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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine, swine, ovine, and caprine animals, fresh meat or meat products from third countries<sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Directive 96/91/EC<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Articles 21 (a) and 22 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/118/EEC of 17 December 1992, laying down animal health and public health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of products not subject to the said requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A (I) to Directive 89/662/EEC and, as regards pathogens, to Directive 90/425/EEC<sup>(3)</sup> as last amended by Directive 96/90/EC<sup>(4)</sup> and in particular Article 10 (2) (c),

Whereas Council Decision 79/542/EEC<sup>(5)</sup>, as last amended by Commission Decision 97/160/EC<sup>(6)</sup> draws up a list of third countries from which Member States authorize, amongst others, imports of meat products derived from meat originating from bovine animals, swine, solipeds, sheep and goats;

Whereas Commission Decision 91/449/EC<sup>(7)</sup> as last amended by Decision 96/92/EC<sup>(8)</sup> lays down lists of third countries from which Member States are authorized to import meat products from bovine animals, swine, equidae, sheep and goats;

Whereas Commission Decision 94/85/EC<sup>(9)</sup> as last amended by Decision 96/2/EC<sup>(10)</sup> draws up a list of third countries from which the Member States authorize the importation of fresh poultry meat; whereas this list also applies to imports of meat products derived from poultrymeat;

Whereas Commission Decision 94/86/EC<sup>(11)</sup> as amended by Decision 96/137/EC<sup>(12)</sup> draws up a list of third countries from which the Member States authorize the importation of wild game meat; whereas this list applies to imports of wild game meat products;

Whereas Commission Decision 94/278/EC<sup>(13)</sup> as last amended by Decision 96/344/EC<sup>(14)</sup> draws up a list of third countries from which the Member States authorize, amongst others, the importation of meat products derived from rabbit meat, feathered farmed game meat and furred farmed game meat;

Whereas Commission Decision 91/449/EEC is revoked by Commission Decision 97/221/EC<sup>(15)</sup>;

Whereas it is necessary to establish an amended list of approved third countries from which the Member States authorize the importation of meat products manufactured not only from meat derived from bovine animals, swine, equidae, sheep and goats but also from farmed game, domestic rabbits and wild game;

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

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 13, 16. 1. 1997, p. 26.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 62, 15. 3. 1993, p. 49.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 13, 16. 1. 1997, p. 24.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ No L 146, 14. 6. 1979, p. 15.

<sup>(6)</sup> OJ No L 62, 4. 3. 1997, p. 39.

<sup>(7)</sup> OJ No L 240, 29. 8. 1991, p. 28.

<sup>(8)</sup> OJ No L 21, 27. 1. 1996, p. 71.

<sup>(9)</sup> OJ No L 44, 17. 2. 1994, p. 31.

<sup>(10)</sup> OJ No L 1, 3. 1. 1996, p. 6.

<sup>(11)</sup> OJ No L 44, 17. 2. 1994, p. 33.

<sup>(12)</sup> OJ No L 31, 9. 2. 1996, p. 31.

<sup>(13)</sup> OJ No L 120, 11. 5. 1994, p. 44.

<sup>(14)</sup> OJ No L 133, 4. 6. 1996, p. 28.

<sup>(15)</sup> See page 32 of this Official Journal.

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Whereas the categories of meat products that may be imported from third countries depend on the health situation of the third country or parts of third country of manufacture; whereas, in order to be able to be imported, certain meat products must have been subjected to particular treatment;

Whereas Council Directive 77/99/EEC<sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Council Directive 95/68/EC<sup>(2)</sup>, defines a meat product through laying down minimum treatment requirements; whereas certain third countries or certain parts of third countries appearing on the abovementioned lists are only to be authorized for imports of meat products which have been subjected to complete heat treatment;

Whereas Decision 97/221/EC lays down the animal health conditions and veterinary certification to be applied by Member States to the import of meat products from third countries;

Whereas it is necessary to lay down the minimum treatments required to import these products from the manufacturing third country;

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*

Member States shall authorize imports of meat products as defined in Decision 97/221/EC from third countries or parts of third countries appearing on the lists in Parts I, II and III of the Annex, provided that they have undergone the relevant treatment laid down in Part IV of the Annex, and be accompanied by the appropriate veterinary health certification laid down in Commission Decision 97/221/EC.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall apply from 1 March 1997.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 85.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 332, 30. 12. 1995, p. 10.

