

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2054/2004**of 29 November 2004****amending Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the lists of countries and territories****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003 on the animal health requirements applicable to the non-commercial movement of pet animals and amending Council Directive 92/65/EEC⁽¹⁾, and in particular Articles 10 and 21 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 lays down the animal health requirements applicable to the non-commercial movement of pet animals and the rules applying to checks on such movement. Part C of Annex II to that Regulation contains a list of third countries where the risk of rabies entering the Community as a result of movements from their territories of pet animals has been found to be no higher than the risk associated with such movements between Member States.
- (2) Under Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 a list of third countries was to be drawn up before 3 July 2004. To be included on that list, a third country should demonstrate its rabies status and that it complies with certain conditions relating to notification, monitoring, veterinary services, prevention and control of rabies and regulation of vaccines.
- (3) In order to avoid any unnecessary disturbance in the movements of pet animals, and to allow time for the third countries to provide where necessary additional guarantees, it is appropriate to establish a provisional list of third countries. That list should be based on the data available through the International Office of Epizootic Diseases (OIE - World Organisation for Animal Health), the results of inspections carried out by the Commission's Food and Veterinary Office in the third countries concerned and information gathered by Member States.

(4) The list should also be based on the data provided by the World Health Organisation (WHO), the WHO Collaborating Centre for Rabies Surveillance and Research in Wusterhausen and the Rabies Bulletin.

(5) The provisional list of third countries should include countries which are free of rabies and countries in respect of which the risk of rabies entering the Community as a result of movements from their territories has been found to be no higher than the risk associated with movements between Member States.

(6) Following requests of the competent authorities of the Russian Federation to be included in the list in Part C of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 998/2003, it appears appropriate to modify the provisional list established in accordance with Article 10.

(7) In the interest of clarity of Community legislation, it is appropriate to replace Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 in its entirety.

(8) Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 should therefore be amended accordingly.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 3 December 2004.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 146, 13.6.2003, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Council Decision 2004/650/EC (OJ L 298, 23.9.2004, p. 22.)

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 29 November 2004.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

ANNEX II

LIST OF COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

PART A

- IE — Ireland
- MT — Malta
- SE — Sweden
- UK — United Kingdom

PART B

Section 1

- (a) DK — Denmark, including GL — Greenland and FO — Faeroes Islands
- (b) ES — Spain, including the continental territory, Balearic Islands, Canary Islands, Ceuta and Melilla
- (c) FR — France, including GF — French Guiana, GP — Guadeloupe, MQ — Martinique and RE — Réunion
- (d) GI — Gibraltar
- (e) PT — Portugal, including the continental territory, Azores Islands and Madeira Islands
- (f) Member States other than those listed in Part A and points (a), (b), (c) and (e) of this Section.

Section 2

- AD — Andorra
- CH — Switzerland
- IS — Iceland
- LI — Liechtenstein
- MC — Monaco
- NO — Norway
- SM — San Marino
- VA — Vatican City State

PART C

- AC — Ascension Island
- AE — United Arab Emirates
- AG — Antigua and Barbuda
- AN — Netherlands Antilles
- AU — Australia
- AW — Aruba
- BB — Barbados
- BH — Bahrain
- BM — Bermuda
- CA — Canada

CL — Chile
FJ — Fiji
FK — Falkland Islands
HK — Hong Kong
HR — Croatia
JM — Jamaica
JP — Japan
KN — Saint Kitts and Nevis
KY — Cayman Islands
MS — Montserrat
MU — Mauritius
NC — New Caledonia
NZ — New Zealand
PF — French Polynesia
PM — Saint Pierre et Miquelon
RU — Russian Federation
SG — Singapore
SH — Saint Helena
US — United States of America
VC — Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
VU — Vanuatu
WF — Wallis and Futuna
YT — Mayotte'
