

COMMISSION DECISION

of 31 July 2002

amending Decision 1999/283/EC laying down the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from certain African countries and in particular as regards Botswana and amending Decision 2000/585/EC laying down the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of wild and farmed game meat and rabbit meat from third countries

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2002/646/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine, ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat or meat products from third countries⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1452/2001⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 14(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/45/EEC of 16 June 1992 concerning public health and animal health problems relating to the killing of wild game and the placing on the market of wild game meat⁽³⁾, as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 16(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/118/EEC of 17 December 1992 laying down animal health and public health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of products not subject to the said requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A(I) to Directive 89/662/EEC and, as regards pathogens, to Directive 90/425/EEC⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Decision 1999/724/EC⁽⁶⁾, and in particular Article 10(3) and Articles 15 and 22 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The animal health conditions and veterinary certificates for imports of fresh meat from certain African countries are laid down by Commission Decision 1999/283/EC⁽⁷⁾, as last amended by Decision 2002/219/EC⁽⁸⁾.
- (2) The animal and public health conditions and veterinary certification for import of wild and farmed game meat and rabbit meat from third countries are laid down by Commission Decision 2000/585/EC⁽⁹⁾, as last amended by Decision 2002/219/EC.

(3) An outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease was reported in Botswana in the approved EC zone number 7 on 7 February 2002 and the Competent Veterinary Authority of Botswana immediately suspended exports of de-boned fresh meat of bovine, ovine and caprine species and farmed and wild ungulates to the European Community from the whole of the country.

(4) The Competent Veterinary Authority provided information and guarantees concerning regionalisation of zones 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 in Botswana which were authorised for importation into the Community of de-boned fresh meat of bovine, ovine and caprine species and farmed and wild ungulates by Decision 2002/219/EC.

(5) According to Directive 72/462/EEC a third country may be considered as having been free of foot-and-mouth disease for at least two years even if a limited number of outbreaks of the disease have been recorded on a limited part of its territory on condition that the outbreak has been stamped out within a period of less than three months.

(6) Botswana has used suppressive vaccination with subsequent slaughter of the vaccinated animals and no further outbreaks have been reported.

(7) Therefore sufficient guarantees exist to further regionalise Botswana and to allow imports of de-boned meat of bovine, ovine and caprine species and farmed and wild ungulates from zones 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 18.

(8) Commission Decisions 1999/283/EC and 2000/585/EC must be amended accordingly.

(9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 198, 21.7.2001, p. 11.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 268, 14.9.1992, p. 35.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 49.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 290, 12.11.1999, p. 32.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 110, 28.4.1999, p. 16.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 72, 14.3.2002, p. 32.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ L 251, 6.10.2000, p. 1.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. Annex II to Decision 1999/283/EC is replaced by Annex I to this Decision.
2. In Annex III to Decision 1999/283/EC footnote 5 in the health attestation in model A is replaced by: 'In the case of Botswana until 8 February 2003, notwithstanding the outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease confirmed in the "EC designated free" region of Botswana in February 2002, that part of the country may be regarded as being free of foot-and-mouth without vaccination for at least 12 months.'

Article 2

1. Annex II to Decision 2000/585/EC is replaced by Annex II to this Decision.
2. In Annex III to Decision 2000/585/EC footnote 8 in the health attestation in model A and footnote 7 in the health attestation in model F are replaced by: 'Version Number referred to

in the relevant and current Decision for fresh meat of the corresponding susceptible domestic species must be included however, in addition, in the case of Botswana until 8 February 2003, notwithstanding the outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease confirmed in the "EC designated free" region of Botswana in February 2002, that part of the country may be regarded as being free of foot-and-mouth without vaccination for at least 12 months.'

