

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 11 January 2002

laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products originating in the Republic of Slovenia

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2002/24/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(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An inspection has been carried out on behalf of the Commission in the Republic of Slovenia to verify the conditions under which fishery products are produced, stored and dispatched to the Community.
- (2) The provisions of the Slovenian legislation on health inspection and monitoring of fishery products may be considered equivalent to those laid down in Directive 91/493/EEC.
- (3) In particular the Veterinary Administration of the Republic of Slovenia (VARS) is capable of effectively verifying the application of the laws in force.
- (4) It is appropriate to lay down detailed rules concerning the health certificate which must, under Directive 91/493/EEC, accompany consignments of fishery products imported into the Community from Slovenia. In particular these rules must specify the definition of a model certificate, the minimum requirements regarding the language or languages in which it must be drafted and the status of the person empowered to sign it.
- (5) The mark which must be affixed to packages of fishery products should give the name of the third country and the approval/registration number of the establishment, factory vessel, cold store or freezer vessel of origin, except for certain frozen products.

- (6) Pursuant to Article 11(4)(c) of Directive 91/493/EEC a list of approved establishments, factory vessels, or cold stores must be drawn up, and a list of freezer vessels equipped in accordance with the points 1 to 7 of Annex II to the Directive 92/48/EEC ⁽³⁾ must also be drawn up. These lists must be drawn up on the basis of a communication from the VARS to the Commission. It is therefore for the VARS to ensure compliance with the provisions laid down to that end in Directive 91/493/EEC.
- (7) The VARS has provided official assurances regarding compliance with the rules set out in Chapter V of the Annex to Directive 91/493/EEC, and regarding the fulfilment of hygienic requirements equivalent to those laid down by that Directive.
- (8) 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 Veterinary Administration of the Republic of Slovenia (VARS) shall be the competent authority in Slovenia for verifying and certifying compliance of fishery and aquaculture products with the requirements of Directive 91/493/EEC.

Article 2

Fishery and aquaculture products originating in Slovenia 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 in Annex A hereto;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 187, 7.7.1992, p. 41.

2. the products must come from approved establishments, factory vessels or cold stores, or from registered 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 'SLOVENIA' and the approval/registration number of the establishment, factory vessel, cold store or freezer vessel of origin in indelible letters.

Article 3

1. Certificates as referred to in Article 2(1) must be drawn up in at least one official language of the Member State where the checks are carried out.
2. Certificates must bear the name, capacity and signature of the representative of the VARS and the latter's official stamp in a colour different from that of other endorsements.

Article 4

This Decision shall apply from the 60th day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 11 January 2002.

For the Commission

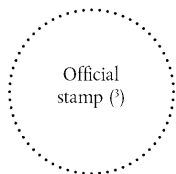
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Member of the Commission

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 of 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 2002/24/EC.

Done at (Place), on (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.

ANNEX B

LIST OF ESTABLISHMENTS AND VESSELS

Approval No	Name	City Region	Approval limit	Category
165	Delamaris	IZOLA		PP
471	Mariva	PORTOROZ		PP
H-553	Delmar	IZOLA		PP

Legend:

PP: Processing plant.