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PART I

**Description of regionalised territories as laid down for the countries listed in Parts II and III**

Code ISO	Country	Territory		Description of territory
		Code	Version	
BR	Brazil	BR 2	—	As described in Annex I of Commission Decision 94/984/EC <sup>(1)</sup> (as last amended)
CZ	Czech Republic	CZ 1	—	As described in Annex I of Commission Decision 98/371/EC <sup>(2)</sup> (as last amended)
CZ	Czech Republic	CZ 2	—	As described in Annex I of Decision 98/371/EC (as last amended)
FY	Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	FY 1	—	As described in Annex I of Decision 98/371/EC (as last amended)
FY	Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	FY 2	—	As described in Annex I of Decision 98/371/EC (as last amended)
MY	Malaysia	MY 1	95/1	Peninsular (Western) Malaysia only

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 378, 31. 12. 1994, p. 11.<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 170, 16. 6. 1998, p. 16.

## Third countries or parts thereof from where meat products are authorized for importation into the European Community

Code ISO	Country of origin or part thereof	1. Domestic bovine 2. Farmed cloven-hoofed game — excluding swine	Domestic ovine/caprine	1. Domestic porcine 2. Farmed cloven-hoofed game (swine)	Domestic soliped	1. Domestic poultry 2. Farmed feathered game	Domestic rabbit and farmed leporidae	Wild cloven-hoofed game (excluding swine)	Wild swine	Wild soliped	Wild leporidae (rabbits & hares)	Wild game birds	Wild land mammalian game (excluding ungulates, solipeds and leporidae)
AR	Argentina <sup>(1)</sup>	C	C	C	A	D	A	C	C	—	A	D	—
AU	Australia	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	A
BG	Bulgaria	A	A	D	A	D	A	A	D	—	A	D	—
BH	Bahrain	B	B	B	B	—	A	C	C	—	A	—	—
BR	Brazil	C	C	C	A	D	A	C	C	—	A	D	—
BR	Brazil-BR 1	C	C	C	A	A	A	C	C	—	A	A	—
BW	Botswana	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	A	A	—	—
BY	Belarus	C	C	C	B	—	A	C	C	—	A	—	—
CA	Canada	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	A
CH	Switzerland	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
CL	Chile	B	B	B	A	A	A	B	B	—	A	A	—
CN	People's Republic of China	B	B	B	B	B	A	B	B	—	A	B	—
CO	Colombia	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
CY	Cyprus	C	C	C	A	A	A	C	C	—	A	A	—
CZ	Czech Republic	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
CZ	Czech Republic- CZ 1	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
CZ	Czech Republic- CZ 2	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—

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ES	Estonia	C	C	C	A	—	A	C	C	—	A	—	A
ET	Ethiopia	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
FY	Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	C	C	C	A	D	A	C	C	—	A	—	—
FY	Federal Republic of Yugoslavia- FY 1	A	A	D	A	D	A	A	D	—	A	—	—
FY	Federal Republic of Yugoslavia- FY 2	C	C	C	A	D	A	C	C	—	A	—	—
GR	Greenland	—	—	—	—	—	A	—	—	—	A	A	A
HK	Hong Kong	B	B	B	B	D	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
HR	Croatia	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
HU	Hungary	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	—
IL	Israel	B	B	B	B	D	A	B	B	—	A	D	—
IN	India	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
IS	Iceland	B	B	B	A	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
KE	Kenya	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
KR	Korea (Republic)	—	—	—	—	D	A	—	—	—	A	D	—
LI	Lithuania	C	C	C	A	D	A	C	C	—	A	D	A
LV	Latvia	C	C	C	A	—	A	C	C	—	A	—	A
MA	Morocco	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
MG	Madagascar	B	B	B	B	D	A	B	B	—	A	D	—

