

COMMISSION DECISION
of 22 November 2001
amending Decision 98/695/EC laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Mexico

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2001/819/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 Council Directive 97/79/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 11(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 1 of Commission Decision 98/695/EC of 24 November 1998 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Mexico ⁽³⁾, states that the 'Dirección General de Calidad Sanitaria de Bienes y Servicios (DGCSBS) de la Secretaría de Salud' shall be the competent authority in Mexico for verifying and certifying compliance of fishery and aquaculture products with the requirements of Directive 91/493/EEC.
- (2) Following a restructuring of the Mexican administration, the competent authority for issuing health certificates for fishery products has changed to the 'Dirección General de Control Sanitario de Productos y Servicios (DGCSPS) de la Secretaría de Salud'. 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 mentioned in Decision 98/695/EC and the model of 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 98/695/EC is modified as follows:

1. Article 1 is replaced by the following:

'Article 1

The "Dirección General de Control Sanitario de Productos y Servicios (DGCSPS) de la Secretaría de Salud" shall be the competent authority in Mexico for verifying and certifying compliance of fishery and aquaculture products with the requirements of Directive 91/493/EEC.'

2. Point 2 of the Article 3 is replaced by the following:

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

3. Annex A is replaced by the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22 November 2001.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 15.

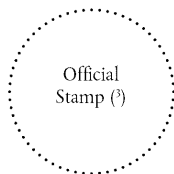
⁽²⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 332, 8.12.1998, p. 9.

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;
 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 and Decision 98/695/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.