

COMMISSION DECISION

of 14 December 1998

amending Decision 96/333/EC establishing health certification of live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods from third countries which are not covered by a specific decision

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(98/740/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/492/EEC of 15 July 1991 laying down the health conditions for the production and the placing on the market of live bivalve molluscs ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Whereas Commission Decision 96/333/EC of 3 May 1996 establishing health certification of live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods from third countries which are not yet covered by a specific decision ⁽³⁾, as amended by Decision 97/589/EC ⁽⁴⁾, is applicable until 31 December 1998;

Whereas Commission Decision 97/20/EC ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Decision 98/572/EC ⁽⁶⁾, establishes the list of third countries fulfilling the equivalence conditions for the production and placing on the market of bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods; whereas Part II of that list contains the third countries which might be the subject of a provisional decision based on Council Decision 95/408/EC ⁽⁷⁾, as last amended by Decision 98/603/EC ⁽⁸⁾;

Whereas, under Decision 95/408/EC, that list is applicable until 31 December 2000; whereas the date of validity of certification should therefore be amended to bring it into line with the date of validity of the provisional lists;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 5 of Decision 96/333/EC the words 'to 31 December 1998' are replaced by 'to 31 December 2000.'

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 14 December 1998.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 24. 9. 1991, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 24, 30. 1. 1998, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 127, 25. 5. 1996, p. 33.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 238, 29. 8. 1997, p. 47.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 6, 10. 1. 1997, p. 46.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 277, 14. 10. 1998, p. 42.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 243, 11. 10. 1995, p. 17.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 289, 28. 10. 1998, p. 36.