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► <b><u>M1</u></b> Commission Decision 79/560/EEC of 4 May 1979	L 147	49	15.6.1979
► <b><u>M2</u></b> Commission Decision 84/134/EEC of 2 March 1984	L 70	18	13.3.1984
► <b><u>M3</u></b> Commission Decision 85/473/EEC of 2 October 1985	L 278	35	18.10.1985
► <b><u>M4</u></b> Commission Decision 85/488/EEC of 17 October 1985	L 293	17	5.11.1985
► <b><u>M5</u></b> Council Decision 85/575/EEC of 19 December 1985	L 372	28	31.12.1985
► <b><u>M6</u></b> Commission Decision 86/425/EEC of 29 July 1986	L 243	34	28.8.1986
► <b><u>M7</u></b> Commission Decision 89/8/EEC of 14 December 1988	L 7	27	10.1.1989
► <b><u>M8</u></b> Commission Decision 90/390/EEC of 16 July 1990	L 193	36	25.7.1990
► <b><u>M9</u></b> Commission Decision 90/485/EEC of 27 September 1990	L 267	46	29.9.1990
► <b><u>M10</u></b> Commission Decision 91/361/EEC of 14 June 1991	L 195	43	18.7.1991
► <b><u>M11</u></b> Commission Decision 92/14/EEC of 17 December 1991	L 8	12	14.1.1992
► <b><u>M12</u></b> Commission Decision 92/160/EEC of 5 March 1992	L 71	27	18.3.1992
► <b><u>M13</u></b> amended by Commission Decision 92/161/EEC of 9 March 1992	L 71	29	18.3.1992
► <b><u>M14</u></b> Commission Decision 92/162/EEC of 9 March 1992	L 71	30	18.3.1992
► <b><u>M15</u></b> Commission Decision 92/245/EEC of 14 April 1992	L 124	42	9.5.1992
► <b><u>M16</u></b> Commission decision 92/376/EEC of 2 July 1992	L 197	70	16.7.1992
► <b><u>M17</u></b> Commission Decision 93/99/EEC of 22 December 1992	L 40	17	17.2.1993
► <b><u>M18</u></b> Commission Decision 93/100/EEC of 19 January 1993	L 40	23	17.2.1993
► <b><u>M19</u></b> Commission Decision 93/237/EEC of 6 April 1993	L 108	129	1.5.1993
► <b><u>M20</u></b> Commission Decision 93/344/EEC of 17 May 1993	L 138	11	9.6.1993
► <b><u>M21</u></b> Commission Decision 93/435/EEC of 27 July 1993	L 201	28	11.8.1993
► <b><u>M22</u></b> Commission Decision 94/59/EC of 26 January 1994	L 27	53	1.2.1994
► <b><u>M23</u></b> Commission Decision 94/310/EC of 18 May 1994	L 137	72	1.6.1994
► <b><u>M24</u></b> Commission Decision 94/453/EC of 29 June 1994	L 187	11	22.7.1994
► <b><u>M25</u></b> Commission Decision 94/561/EC of 27 July 1994	L 214	17	19.8.1994
► <b><u>M26</u></b> Commission Decision 95/288/EC of 18 July 1995	L 181	42	1.8.1995
► <b><u>M27</u></b> Commission Decision 95/322/EC of 25 July 1995	L 190	9	11.8.1995
► <b><u>M28</u></b> Commission Decision 95/323/EC of 25 July 1995	L 190	11	11.8.1995
► <b><u>M29</u></b> Commission Decision 96/132/EC of 26 January 1996	L 30	52	8.2.1996

