

**COMMISSION DECISION****of 29 April 2004****adopting a transitional measures in favour of certain animal by-product establishments  
in Latvia***(notified under document number C(2004) 1739)***(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2004/464/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 Slovakia, 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 Slovakia, and in particular Article 42 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002<sup>57</sup> lays down health rules concerning animal by-products not intended for human consumption. It provides for structural requirements to be applied in establishments treating Category 1, 2 and 3 material;
- (2) In order to facilitate the transition from the existing regime in Latvia to that resulting from the application of the Community veterinary legislation, transitional measures foreseen in Annex VIII to the Act of Accession provide for supplementary time for establishments to correct their structural shortcomings, but limit the activities of the said establishments to the processing of category 3 material as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002;
- (3) Commission Decision 2004/.../EC<sup>58</sup> amending the Appendix B to Annex VIII to the 2003 Act of Accession to include certain animal by-products establishments in Latvia in the list of establishments in transition has included six additional establishments to the list in the Appendix;

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<sup>57</sup> OJ L 273, 10.10.2002, p. 1.

<sup>58</sup> C(2004)1737.

- (4) For those establishments, and one establishment already listed, it appears appropriate to derogate from the activity limitation in order to avoid in particular the negative sanitary consequences which could emerge if the establishments were to suspend their activities;
- (5) Taking account of the advanced stage of upgrading and the exceptional nature of the transitional measure, the transitional period should be limited to 31 December 2004 and should not be prolonged after that date;
- (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*

By derogation to Annex VIII, Chapter 4, Section B, Subsection I, point 2, paragraph (b) to the Act of Accession, the establishments listed in the Annex to this Decision may continue to process category 1 or category 2 material as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002, as specified in the Annex, and until the 31 December 2004 at the latest.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall apply subject to and as from the date of 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*

**ANNEX**

	Veterinary approval number	Name and address of establishment	Category of material authorised to be treated		Date of compliance
			Category 1	Category 2	
1.	018409	Balticovo, Holding company Iecavas parish, Bauskas district, LV - 3913		X	31.12.2004
2.	018675	GP Adazi, Holding company Adazu parish, Rigas district, LV - 2164	x	X	31.12.2004
3.	D18728	R- Soft Razotajs LTD "Abava", Pures parish, Tukuma district, LV - 3124			31.12.2004
4.	018674	Putnu fabrika "Kekava" Holding company Kekavas parish, Rigas district LV - 2123		X	31.12.2004
5.	018191	Saldus galas kombinats LTD Saldus parish, Saldus district, LV - 3862	x	X	31.12.2004
6.	019196	Lielzeltini LTD Ceraukstes parish, Bauskas district, LV - 3908		X	31.12.2004
7.	007525	Trials Valmiera SH sub.branch LTD Rupniecibas street 1, Valmiera, LV - 4201	x	X	31.12.2004