

COMMISSION DECISION

of 28 June 1996

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

(Text with EEA relevance)

(96/425/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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

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

Whereas the 'Ministère des Pêches et de l'Économie Maritime — Centre National de Recherches Océanographiques et des Pêches — Département Valorisation et Inspection Sanitaire (MPEM—CNROP—DVIS)', the competent authority in Mauritania, is capable of effectively verifying the application of the laws in force;

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;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 11 (4) (b) of Directive 91/493/EEC, a mark should be affixed to packages of fishery products, giving the name of the third country and the approval number of the establishment and freezer vessel of origin;

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

Whereas the MPEM—CNROP—DVIS 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 and the freezer vessels;

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

The 'Ministère des Pêches et de l'Économie Maritime — Centre National de Recherches Océanographiques et des Pêches — Département Valorisation et Inspection Sanitaire (MPEM—CNROP—DVIS)' is recognized as the competent authority in Mauritania for verifying and certifying compliance of fishery products with the requirements of Directive 91/493/EEC.

Article 2

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

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;
2. the products must come from approved establishments or freezer vessels 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 'Mauritania' and the approval number of the establishment or freezer vessel 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 'Ministère des Pêches et de l'Économie Maritime — Centre National de Recherches Océanographiques et des Pêches — Département Valorisation et Inspection Sanitaire (MPEM—CNROP—DVIS)', and the latter's official stamp in a colour different from that of the other indications on the certificate.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 268, 24. 9. 1991, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 332, 30. 12. 1995, p. 40.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 28 June 1996.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

ANNEX A

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for fishery or aquaculture products originating in Mauritania 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: MAURITANIA

Competent authority: 'MINISTÈRE DES PÊCHES ET DE L'ÉCONOMIE MARITIME — CENTRE NATIONAL DE RECHERCHES OCÉANOGRAPHIQUES ET DES PÊCHES — DÉPARTEMENT VALORISATION ET INSPECTION SANITAIRE (MPEM—CNROP—DVIS)'

I. Details identifying the products

Description of fishery or aquaculture product (!)
— species (scientific name):
— presentation of product (?) 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 MPEM—CNROP—DVIS for exports to the Community:
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III. Destination of products

The fishery products 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:
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(!) Delete where inapplicable.
(?) Live, refrigerated, frozen, salted, smoked, preserved, etc.

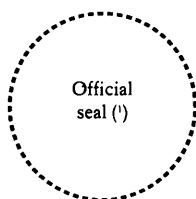
IV. Health attestation

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
(place) (date)



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(Signature of official inspector) (!)

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(name in capital letters, capacity and qualifications of person signing) (!)

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

ANNEX B

1. LIST OF APPROVED ESTABLISHMENTS

Approval number	Establishment	Locality
01.001	MAURAL ⁽¹⁾	NOUAKCHOTT
01.002	SPPAM	NOUAKCHOTT
01.003	SOCIMAR	NOUAKCHOTT
01.004	SODIAP	NOUAKCHOTT
01.005	É ^s KALDE FRÈRES	NOUAKCHOTT
01.006	MAURIEX	NOUAKCHOTT
02.001	SOPAC	NOUADHIBOU
02.002	SMEF	NOUADHIBOU

(¹) Export of whole fish only.

2. LIST OF APPROVED FREEZER VESSELS

Approval number	Name	Name of shipowner
421	CAP 1	CAP NOUADHIBOU
555	TICHIT 3	É ^s CHERIF HAMAHALLAH NOUADHIBOU
574	BURMAPÊCHE 1	BURMA PÊCHE NOUADHIBOU
575	BURMAPÊCHE 5	BURMA PÊCHE NOUADHIBOU
591	RAJA 2	SOMAPÊCHE RAJA NOUADHIBOU
596	CIPA 1	CIPA NOUADHIBOU
598	CIPA 2	CIPA NOUADHIBOU
602	ARPECO 1	ARPECO NOUADHIBOU
604	ANAJIM	M L O LOULEIDA NOUADHIBOU
614	SIPÊCHE 1	SIPÊCHE NOUADHIBOU
617	AL VALAH	COPAM SA NOUADHIBOU
618	ZAID	COPAM SA NOUADHIBOU
619	CHOR	COPAM SA NOUADHIBOU
624	ARPECO 5	ARPECO NOUADHIBOU
626	ERRACHID 1	MIZANE SA NOUADHIBOU
630	MFC 1	MFC NOUADHIBOU
631	MFC 2	MFC NOUADHIBOU
632	MESSOUD 1	MIZANE SA NOUADHIBOU
633	TICHIT 5	É ^s CHERIF HAMAHALLAH NOUADHIBOU
638	RABIH WASSALAM	SP SA NOUADHIBOU
642	BARAKAT 1	BARAKAT NOUADHIBOU
646	RAJA 1	SOMAPÊCHE RAJA NOUADHIBOU
650	ARPECO 3	ARPECO NOUADHIBOU
652	ISMAIL 2	SID'AHMED OULD BNEIJARA NOUADHIBOU
654	TICHIT 6	É ^s CHERIF HAMAHALLAH NOUADHIBOU
655	MOURABITOUNE 1	MAUSOV SEM NOUADHIBOU
656	MOURABITOUNE 2	MAUSOV SEM NOUADHIBOU
657	MOURABITOUNE 3	MAUSOV SEM NOUADHIBOU

Approval number	Name	Name of shipowner	
658	BURMAPÊCHE 3	BURMA PÊCHE	NOUADHIBOU
660	ENNAJAH 3	MAURIPECO	NOUADHIBOU
661	ENNAJAH 2	MAURIPECO	NOUADHIBOU
683	YOUNESS 1	MD CHEIKH OULD DIDDA	NOUADHIBOU
692	N°TID 1	AHMED O MOGUEYA	NOUADHIBOU
693	N°TID 2	AHMED O MOGUEYA	NOUADHIBOU
699	MACIPEC 1	SCORE	NOUADHIBOU
708	CPMC 4	COPEMAC	NOUADHIBOU
710	CPMC 6	COPEMAC	NOUADHIBOU
779	SAID 1	MD LEMINE OULD ADMED SAL.	NOUADHIBOU