▶ <b><u>M30</u></b> Commission Decision 96/279/EC of 26 February 1996	L 107	1	30.4.1996
▶ <b><u>M31</u></b> Commission Decision 96/605/EC of 11 October 1996	L 267	29	19.10.1996
▶ <b><u>M32</u></b> Commission Decision 96/624/EC of 17 October 1996	L 279	33	31.10.1996
▶ <b><u>M33</u></b> Commission Decision 97/10/EC of 12 December 1996	L 3	9	7.1.1997
▶ <b><u>M34</u></b> Commission Decision 97/160/EC of 14 February 1997	L 62	39	4.3.1997
▶ <b><u>M35</u></b> Commission Decision 97/736/EC of 14 October 1997	L 295	37	29.10.1997
▶ <b><u>M36</u></b> Commission Decision 98/146/EC of 6 February 1998	L 46	8	17.2.1998
▶ <b><u>M37</u></b> Commission Decision 98/594/EC of 6 October 1998	L 286	53	23.10.1998
▶ <b><u>M38</u></b> Commission Decision 98/622/EC of 27 October 1998	L 296	16	5.11.1998
▶ <b><u>M39</u></b> Commission Decision 1999/228/EC of 5 March 1999	L 83	77	27.3.1999
▶ <b><u>M40</u></b> Commission Decision 1999/236/EC of 17 March 1999	L 87	13	31.3.1999
▶ <b><u>M41</u></b> Commission Decision 1999/301/EC of 30 April 1999	L 117	52	5.5.1999
▶ <b><u>M42</u></b> amended by Commission Decision 1999/417/EC of 16 June 1999	L 159	56	25.6.1999
▶ <b><u>M43</u></b> Commission Decision 1999/558/EC of 26 July 1999	L 211	53	11.8.1999
▶ <b><u>M44</u></b> Commission Decision 1999/759/EC of 5 November 1999	L 300	30	23.11.1999
▶ <b><u>M45</u></b> Commission Decision 2000/2/EC of 17 December 1999	L 1	17	4.1.2000
▶ <b><u>M46</u></b> amended by Commission Decision 2000/136/EC of 16 February 2000	L 45	41	17.2.2000
▶ <b><u>M47</u></b> Commission Decision 2000/162/EC of 14 February 2000	L 51	41	24.2.2000
▶ <b><u>M48</u></b> Commission Decision 2000/209/EC of 24 February 2000	L 64	22	11.3.2000
▶ <b><u>M49</u></b> Commission Decision 2000/236/EC of 22 March 2000	L 74	19	23.3.2000
▶ <b><u>M50</u></b> Commission Decision 2000/623/EC of 29 September 2000	L 260	52	14.10.2000
▶ <b><u>M51</u></b> Commission Decision 2001/117/EC of 26 January 2001	L 43	38	14.2.2001
▶ <b><u>M52</u></b> Commission Decision 2001/731/EC of 16 October 2001	L 274	22	17.10.2001

Amended by:

▶ <b><u>A1</u></b> Act of Accession of Austria, Sweden and Finland	C 241	21	29.8.1994
(adapted by Council Decision 95/1/EC, Euratom, ECSC)	L 1	1	1.1.1995

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine animals and swine and fresh meat from third countries <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Directive 77/98/EEC <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 3 (1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the system laid down in Directive 72/462/EEC is based on the establishment of a list of the third countries or parts of third countries from which the Member States authorize imports of bovine animals and swine and of fresh meat of bovine animals, swine, sheep, goats and domestic solipeds, or of one or more of these categories of animals or categories of fresh meat;

Whereas in order to decide in respect both of the animals and of fresh meat whether a country or part of a country may be included in the list, particular account is taken of the criteria set out in Article 3 (2) of the abovementioned Directive;

Whereas the countries listed in the Annex to this Decision which traditionally supply the Member States may be considered to satisfy these criteria;

Whereas, however, this list is drawn up subject to such amendments or additions as may be made to it in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 30 of Directive 72/462/EEC; whereas it may prove necessary in the light of further information to limit or extend the authorizations for importing certain categories of animals and fresh meat; whereas, it may also be necessary in certain cases in respect both of the animals and of fresh meat to specify the parts of countries from which imports will be authorized;

Whereas, although the list of third countries forms one of the bases of the Community arrangements applicable to imports from third countries laid down in Directive 72/462/EEC other measures, particularly concerning hygiene and veterinary inspection, will have to be taken in order to define these arrangements; whereas, consequently, it is important to facilitate the coordinated implementation of all these measures,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

### *Article 1*

1. Without prejudice to Directive 72/462/EEC and in particular any measures which may have to be taken under the procedure provided for in Article 29, and subject to any amendments or additions made to the list in the Annex to this Decision under the procedure provided for in Article 30, particularly for the purpose of limiting or extending authorizations for importing certain categories of animals and fresh meat, or for specifying, both for animals and for fresh meat, the parts of coun-

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 81.

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tries from which imports will be authorized, the Member States shall authorize imports of animals and fresh meat in accordance with the said list.