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 31 July 2002.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

ANNEX II

MODELS OF ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATES TO BE REQUESTED

Country	Code	Fresh meat for human consumption								Fresh meat intended for purposes other than human consumption
		Bovine		Swine		Ovine/caprine		Solipeds		
		MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾	MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾	MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾	MC ⁽¹⁾	SG ⁽²⁾	
Botswana	BW	—		—		—		D		—
	BW-01	A ⁽⁴⁾	a	—		C ⁽⁴⁾	a	D		
	BW-02	A ⁽⁵⁾	a	—		C ⁽⁵⁾	a	D		—
Morocco	MA	—		—		—		D		—
Madagascar	MG	—		—		—		—		—
Namibia	NA	—		—		—		D		—
	NA-01	A	a	—		C	a	D		—
Swaziland	SZ	—		—		—		D		—
	SZ-01	A	a	—		—		D		—
South Africa	ZA	—		—		—		D		—
	ZA-01	A	a	—		C	a	D		—
Zimbabwe	ZW	—		—		—		—		—
	ZW-01	—		—		—		—		—

⁽¹⁾ MC: Model of certificate to be completed. The letters (A, B, C, D) appearing on the tables are referring to the models of animal health guarantees as described in Annex III, to be applied for each product category in accordance with Article 2 of this Decision; a dash "—" indicates that imports are not authorised.

⁽²⁾ SG: Supplementary guarantees. The letters (a, b, c, d) appearing on the tables are referring to the supplementary guarantees to be provided by the exporting country as described in Annex IV. These supplementary guarantees must be inserted by the exporting country in the section V of each model of certificate laid down in Annex III.

⁽⁴⁾ Meat produced from animals slaughtered after 7 July 2002 can be imported into the Community.

⁽⁵⁾ Meat produced from animals slaughtered after 7 March 2002 can be imported into the Community.'

Animal health guarantees to be requested on certification of wild and farmed game meat and rabbit meat

Country		Code of territory	Cloven-hoofed game, excluding wild swine				Wild swine				Game birds				Wild solipeds		<i>Leporidae</i> (rabbit and hare)				Other wild land mammals	
			Wild		Farmed		Wild		Farmed		Wild		Farmed				Wild		Domestic rabbit			
			MC (1)	SC (2)	MC (1)	SC (2)	MC (1)	SC (2)	MC (1)	SC (2)	MC (1)	SC (2)	MC (1)	SC (2)	MC (1)	SC (2)	MC (1)	SC (2)	MC (1)	SC (2)	MC (1)	SC (2)
AR	Argentina	AR	—		—		—		—		D	8	I		—		C		H		—	
AU	Australia	AU	A	9	F		J	9	G		D	8	I		—		C		H		E	
BG	Bulgaria	BG	—		—		—		—		D		I		—		C		H		—	
		BG-1	A		F		—		—		D		I		—		C		H		—	
		BG-2	A		F		—		—		D		I		—		C		H		—	
		BG-3	—		—		—		—		D		I		—		C		H		—	
BR	Brazil	BR	—		—		—		—		—		—		—		C		H		—	
		BR-1	—		—		—		—		D	8	I		—		C		H		—	
BW	Botswana	BW	—		—		—		—		—		—		B		C		H		—	
		BW-01	A (8)	1, 2	F (8)	2, 3	—		—		—		—		B		C		H		—	
		BW-02	A (8)	1, 2	F (8)	2, 3	—		—		—		—		B		C		H		—	
CA	Canada	CA	A	9	F		J	9	G		D	8	I		—		C		H		E	
CH	Switzerland	CH	A		F		J		G		D		I		—		C		H		—	
CL	Chile	CL	A	9	F		—		—		D	8	I		—		C		H		—	

