COMMISSION DECISION

of 13 April 2004

amending Decision 97/296/EC drawing up the list of third countries from which the import of fishery products is authorised for human consumption, with respect to Romania and Zimbabwe

(notified under document number C(2004) 1304)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2004/359/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 95/408/EC of 22 of June 1995 on the conditions for drawing up, for an interim period, provisional lists of third country establishments from which Member States are authorised to import certain products of animal origin, fishery products or live bivalve molluscs (1), and in particular Article 2(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- Commission Decision 97/296/EC of 22 April 1997 drawing up the list of third countries from which the import of fishery products is authorised for human consumption (2) lists the countries and territories from which imports of fishery products for human consumption is authorised. Part I of the Annex to that Decision lists the countries and territories covered by a specific Decision under 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 (3), and part II of that Annex lists the countries and territories meeting the conditions set out in Article 2(2) of Decision 95/408/EC.
- Commission Decisions 2004/361/EC (4) and 2004/360/ (2)EC (5) provide for specific import conditions for fishery products originating in Romania and Zimbabwe. Those countries should therefore be included in the list in part I of the Annex to Decision 97/296/EC. In the interests of clarity the lists concerned should be replaced in their entirety.

- Decision 97/296/EC should therefore be amended (3)accordingly.
- This Decision should apply from the same day as Decisions 2004/361/EC, and 2004/360/EC as regards the import of fishery products from Romania and Zimbabwe.
- (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

The Annex to Decision 97/296/EC is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 4 June 2004.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 13 April 2004.

For the Commission David BYRNE Member of the Commission

OJ L 243, 11.10.1995, p. 17. Decision as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1).
OJ L 122, 14.5.1997, p. 21. Decision as last amended by Decision 2004/36/EC (OJ L 8, 14.1.2004, p. 8).
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).

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LIST OF COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES FROM WHICH IMPORTATION OF FISHERY PRODUCTS IN ANY FORM INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION IS AUTHORISED

I. Countries and territories covered by a specific decision under Council Directive 91/493/EEC

AE	— UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	KR	— SOUTH KOREA
AL			— KAZAKHSTAN
AN			— SRI LANKA
AR	— ARGENTINA		— LITHUANIA
AU	— AUSTRALIA		— LATVIA
BD	— BANGLADESH		— MOROCCO
BG	— BULGARIA		— MADAGASCAR
BR	— BRAZIL		— MAURITANIA
BZ	— BELIZE		— MAURITIUS
CA	— CANADA		— MALDIVES
СН	— SWITZERLAND		— MEXICO
CI	— IVORY COAST		— MALAYSIA
CL	— CHILE		— MOZAMBIQUE
CN	— CHINA		— NAMIBIA
CO	— COLOMBIA		NEW CALEDONIA
CR	— COSTA RICA		— NIGERIA
CS	— SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO (¹)		— NICARAGUA
CU	— CUBA		NEW ZEALAND
CV	— CAPE VERDE		— OMAN
CZ	— CZECH REPUBLIC		— PANAMA
EC	— ECUADOR	PE	— PERU
EE	— ESTONIA		— PAPUA NEW GUINEA
EG	— EGYPT		— PHILIPPINES
FK	— FALKLAND ISLANDS	PF	— FRENCH POLYNESIA
GA	— GABON		
GH	— GHANA		— ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON
GL	— GREENLAND		— PAKISTAN
GM	— GAMBIA		— POLAND
GN	— GUINEA CONAKRY	RO	
GT	— GUATEMALA	RU	— RUSSIA
GY	— GUYANA	SC	— SEYCHELLES
HN	— HONDURAS	SG	— SINGAPORE
HR	— CROATIA	SI	— SLOVENIA
ID	— INDONESIA	SK	— SLOVAKIA
IN	— INDIA	SN	— SENEGAL
IR	— IRAN	SR	— SURINAME
JM	— JAMAICA	TH	— THAILAND
JP	— JAPAN	TN	— TUNISIA
KE	— KENYA	TR	— TURKEY

⁽¹⁾ Not including Kosovo as defined by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999.

TW	— TAIWAN	VN	— VIETNAM
TZ	— TANZANIA	YE	— YEMEN
UG	— UGANDA	YT	— MAYOTTE
UY	— URUGUAY	ZA	— SOUTH AFRICA
VE	— VENEZUELA	ZW	— ZIMBABWE

II. Countries and territories meeting the terms of Article 2(2) of Council Decision 95/408/EC

AM — ARMENIA (¹)	FJ — FIJI
AO — ANGOLA	GD — GRENADA
AG — ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA (²)	HK — HONG KONG
AZ — AZERBAIJAN (³)	HU — HUNGARY (5)
BJ — BENIN	IL — ISRAEL
BS — BAHAMAS	MM — MYANMAR
BY — BELARUS	MT — MALTA
CG — REPUBLIC OF CONGO (4)	SB — SOLOMON ISLANDS
CM — CAMEROON	SH — ST HELENA
CY — CYPRUS	SV — EL SALVADOR
DZ — ALGERIA	TG — TOGO
ER — ERITREA	US — UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

⁽¹⁾ Authorised only for imports of live crayfish (Astacus leptodactylus) intended for direct human consumption.
(2) Authorised only for imports of fresh fish.
(3) Authorised only for imports of caviar.
(4) Authorised only for imports of fishery products caught, frozen and packed in their final packaging at sea.
(5) Authorised only for import of live animals intended for direct human consumption.