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2. Without prejudice to paragraph 1, Member States shall import certain meat products from all domestic species coming from third countries appearing in the Annex.

In the case of imports of fresh meat coming from certain third countries or parts thereof not authorized in accordance with paragraph 1, Member States may, however, import meat products made from such fresh meat provided the meat products have undergone a special treatment as laid down in the Annex.

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3. (a) Without prejudice to Decision 92/160/EEC, Member States shall authorize, from the third countries or parts of third countries appearing in Part 1 of the Annex, the import into the Community of equidae, the temporary admission into the Community of registered horses and the re-entry into the Community of registered horses which have been temporarily exported to a third country or part of a third country appearing in Part 1 of the Annex;
- (b) Without prejudice to Decision 92/160/EEC, Member States shall authorize, from the third countries or parts of third countries appearing in Part 2 of the Annex, the import into the Community of registered horses, the temporary admission into the Community of registered horses and the re-entry into the Community of registered horses which have been temporarily exported to a third country or part of a third country appearing in Part 2 of the Annex.

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4. Member States shall authorize imports of live animals, in particular equidae for slaughter, meat and meat products only from those third countries or parts of those third countries which appear on the list in Part 1 of the Annex and conform to the guarantees regarding residues.

**▼B***Article 2*

The list contained in the Annex shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*, at the same time as the amendments and additions referred to in Article 1 above.

*Article 3*

Member States shall adopt the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Decision within two years of the publication referred to in Article 2 above and shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

*Article 4*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

## ANNEX

Imports shall fulfil the appropriate animal and public health requirements.

## PART I

## LIVE ANIMALS, FRESH MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS

ISO code	Country or territory	Fresh meat and meat products Domestic				Fresh meat Wild		Live animals				Animal health		
		B	S/G	P	E	CH	E	B	S/G	P	E	Fresh meat	Meat products	Live animal
AL	Albania	O	X	X	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
AR	Argentina	X	X	O	X	X	X	O	O	O	X		( <sup>1</sup> )	
AU	Australia	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	O	O	X			
BA	Bosnia-Herzegovina	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	O	O	O			
BG	Bulgaria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X			
BH	Bahrain	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O		( <sup>3</sup> )( <sup>4</sup> )	
BR	Brazil	X	X	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	X			( <sup>5</sup> )
BW	Botswana	X	X	O	X	X	X	O	O	O	O		( <sup>1</sup> )( <sup>2</sup> )	
BY	Belarus	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	O	O	X		( <sup>1</sup> )	
BZ	Belize	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
CA	Canada	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			( <sup>6</sup> )
CH	Switzerland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
CL	Chile	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	X	X			
CN	People's Republic of China	O	O	X	X	X	X	O	O	O	O		( <sup>1</sup> )	
CO	Colombia	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			( <sup>2</sup> )
CR	Costa Rica	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
CU	Cuba	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
CY	Cyprus	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	O	X	X			
CZ	Czech Republic	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			



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ISO code	Country or territory	Fresh meat and meat products Domestic				Fresh meat Wild		Live animals				Animal health		
		B	S/G	P	E	CH	E	B	S/G	P	E	Fresh meat	Meat products	Live animal
DZ	Algeria	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	X			
EE	Estonia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	(1)		
ET	Ethiopia	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O		(2)	
FK	Falkland Islands	X	X	O	X	X	X	O	O	O	X			
GL	Greenland	X	X	O	X	X	X	O	X	O	X	(1)		
GT	Guatemala	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
HK	Hong Kong	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O		(2)	
HN	Honduras	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
HR	Croatia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	(1)		
HU	Hungary	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
IL	Israel	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	X		(2)	
IN	India	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O		(2)	
IS	Iceland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
KE	Kenya	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O		(2)	
LT	Lithuania	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	(1)		
LV	Latvia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	(1)		
MA	Morocco	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	X		(2)	
MG	Madagascar	X	X	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O		(2)	
MK (7)	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	O	X	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	X			
MT	Malta	X	O	X	X	O	X	O	X	O	X		(2)	
MU	Mauritius	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	X		(2)	
MX	Mexico	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	X	O	X			(2) (8)
NA	Namibia	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	O	O	(1) (2)	(2)	