Country		Code of territory	Cloven-hoofed game, excluding wild swine				Wild swine				Game birds				Wild solipeds		Leporidae (rabbit and hare)				Other wild land mammals	
			Wild		Farmed		Wild		Farmed		Wild		Farmed				Wild		Domestic rabbit			
			MC (1)	SC (2)	MC (1)	SC (2)	MC (1)	SC (2)	MC (1)	SC (2)	MC (1)	SC (2)	MC (1)	SC (2)	MC (1)	SC (2)	MC (1)	SC (2)	MC (1)	SC (2)	MC (1)	SC (2)
CY	Cyprus	CY	A	9	F		J	9	G		D	8	I		—		C		H		—	
CZ	Czech Republic	CZ	A		F		—		G		D		I		—		C		H		—	
		CZ-1	A		F		J		G		D		I		—		C		H		—	
		CZ-2	A		F		—		G		D		I		—		C		H		—	
EE	Estonia	EE	A		F		—		—		—		—		—		C		H		E	
GL	Greenland	GL	A		F		—		—		D		—		—		C		H		E	
HR	Croatia	HR	A		F		—		—		D		I		—		C		H		—	
HU	Hungary	HU	A		F		J	7	G		D		I		—		C		H		—	
IL	Israel	IL	—		—		—	—	—		D	8	I		—		C		H		—	
LI	Lithuania	LI	A		F		—		—		D		I		—		C		H		E	
LV	Latvia	LV	A		F		—		—		—		—		—		C		H		E	
NA	Namibia	NA	—		—		—		—		—		—		B		C		H		—	
		NA-01	A	1, 2	F	2, 3	—		—		—		—		B		C		H		—	
NC	New Caledonia	NC	A		F		—		—		—		—		—		C		H		—	
NZ	New Zealand	NZ	A	9	F		J	9	G		D	8	I		—		C		H		E	
PL	Poland	PL	A		F		—		—		D		I		—		C		H		—	
RO	Romania	RO	A		F		—		—		D		I		—		C		H		E	
RU	Russia	RU	—		—	—	—		—		—		—	—	—		C		H		E	
		RU-1	—	—	F	5		—		—		—		—			C		H		E	
SL	Slovenia	SL	A		F		—		—		D		I		—		C		H		—	
SK	Slovak Republic	SK	A		F		—		—		D		I		—		C		H		—	

Country		Code of territory	Cloven-hoofed game, excluding wild swine				Wild swine				Game birds				Wild solipeds		Leporidae (rabbit and hare)				Other wild land mammals	
			Wild		Farmed		Wild		Farmed		Wild		Farmed				Wild		Domestic rabbit			
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SZ	Swaziland	SZ	—		—		—		—		—		—		B		C		H		—	
		SZ-01	A	1, 2	F	2, 3	—		—		—		—		B		C		H		—	
TH	Thailand	TH	—		—		—		—		D	8	I		—		C		H		—	
TN	Tunisia	TN	—		—		—		—		D	8	I		—		C		H		—	
US	United States of America	US	A	9	F		J	9	G		D	8	I		—		C		H		—	
UY	Uruguay	UY	—		—		—		—		—		—		—		C		H		—	
ZA	South Africa	ZA	—		—		—		—		—		—		B		C		H		—	
			ZA-01	A	1, 2	F	2, 3	—		—		—		—		B		C		H		—
ZW	Zimbabwe	ZW	—		—		—		—		—		—				C		H		—	
			ZW-01	—		—		—		—		—		—				C		H		—
Third countries, other than those above, appearing on the list of the first part of the Annex to Decision 79/542/EEC as last amended			—		—		—		—		—		—		—		C		H		—	

⁽¹⁾ MC: model certificate to be completed. The letters (A, B, C, D, etc.) appearing in the tables refer to the models of animal health guarantees, as described in Annex III to the present Decision, to be applied for each category of fresh meat and origin in accordance with Article 2 of this Decision. A dash "—" indicates that imports are not authorised.

⁽²⁾ SC: specific conditions. The numbers (1, 2, 3, etc.) appearing in the table refer to the special conditions to be provided by the exporting country as described in Annex IV. These supplementary guarantees must be inserted by the exporting country in section V of each model of certificate set down in Annex III.

NB:

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