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**COMMISSION DECISION**

**of 22 April 1997**

**drawing up the list of third countries from which the import of fishery products is authorized for human consumption**

(Text with EEA relevance)

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► <b><u>M2</u></b> Commission Decision 97/564/EC of 28 July 1997	L 232	13	23.8.1997
► <b><u>M3</u></b> Commission Decision 97/758/EC of 6 November 1997	L 307	38	12.11.1997
► <b><u>M4</u></b> Commission Decision 97/877/EC of 23 December 1997	L 356	62	31.12.1997
► <b><u>M5</u></b> Commission Decision 98/148/EC of 13 February 1998	L 46	18	17.2.1998
► <b><u>M6</u></b> Commission Decision 98/419/EC of 30 June 1998	L 190	55	4.7.1998
► <b><u>M7</u></b> Commission Decision 98/573/EC of 12 October 1998	L 277	49	14.10.1998
► <b><u>M8</u></b> Commission Decision 98/711/EC of 24 November 1998	L 337	58	12.12.1998
► <b><u>M9</u></b> Commission Decision 1999/136/EC of 28 January 1999	L 44	61	18.2.1999

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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 95/408/EC of 22 June 1995 on the conditions for drawing up, for an interim period, provisional lists of third country establishments from which Member States are authorized to import certain products of animal origin, fishery products or live bivalve molluscs<sup>(1)</sup>, as amended by Decision 97/34/EC<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 2 (2) thereof,

Whereas the Commission has fixed the special conditions for the import of fishery products applying to certain specific third countries;

Whereas Commission Decision 95/328/EC<sup>(3)</sup> establishes a standardized health certificate for imports of fishery products from third countries not yet covered by that type of Decision;

Whereas Commission Decision 97/20/EC<sup>(4)</sup> draws up the list of third countries from which the import of bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods in whatever form intended for human consumption is authorized;

Whereas it is now necessary to draw up a list of third countries which satisfy the equivalence conditions referred to in Article 2 (2) of Decision 95/408/EC and which are therefore able to guarantee that fishery products exported to the Community meet the health requirements laid down for the protection of consumer health by Council Directive 91/493/EEC laying down the health conditions for the production and the placing on the market of fishery products<sup>(5)</sup>;

Whereas that list must comprise the third countries already covered by a specific Decision and the third countries meeting the conditions laid down in Article 2 (2) for which a provisional list of authorized establishments can be drawn up in accordance with the procedure laid down in Decision 95/408/EC;

Whereas in order to avoid any disruption of the traditional pattern of trade, Article 11 (7) of Directive 91/493/EEC may continue to apply for a limited period to fishery products imported from third countries not yet included in that list;

Whereas that list of third countries is established without prejudice to Community or national rules concerning the protection of animal health or of the environment;

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 list of third countries meeting the conditions laid down in Article 2 (2) of Decision 95/408/EC on the conditions for drawing up, for an interim period, provisional lists of third country establishments from

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 243, 11. 10. 1995, p. 17.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 13, 16. 1. 1997, p. 33.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 191, 12. 8. 1995, p. 32.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 6, 10. 1. 1997, p. 46.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ No L 268, 24. 9. 1991, p. 15.

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which Member States are authorized to import certain products of animal origin, fishery products or live bivalve molluscs is hereby established in the ►**M6** Annex I ◀ hereto.

*Article 2*

1. Without prejudice to provisions relating to the protection of animal health or of the environment, Member States shall ensure that no fishery products in whatever form intended for human consumption are imported except from the third countries in the ►**M6** ————— ◀ list ►**M6** in the Annex I ◀.

2. Paragraph 1 shall not apply to fishery products imported from an establishment approved in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 11 (6) of Directive 91/493/EEC.

*Article 3***▼M6**

1. Notwithstanding Article 2, Member States may continue to import, up to 31 January 1999, fishery products coming from the countries and territories included in Annex II, in accordance with Article 11(7) of Directive 91/493/EEC.

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2. Member States shall see to it that fishery products imported under the conditions laid down in paragraph 1 are marketed only on the domestic market of the importing Member State or Member States according the same derogation and that the country of origin is shown clearly on the labelling.

*Article 4*

This Decision shall apply from 1 July 1997.

*Article 5*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

▼ **M9***ANNEX I***List of countries and territories from which importation of fishery products in any form intended for human consumption is authorised***I. Countries and territories covered by a specific decision under Council Directive 91/493/EC*

AL — Albania  
 AR — Argentina  
 AU — Australia  
 BD — Bangladesh  
 BR — Brazil  
 CA — Canada  
 CI — Côte d'Ivoire  
 CL — Chile  
 CO — Colombia  
 CU — Cuba  
 EC — Ecuador  
 EE — Estonia  
 FK — Falkland Islands  
 FO — Faroes  
 GH — Ghana  
 GM — Gambia  
 GT — Guatemala  
 IN — India  
 ID — Indonesia  
 JP — Japan  
 KR — South Korea  
 MA — Morocco  
 MG — Madagascar  
 MR — Mauritania  
 MY — Malaysia  
 MV — Maldives  
 MX — Mexico  
 NG — Nigeria  
 NZ — New Zealand  
 PE — Peru  
 PH — Philippines  
 RU — Russia  
 SN — Senegal  
 SG — Singapore  
 TH — Thailand  
 TN — Tunisia  
 TW — Taiwan  
 TZ — Tanzania  
 UY — Uruguay  
 ZA — South Africa

*II. Countries and territories meeting the terms of Article 2(2) of Council Decision 95/408/EC*

AO — Angola  
 AG — Antigua and Barbuda<sup>(1)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> Authorised only for imports of fresh fish.

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AN — Netherlands Antilles  
AZ — Azerbaijan <sup>(1)</sup>  
BJ — Benin  
BS — Bahamas  
BZ — Belize  
CH — Switzerland  
CM — Cameroun  
CN — China  
CR — Costa Rica  
CV — Cape Verde  
CY — Cyprus  
CZ — Czech Republic  
DZ — Algeria  
ER — Eritrea  
FJ — Fiji  
GL — Greenland  
GN — Guinea Conakri  
HK — Hong Kong  
HN — Honduras  
HR — Croatia  
HU — Hungary <sup>(2)</sup>  
IL — Israel  
IR — Iran  
JM — Jamaica  
KE — Kenya  
KZ — Kazakhstan <sup>(1)</sup>  
LK — Sri Lanka  
LT — Lithuania  
LV — Latvia  
MM — Myanmar  
MT — Malta  
MU — Mauritius  
MZ — Mozambique  
NA — Namibia  
NI — Nicaragua  
PA — Panama  
PG — Papua New Guinea  
PK — Pakistan  
PL — Poland  
RO — Romania  
SB — Solomon Island  
SC — Seychelles  
SH — St Helena  
SI — Slovenia  
SR — Suriname  
TG — Togo  
TR — Turkey  
UG — Uganda  
US — United States of America  
VC — St Vincent and Grenadines <sup>(1)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> Authorised only for imports of caviar.

<sup>(2)</sup> Authorised only for import of live animals intended for human consumption.

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VE — Venezuela

VN — Vietnam

ZW — Zimbabwe

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*ANNEX II*

**List of countries and territories from which importation of fishery products intended for human consumption is authorized until the 31 January 1999, on the conditions of the Article 11(7) of Directive 91/493/EEC**

BG — Bulgaria  
CG — Congo Brazzaville  
EG — Egypt  
MK — Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia  
GA — Gabon  
GW — Guinea Bissau  
LC — Saint Lucia