

COMMISSION DECISION
of 19 December 2003
amending Decision 2002/862/EC laying down specific conditions for imports of fishery products from Kazakhstan

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2003/905/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⁾, and in particular Article 11(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In Commission Decision 2002/862/EC⁽²⁾, the 'Committee of Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (CFFH) of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Protection' is identified as the competent authority in Kazakhstan for verifying and certifying compliance of fishery and aquaculture products with the requirements of Directive 91/493/EEC.
- (2) Following a restructuring of the Kazakhstan administration, the competent authority has changed to the 'Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Agriculture (VD-MA)'. This new authority is capable of verifying effectively the application of the laws in force.
- (3) The VD-MA has provided official assurances on compliance with the standards for health controls and monitoring of fishery and aquaculture products as set out in Directive 91/493/EEC and on the fulfilment of hygienic requirements equivalent to those laid down in that Directive.
- (4) Decision 2002/862/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (5) 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

Decision 2002/862/EC is amended as follows:

1. Article 1 is replaced by the following:

'Article 1

The "Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Agriculture (VD-MA)" shall be the competent authority in Kazakhstan for verifying and certifying compliance of fishery and aquaculture products with the requirements of Directive 91/493/EEC.;

2. Article 3(2) is replaced by the following:

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

3. Annex I is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 27 December 2003.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 19 December 2003.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 15; Directive as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 301, 5.11.2002, p. 48.

ANNEX

ANNEX I

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

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

Reference No:

Country of dispatch: KAZAKHSTAN

Competent authority: Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Agriculture (VD-MA)

I. Details identifying the fishery products

- Description of fishery / aquaculture products (1):
- species (scientific name):
- presentation of product and type of treatment (2):
- Code No (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 Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Agriculture (VD-MA) for export to the European Community:

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III. Destination of products

The products are dispatched:

from:
(place of dispatch)

to:
(country and place of destination)

by the following means of transport:

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Name and address of dispatcher:

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Name of consignee and address at place of destination:

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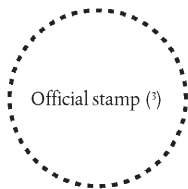
(2) Live, refrigerated, frozen, salted, smoked, preserved, etc.

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/she is aware of the provisions of Directives 91/493/EEC and 92/48/EEC and Decision 2002/862/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.