

COMMISSION DECISION
of 21 December 1999
amending Decision 1999/276/EC laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Mauritius

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/84/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 97/79/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 11 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 1 of Commission Decision 1999/276/EC of 23 April 1999 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Mauritius ⁽³⁾, states that the 'Official Veterinary Services (OVS) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Cooperatives' shall be the competent authority in Mauritius for verifying and certifying compliance of fishery and aquaculture products with the requirements of Directive 91/493/EEC;
- (2) following a restructuring of the Mauritius administration, the competent authority for health certificates for fishery products (OVS) has changed to the Division of Veterinary Services (DVS) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Technology and Natural Resources. This new authority is capable of effectively verifying the application of the laws in force. It is, therefore, necessary to modify the nomination of the competent authority in Decision 1999/276/EC and the model of the health certificate included in Annex A to this Decision;
- (3) the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 1999/276/EC shall be modified as follows:

1. Article 1 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 1

The Division of Veterinary Services (DVS) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Technology and Natural Resources shall be the competent authority in Mauritius for verifying and certifying compliance of fishery and aquaculture products with the requirements of Directive 91/493/EEC.'

2. Point 2 of Article 3 shall be replaced by the following:

'2. Certificates must bear the name, capacity and signature of the representative of the DVS and the latter's official stamp in a colour different from that of other endorsements.'

3. Annex A shall be replaced by the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 21 December 1999.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 108, 27.4.1999, p. 52.

ANNEX

'ANNEX A

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for fishery and aquaculture products originating in Mauritius and intended for export to the European Community, excluding bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods in whatever form

Reference No:

Country of dispatch: MAURITIUS

Competent authority: Division of Veterinary Services (DVS) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Technology and natural Resources

I. Details identifying the fishery products

- Description of fishery/aquaculture products (1):
- species (scientific name):
- presentation of product and type of treatment (2):
- 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), factory vessel(s), or cold store(s) approved or freezer vessel(s) registered by the registration DVS for export to the European Community:

III. Destination of products

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

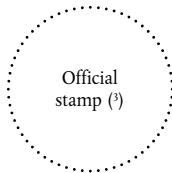
IV. Health attestation

- The official inspector hereby certifies that the fishery or 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;

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

- (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 Directive 91/493/EEC, Directive 92/48/EEC and Decision 1999/276/EC.

Done at on
 (Place) (Date)



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 Signature of official inspector (3)

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

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