

COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 January 1996

amending Council Decision 79/542/EEC drawing up a list of third countries from which the Member States authorize imports of bovine animals, swine, equidae, sheep and goats, fresh meat and meat products

(Text with EEA relevance)

(96/132/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, ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat or meat products from third countries⁽¹⁾, as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Whereas by Council Decision 79/542/EEC⁽²⁾, as last amended by Commission Decision 95/323/EC⁽³⁾, a list of third countries from which Member States authorize imports of bovine animals, swine, equidae, sheep and goat, fresh meat and meat products has been established;

Whereas the authorities of Canada gave guarantees that fresh meat to be exported to the Community are never treated with substances having a thyrostatic, oestrogenic, androgenic or gestagenic action;

Whereas, moreover, the authorities of Morocco gave guarantees that the abovementioned substances are not administrated to equidae and forwarded a plan for the examination of residues in fresh meat of equidae, which has been approved;

Whereas, lastly, the authorities of Cyprus transmitted a plan for the examination of residues in fresh meat, which has been approved;

Whereas, it is necessary to modify Decision 79/542/EEC 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

Part 1 of the Annex of Decision 79/542/EEC is amended as follows:

- in the line concerning Canada and in the column for residues, the reference 'XR (a)(b)' is replaced by 'XR (b)',
- in the line concerning Cyprus and in the column for residues, the reference 'o' is replaced by 'XR',
- in the line concerning Morocco and in the column for residues, the reference 'o' is replaced by 'XR',
- in the part 'Additional notes', the note (a) and its contents are deleted.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 January 1996.

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 146, 14. 6. 1979, p. 15.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 190, 11. 8. 1995, p. 11.