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## COMMISSION

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 31 July 2003

amending Decisions 1999/283/EC and 2000/585/EC as regards imports of fresh meat from Botswana and Swaziland

(notified under document number C(2003) 2743)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2003/571/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Whereas:

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 <sup>(1)</sup> as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 807/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 14(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/45/EC of 16 June 1992 on public health and animal health problems relating to the killing of wild game and the placing on the market of wild game meat <sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 <sup>(4)</sup>, and in particular Article 16(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/118/EEC <sup>(5)</sup> 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 as last amended by Commission Decision 2003/42/EC <sup>(6)</sup>, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

- (1) The animal health and veterinary certification conditions for imports of fresh meat from certain African countries are laid down by Commission Decision 1999/283/EC <sup>(7)</sup>, as last amended by Decision 2003/163/EC <sup>(8)</sup>.
- (2) The animal and public health veterinary certification conditions for import of wild and farmed game meat and rabbit meat from third countries are laid down by Commission Decision 2000/585/EC <sup>(9)</sup>, as last amended by Decision 2003/163/EC.
- (3) Following outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease in Botswana, Decisions 1999/283/EC and 2000/585/EC were amended by Commission Decision 2003/74/EC <sup>(10)</sup> to suspend exports to the Community from the whole of the country of boned and matured fresh meat of bovine, ovine and caprine species and farmed and wild ungulates produced after the presumed date of first infection, pending further information required to support regionalisation.
- (4) Additional information and guarantees were received from the Botswanan veterinary authorities and Decisions 1999/283/EC and 2000/585/EC were amended by Decision 2003/163/EC to regionalise the country to allow imports into the Community of such boned and matured meat from zones 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 36.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 268, 14.9.1992, p. 35.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 49.

<sup>(6)</sup> OJ L 13, 18.1.2003, p. 24.

<sup>(7)</sup> OJ L 110, 28.4.1999, p. 16.

<sup>(8)</sup> OJ L 66, 11.3.2003, p. 41.

<sup>(9)</sup> OJ L 251, 6.10.2000, p. 1.

<sup>(10)</sup> OJ L 28, 4.2.2003, p. 45.

- (5) No further cases of foot-and-mouth disease have been observed throughout the country since January 2003, all vaccinated animals have been destroyed and intensive surveillance including serological surveillance is being carried out with negative results for foot-and-mouth disease.
- (6) The Botswanan authorities have given the necessary guarantees to the Commission that the veterinary control zones 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 18 may again be considered free of foot-and-mouth disease without vaccination.
- (7) Accordingly, the importation into the Community of boned and matured fresh meat (excluding offal) of bovine, ovine and caprine species and farmed and wild ungulates should be allowed from zones 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 18 provided that slaughter took place after 7 June 2003.
- (8) Following outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease in Swaziland, Decision 1999/283/EC was amended by Commission Decision 2001/297/EC<sup>(1)</sup> to suspend exports to the Community from the whole of the country of boned and matured fresh meat of bovine species produced after the presumed date of first infection, pending further information required to support regionalisation.
- (9) Additional information and guarantees were received from the Swaziland veterinary authorities and Decision 2000/585/EC was amended by Decision 2001/661/EC<sup>(2)</sup> to regionalise the country to allow imports into the Community of such boned and matured meat from certain zones.
- (10) No further cases of foot-and-mouth disease have been observed throughout the country, the last vaccination was carried out in May 2001, all vaccinated animals have been identified and intensive surveillance including serological surveillance is being carried out with negative results for foot-and-mouth disease.
- (11) The Swaziland authorities have given the necessary guarantees to the Commission that the territory excluding the area west of the 'red line' fences which extend northwards from the river Usutu to the frontier with South Africa west of Nkalashane may again be considered free of foot-and-mouth disease without vaccination.
- (12) Accordingly, the importation into the Community of boned and matured fresh meat (excluding offal) of bovine species should be allowed from this zone.
- (13) Decisions 1999/283/EC and 2000/585/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (14) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Annex I to Decision 1999/283/EC is replaced by the text in Annex I to this Decision.

*Article 2*

Annex II to Decision 1999/283/EC is replaced by the text in Annex II to this Decision.

*Article 3*

Annex I to Decision 2000/585/EC is replaced by the text in Annex III to this Decision.

*Article 4*

Annex II to Decision 2000/585/EC is replaced by the text in Annex IV to this Decision.

*Article 5*

This Decision shall apply from 4 August 2003.

*Article 6*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 31 July 2003.

*For the Commission*

David BYRNE

*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 102, 12.4.2001, p. 61.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 232, 30.8.2001, p. 25.