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ISO code	Country or territory	Fresh meat and meat products Domestic				Fresh meat Wild		Live animals				Animal health		
		B	S/G	P	E	CH	E	B	S/G	P	E	Fresh meat	Meat products	Live animal
NC	New Caledonia	X	O	O	O	X	O	O	O	O	O	(1)		
NI	Nicaragua	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
NZ	New Zealand	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
PA	Panama	X	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
PL	Poland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	(1)		
PM	St Pierre and Miquelon	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	X			
PY	Paraguay	X	X	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	X		(2)	
RO	Romania	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	(1)		
RU	Russia	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	O	O	X	(1)(2)		(3)
SG	Singapore	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O		(2)	
SI	Slovenia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	(1)		
SK	Slovak Republic	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	(1)		
SV	El Salvador	X	X	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
SZ	Swaziland	X	O	O	X	X	X	O	O	O	O	(1)(2)	(2)	
TH	Thailand	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O		(2)	
TN	Tunisia	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	X		(3)(4)	
TR	Turkey	O	O	O	X	O	X	O	O	O	O			
UA	Ukraine	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	X			
US	United States of America	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	O	O	X			
UY	Uruguay	X	X	O	X	X	X	O	O	O	X		(2)	
YU	Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	O	O	X	(1)		
ZA	South Africa	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	O	O	X	(1)(2)	(2)	(3)
ZW	Zimbabwe	X	O	O	O	X	X	O	O	O	O		(2)	

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- B = Bovines (including buffalo and bisson)  
 S/G = Sheep/goats  
 P = Pigs  
 E = Equidae  
 CH = Clovenhoofed animals  
 X = Authorised  
 O = Unauthorised

## special remarks

- (<sup>1</sup>) Excluding meat of wild swine.  
 (<sup>2</sup>) Excluding bone-in meat and offal.  
 (<sup>3</sup>) Notwithstanding the restrictions in the above list, meat products which have undergone heat treatment in a hermetically sealed container to a Fo value of 3 or more are authorised.  
 (<sup>4</sup>) Notwithstanding the restrictions in the above list, meat products which have been treated to a centre temperature of at least 80 °C are authorised.  
 (<sup>5</sup>) Member States shall only import equidae in accordance with Commission Decision 92/160/EEC establishing the regionalisation.  
 (<sup>6</sup>) Imports of live bovine animals are restricted to animals intended for reproduction and to veal calves aged under two weeks intended for fattening.  
 (<sup>7</sup>) Provisional code that does not affect the definitive denomination of the country to be attributed after the conclusion of the negotiations currently taking place in the United Nations.  
 (<sup>8</sup>) Imports of equidae for slaughter are not allowed.



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## PART 2

## SPECIAL COLUMN FOR REGISTERED HORSES

ISO country code	Country	Registered horses	Special remarks
AE	United Arab Emirates	x	
BB	Barbados	x	
BH	Bahrain	x	
BM	Bermuda	x	
BO	Bolivia	x	
CO	Colombia	x	( <sup>1</sup> )
CR	Costa Rica	x	( <sup>1</sup> )
CU	Cuba	x	
▼ <b>M43</b>			
▼ <b>M32</b>			
EG	Egypt	x	( <sup>1</sup> )
HK	Hong Kong	x	
JM	Jamaica	x	
JO	Jordan	x	
JP	Japan	x	
▼ <b>M40</b>			
KG	Kyrgyzstan	x	( <sup>1</sup> )
▼ <b>M48</b>			
KR	Republic of Korea	x	
▼ <b>M32</b>			
KW	Kuwait	x	
▼ <b>M34</b>			
LB	Lebanon	x	
▼ <b>M32</b>			
LY	Libya	x	
MO	Macao	x	
MY	Malaysia (Peninsula)	x	
OM	Oman	x	
PE	Peru	x	( <sup>1</sup> )
QA	Qatar	x	
▼ <b>M39</b>			
SA	Saudi Arabia	x	( <sup>1</sup> )
▼ <b>M32</b>			
SG	Singapore	x	
SY	Syria	x	
▼ <b>M37</b>			
TH	Thailand	x	
▼ <b>M32</b>			
TR	Turkey	x	( <sup>1</sup> )
VE	Venezuela	x	( <sup>1</sup> )

x = authorized

(<sup>1</sup>) Member States shall import equidae only in accordance with Commission Decision 92/160/EEC establishing the regionalization of certain third countries for imports of equidae.