

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 July 1995

amending Decision 93/402/EEC concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from certain South American countries, in order to take account of information concerning the State of Goias (Brazil) and Argentina

(Text with EEA relevance)

(95/349/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine, porcine, ovine and caprine animals, fresh meat or meat products from third countries⁽¹⁾, as last amended by the Treaty of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Articles 14, 15 and 16 thereof,

Whereas the animal health conditions and veterinary certification requirements for importation of fresh meat from Colombia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Brazil, Chile and Argentina are laid down by Decision 93/402/EEC⁽²⁾, as last amended by Decision 95/183/EC⁽³⁾;

Whereas it was decided in 1992 to suspend imports of fresh meat from the State of Goias owing to health problems there;

Whereas the latest inspection carried out in Brazil by Community inspectors showed an improvement in the situation with regard to foot-and-mouth disease in Goias;

Whereas, moreover, having regard to the spread of foot-and-mouth disease among sheep and goats, particular guarantees must be required for imports of meat of those species; whereas, therefore, measures were applied on a regional basis in Argentina regarding meat of the species in question;

Whereas Argentina has had no outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease for over a year; whereas there is therefore justification for extending the region of that country from

which Member States authorize imports of fresh sheepmeat and goatmeat;

Whereas Commission Decision 93/402/EEC should be amended accordingly;

Whereas 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 93/402/EEC is hereby replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

However, for the period of 30 days following the date of application of this Decision, Member States shall authorize the importation of fresh meat, originating from Brazil and Argentina, produced and certified in accordance with the conditions in force before that date.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 July 1995.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 179, 22. 7. 1993, p. 11.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 119, 30. 5. 1995, p. 37.

ANNEX

ANNEX I

DESCRIPTION OF TERRITORIES OF SOUTH AMERICA ESTABLISHED FOR ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATION PURPOSES

Country	Territory		Description of territory
	Code	Version	
Argentina	AR	01/93	Whole country
	AR-1	01/93	South of 42nd parallel
	AR-2	01/94	North of 42nd parallel
	AR-3	01/93	Provinces of Entre Ríos, Corrientes and Misiones
	AR-4	01/95	Provinces of Catamarca, San Juan, La Rioja, Mendoza Neuquén, Río Negro, La Pampa, Córdoba, Santa Fe and Buenos Aires
Brazil	BR	01/93	Whole country
	BR-1	04/95	States of: Rio Grande do Sul, Paraná, Minas Gerais (except regional delegations of Oliveira, Passos, São Gonçalo de Sapucaí, Setelagoas and Bambuí), São Paulo, Espírito Santo, Mato Grosso do Sul (except for the municipalities of Sonora, Aquidauana, Bonoquena, Bonito, Caracol, Coxim, Jardim, Ladario, Miranda, Pedro Gomes, Porto Murтинho, Rio Negro, Rio Verde de Mato Grosso and Corumbá), Santa Catarina and Goiás
Chile	CL	01/93	Whole country
Colombia	CO	01/93	Whole country
	CO-1	01/93	The zone included within the following borderlines: from the point where the Murri river flows into the Atrato river, downstream along the Atrato river to where it flows into the Atlantic Ocean, from this point to the Panamanian border following the Atlantic coastline to Cabo Tiburón; from this point to the Pacific Ocean following the Colombian-Panamanian border; from this point to the mouth of the Valle River along the Pacific coast and from this point along a straight line to the point where the Murri river flows into the Atrato river
	CO-2	01/93	The municipalities of Arboletas, Necocli, San Pedro de Uraba, Turbo, Apartado, Chigorodo, Mutata, Dabeiba, Uramita, Murindo, Riosucio (right bank of the Atrato river) and Frontino
	CO-3	01/93	The zone included within the following borderlines: from the mouth of the Sinu river on the Atlantic Ocean, upstream along the Sinu river to its headwaters of Alto Paramillo, from this point to Puerto Rey on the Atlantic Ocean, following the borderline between the department of Antioquia and Córdoba, and from this point to the mouth of the Sinu river along the Atlantic coast
Paraguay	PY	01/93	Whole country
Uruguay	UY	01/93	Whole country'