## ANNEX I

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**Description of territories of certain African countries established for animal health certification purposes**

Country	Territory code	Version	Description of territory
Botswana	BW	1/1999	The whole country
	BW-01	1/2003	Veterinary disease control zones 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 18.
	BW-02	1/2003	Veterinary disease control zones 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.
Morocco	MA	1/1999	The whole country
Madagascar	MG	1/1999	The whole country
Namibia	NA	1/1999	The whole country
	NA-01	1/2000	South of the cordon fence which extends from Palgrave Point in the west to Gam in the east
Swaziland	SZ	1/1999	The whole country
	SZ-01	1/2003	Area west of the "red line" fence which extends northwards from the river Usutu to the frontier with South Africa west of Nkalashane
South Africa	ZA	1/1999	The whole country
	ZA-01	3/2001	Republic of South Africa excluding: — the part of the foot-and-mouth disease control area situated in the veterinary regions of Mpumalanga and Northern provinces, in the district of Ingwavuma of the veterinary region of Natal and in the border area with Botswana east of longitude 28° — the district of Camperdown, in the province of KwaZulu-Natal
Zimbabwe	ZW	1/1999	The whole country
	ZW-01	1/1999	Veterinary regions of Mashonaland West province, Mashonaland East province (including Chikomba district), Mashonaland Central province, Manicaland province (including only Makoni district), Midlands province (including only the Gweru, Kwekwe, Shurugwi, Chirimanzu and Zvishavane districts), Masvingo province (including only the districts of Gutu and Masvingo), Matabeleland South province (including only the Insiza, Bullimamangwe, Umzingwamange, Gwanda and West Nicholson districts) and Matabeleland north province (including only the districts of Bubi and Umgusa)

## ANNEX II

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**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 <sup>(1)</sup>	SG <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SG <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SG <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SG <sup>(2)</sup>	
Botswana	BW	—		—		—		D		—
	BW-01	A <sup>(3)</sup>	a	—		C <sup>(3)</sup>	a	D		—
	BW-02	A <sup>(4)</sup>	a	—		C <sup>(4)</sup>	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	—		—		—		—		—

(<sup>1</sup>) MC: model certificate to be completed; the letters (A, B, C, D) appearing on the tables refer 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.

(<sup>2</sup>) SG: supplementary guarantees; the letters (a, b, c, d) appearing on the tables refer 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 section V of each model certificate laid down in Annex III.

(<sup>3</sup>) Meat produced from animals slaughtered after 7 July 2002 and before 23 December 2002 and meat produced from animals slaughtered after 7 June 2003 can be imported into the Community.

(<sup>4</sup>) Meat produced from animals slaughtered after 7 March 2002 can be imported into the Community.'

## ANNEX III

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**Description of territories of certain third countries established for animal health certification purposes**

Country	Territory code	Version	Description of territory
Bulgaria	BG-1	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 98/371/EC (as last amended) <sup>(1)</sup>
	BG-2	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 98/371/EC (as last amended)
	BG-3	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 98/371/EC (as last amended)
Brazil	BR-1	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 94/984/EC (as last amended) <sup>(2)</sup>
Botswana	BW-01	2/2003	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 1999/283/EC (as last amended) <sup>(3)</sup>
	BW-02	2/2003	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 1999/283/EC (as last amended)
Czech Republic	CZ-1	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 98/371/EC (as last amended)
	CZ-2	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 98/371/EC (as last amended)
Namibia	NA-01	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 1999/283/EC (as last amended)
Russia	RU-1	1/1999	The region of Murmansk (Murmanskaya oblast)
Swaziland	SZ-01	1/2003	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 1999/283/EC (as last amended)
South Africa	ZA-01	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 1999/283/EC (as last amended)
Zimbabwe	ZW-01	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 1999/283/EC (as last amended)
Any country appearing in the first column of Annex II	ISO code as indicated in the first column of Annex II		The whole country

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 170, 29.5.1998, p. 16.<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 378, 31.12.1994, p. 11.<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 110, 12.4.1999, p. 16.

## 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		Leporidae (rabbit and hare)				Other wild land mammals	
			Wild		Farmed		Wild		Farmed		Wild		Farmed				Wild		Domestic rabbit			
			MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>
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 <sup>(v)</sup>	1,2	F <sup>(v)</sup>	2,3	—		—		—		—		B		C		H		—	
		BW–02	A <sup>(x)</sup>	1,2	F <sup>(x)</sup>	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		—	
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		—	

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 <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>
EE	Estonia	EE	A		F		—		—		—		I		—		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		J		—		—		—		—		C		H		—	
NZ	New Zealand	NZ	A	9	F		—	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			
			MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>	MC <sup>(1)</sup>	SC <sup>(2)</sup>
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		—	

NB:

<sup>(p)</sup> Meat produced from animals slaughtered after 7 July 2002 and before 23 December 2002 and meat produced from animals slaughtered after 7 June 2003 can be imported into the Community.

<sup>(s)</sup> Meat produced from animals slaughtered after 7 March 2002 can be imported into the Community.

<sup>(1)</sup> 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 this 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.

<sup>(2)</sup> 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 certificate set out in Annex III.’