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MK	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	A	A	B	A	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
MT	Malta	—	—	—	—	A	A	—	—	—	A	—	—
MY	Malaysia-MY 1	—	—	—	—	D	A	—	—	—	A	D	—
MU	Mauritius	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
MX	Mexico	A	D	D	A	D	A	D	D	—	A	D	—
NA	Namibia <sup>(1)</sup>	B	B	B	B	D	A	B	B	A	A	D	—
NZ	New Zealand	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	A
PL	Poland	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
PY	Paraguay	C	C	C	B	—	A	C	C	—	A	—	—
RO	Romania	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	A
RU	Russia	C	C	C	B	—	A	C	C	—	A	—	A
SG	Singapore	B	B	B	B	D	A	B	B	—	A	—	—
SI	Slovenia	A	A	D	A	D	A	A	D	—	A	D	—
SK	Slovak Republic	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	D	—	A	A	—
SZ	Swaziland	B	B	B	B	—	A	B	B	A	A	—	—
TH	Thailand	B	B	B	B	A	A	B	B	—	A	D	—
TN	Tunisia	C	C	B	B	—	A	B	B	—	A	D	—
TR	Turkey	—	—	—	—	D	A	—	—	—	A	D	—
UA	Ukraine	—	—	—	—	—	A	—	—	—	A	—	—
US	United States of America	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	—

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UY	Uruguay	A	A	B	A	D	A	—	—	—	A	D	—
ZA	South Africa <sup>(1)</sup>	C	C	C	A	D	A	C	C	A	A	D	—
ZW	Zimbabwe <sup>(1)</sup>	C	C	B	A	D	A	B	B	—	A	D	—

<sup>(1)</sup> See Part III for minimum treatment requirements for pasteurized meat products and biltong.

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PART III

**Third countries or parts thereof from where biltong or pasteurized meat products are authorized for importation into the European Community**

Code ISO	Country of origin or part thereof	1. Domestic bovine 2. Farmed clovenhoofed game — excluding swine	Domestic ovine/caprine	1. Domestic porcine 2. Farmed clovenhoofed game (swine)	Domestic soliped	1. Domestic poultry 2. Farmed feathered game	Domestic rabbit and farmed leporidae	Wild cloven hooved game (excluding swine)	Wild swine	Wild soliped	Wild leporidae (rabbits & hares)	Wild game birds	Wild land mammalian game (excluding ungulates, solipeds and leporidae)
AR	Argentina	F	F	—	—	—	A	—	—	—	A	—	—
NA	Namibia	E	E	—	—	E	A	—	—	A	A	E	—
ZA	South Africa	E	E	—	—	E	A	—	—	A	A	E	—
ZW	Zimbabwe	E	E	—	—	E	A	—	—	E	A	E	—





## PART IV

**Interpretation of codes used in tables in Parts II and III**

— = Importation of meat products containing meat of this species not authorized.

*Non-specific treatment regime*

A = No minimum specified temperature of other treatment is established for animal health purposes for the meat product. However it must have undergone a treatment such that its cut surface shows that it no longer has the characteristics of fresh meat.

*Specific treatment regimes — listed in descending order of severity*

B = Treatment in a hermetically sealed container to an  $F^\circ$  value of three or more.

C = A minimum temperature of 80 °C which must be reached throughout the meat during the processing of the meat product.

D = A minimum temperature of 70 °C which must be reached throughout the meat during the processing of meat products, or for ham, treatment consisting of natural fermentation and maturation of not less than nine months and resulting in the following characteristics:

—  $A_w$  value of not more than 0,93,

— pH value of not more than 6,0.

E = In the case of 'biltong« type products, a treatment to achieve:

—  $A_w$  value of not more than 0,93,

— pH value of not more than 6,0.

F = A heat treatment that ensures a centre temperature of at least 65 °C is reached for a period of time necessary to achieve a pasteurization value (pv) equal to or more than 40.

*NB:* Where the meat product has undergone a treatment other than heating in a hermetically sealed container to an  $F^\circ$  value of three or more, fresh meat used in the manufacture of the meat products referred to in Parts II and III must satisfy the animal health rules applicable to the export of fresh meat to the European Community.