

COMMISSION DECISION

of 30 May 1996

laying down special conditions governing the import of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Gambia

(Text with EEA relevance)

(96/356/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

fishery products, giving the name of the third country and the approval number of the establishment of origin;

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Whereas, pursuant to Article 11(4)(c) of Directive 91/493/EEC, a list of approved establishments must be drawn up; whereas that list must be drawn up on the basis of a communication from the MANR-FD to the Commission; whereas it is therefore for the MANR-FD to ensure compliance with the provisions laid down to that end in Article 11(4) of Directive 91/493/EEC;

Having regard 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⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 95/71/EC⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 11 thereof,

Whereas the MANR-FD has provided official assurances regarding compliance with the rules set out in Chapter V of the Annex to Directive 91/493/EEC and regarding fulfilment of requirements equivalent to those laid down by that Directive for the approval of establishments;

Whereas a group of Commission experts has conducted an inspection visit to Gambia to verify the conditions under which fishery products are produced, stored and dispatched to the Community;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

Whereas the provisions of Gambia legislation on health inspection and monitoring of fishery products may be considered equivalent to those laid down in Directive 91/493/EEC;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Whereas the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources — Fisheries Department (MANR-FD) in Gambia, is capable of effectively verifying the application of the laws in force;

Article 1

The Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources — Fisheries Department (MANR-FD) is recognized as the competent authority in Gambia for verifying and certifying compliance of fishery products with the requirements of Directive 91/493/EEC.

Whereas the procedure for obtaining the health certificate referred to in Article 11(4)(a) of Directive 91/493/EEC must also cover the definition of a model certificate, the minimum requirements regarding the language(s) in which it must be drafted and the grade of the person empowered to sign it;

Article 2

Fishery and aquaculture products originating in Gambia must meet the following conditions:

Whereas, pursuant to Article 11(4)(b) of Directive 91/493/EEC, a mark should be affixed to packages of

1. Each consignment must be accompanied by a numbered original health certificate, duly completed, signed, dated and comprising a single sheet in accordance with the model set out in Annex A hereto;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 268, 24. 9. 1991, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 332, 30. 12. 1995, p. 40.

2. The products must come from approved establishments listed in Annex B hereto;
3. Except in the case of frozen fishery products in bulk and intended for the manufacture of preserved foods, all packages must bear the word 'Gambia' and the approval number of the establishment of origin in indelible letters.

Article 3

1. The certificate referred to in point 1 of Article 2 must be drawn up in at least one official language of the Member State where the checks are carried out.
2. The certificate must bear the name, capacity and signature of the representative of the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources — Fisheries Department

(MANR-FD), and the latter's official stamp in a colour different from that of the other indications on the certificate.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 30 May 1996.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

ANNEX A

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for fishery or aquaculture products originating in Gambia and intended for export to the European Community with the exception of bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods in any form

Reference No:

Country of dispatch: GAMBIA

Competent authority: MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES — FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (MANR-FD)

I. Details identifying the products

- Description of fishery or aquaculture product (1):
— species (scientific name):
— presentation of product (2) and type of treatment:
Code number (where available):
Type of packaging:
Number of packages:
Net weight:
Requisite storage and transport temperature:

II. Origin of products

Name(s) and official approval number(s) of establishment(s) or freezer vessel(s) approved by the MANR-FD for exports to the European Community:
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III. Destination of products

The fishery or aquaculture products are dispatched
from:
(place of dispatch)
to:
(country and place of destination)
by the following means of transport:.....
Name and address of dispatcher:
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Name of consignee and address at place of destination:

(1) Delete where inapplicable.
(2) Live, refrigerated, frozen, salted, smoked, preserved, etc.

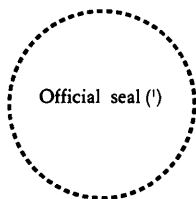
IV. Health attestation

The official inspector hereby certifies that the fishery and aquaculture products specified above:

1. were caught and handled on board vessels in accordance with the health rules laid down by Directive 92/48/EEC;
2. were landed, handled and where appropriate packaged, prepared, processed, frozen, thawed and stored hygienically in compliance with the requirements laid down in Chapters II, III and IV of the Annex to Directive 91/493/EEC;
3. have undergone health controls in accordance with Chapter V of the Annex to Directive 91/493/EEC;
4. are packaged, marked, stored and transported in accordance with Chapters VI, VII and VIII of the Annex to Directive 91/493/EEC;
5. do not come from toxic species or species containing biotoxins;
6. have satisfactorily undergone the organoleptic, parasitological, chemical and microbiological checks laid down for certain categories of fishery products by Directive 91/493/EEC and in the implementing decisions thereto.

The undersigned official inspector hereby declares that he is aware of the provisions of Directives 91/493/EEC and 92/48/EEC.

Done at date
(place) (date)



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Signature of official inspector
(name in capital letters, capacity and qualifications of person signing)(1)

(1) The colour of the stamp and signature must be different from that of the other particulars in the certificate.

*ANNEX B***LIST OF AGREED ESTABLISHMENTS**

Approval number	Establishment
GAM/FPE/01/94	National Partnership Enterprises Ltd
GAM/FPE/02/94	BB & Sons Seafoods
GAM/FPE/03/95	Rosamond Trade
GAM/FPE/04/95	Lyefish Co. Ltd