--------|---------------|-------|------------------|---------|--------------|------|------|--------|-----------|-------------|-------|
| BZ | Belize | | | | | | X | | | | | | |
| EE | Estonia | X | X | X | X ⁽¹⁾ | X | X | X | X | | X | | X |
| FK | Falkland Islands | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| MZ | Mozambique | | | | | | X | | | | | | |
| NA | Namibia | X | X | | | | X | | | | X | X | |
| NC | New Caledonia | X | | | | | X | | | | X | X | |
| TW | Taiwan | | | | | | X | | | | | | X |
| VE | Venezuela | | | | | | X | | | | | | |

⁽¹⁾ Exports of live horses for slaughter (food-producing animals only).