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of 28 February 1997

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(Text with EEA relevance)

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► <u>M3</u> Commission Decision 1999/62/EC of 21 December 1998	L 20	54	27.1.1999
► <u>M4</u> Commission Decision 2000/338/EC of 13 April 2000	L 117	32	18.5.2000
► <u>M5</u> Commission Decision 2001/794/EC of 9 November 2001	L 297	20	15.11.2001
► <u>M6</u> Commission Decision 2002/184/EC of 28 February 2002	L 61	61	2.3.2002
► <u>M7</u> Commission Decision 2002/464/EC of 13 June 2002	L 161	16	19.6.2002
► <u>M8</u> Commission Decision 2003/733/EC of 10 October 2003	L 264	32	15.10.2003
► <u>M9</u> Commission Decision 2003/826/EC of 18 November 2003	L 311	29	27.11.2003
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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 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 96/91/EC ⁽²⁾, 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 ⁽³⁾ as last amended by Directive 96/90/EC ⁽⁴⁾ and in particular Article 10 (2) (c),

Whereas Council Decision 79/542/EEC ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Commission Decision 97/160/EC ⁽⁶⁾ 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 ⁽⁷⁾ as last amended by Decision 96/92/EC ⁽⁸⁾ 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 ⁽⁹⁾ as last amended by Decision 96/2/EC ⁽¹⁰⁾ 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 ⁽¹¹⁾ as amended by Decision 96/137/EC ⁽¹²⁾ 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;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 13, 16. 1. 1997, p. 26.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 62, 15. 3. 1993, p. 49.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 13, 16. 1. 1997, p. 24.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 146, 14. 6. 1979, p. 15.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 62, 4. 3. 1997, p. 39.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 240, 29. 8. 1991, p. 28.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 21, 27. 1. 1996, p. 71.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ No L 44, 17. 2. 1994, p. 31.

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ No L 1, 3. 1. 1996, p. 6.

⁽¹¹⁾ OJ No L 44, 17. 2. 1994, p. 33.

⁽¹²⁾ OJ No L 31, 9. 2. 1996, p. 31.

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Whereas Commission Decision 94/278/EC⁽¹⁾ as last amended by Decision 96/344/EC⁽²⁾ 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⁽³⁾;

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;

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⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Council Directive 95/68/EC⁽⁵⁾, 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.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 120, 11. 5. 1994, p. 44.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 133, 4. 6. 1996, p. 28.

⁽³⁾ See page 32 of this Official Journal.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 85.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 332, 30. 12. 1995, p. 10.

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ANNEX

▼ **M10**

PART I

▼ **M12****Description of regionalised territories as laid down for the countries listed in parts II and III**

Country	Territory		Description of territory
	Code	Version	
Argentina	AR		Whole country
	AR-1	1/2004	The whole country except the Provinces of Chubut, Santa Cruz and Tierra del Fuego
	AR-2	1/2004	The Provinces of Chubut, Santa Cruz and Tierra del Fuego
Bulgaria	BG		Whole country
	BG-1	—	As described in Part I of Annex II to Council Decision 79/542/EEC ⁽¹⁾ (as last amended)
	BG-2	—	As described in Part I of Annex II to Council Decision 79/542/EEC ⁽¹⁾ (as last amended)
Brazil	BR		Whole country
	BR-1	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 94/984/EC ⁽²⁾ (as last amended)
Serbia and Montenegro	CS		Whole country as described in Part I of Annex II to Council Decision 79/542/EEC ⁽¹⁾ (as last amended)
Malaysia	MY		Whole country
	MY-1	95/1	Peninsular (western) Malaysia only

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 146, 14.6.1976, p. 15.⁽²⁾ OJ L 378, 31.12.1994, p. 11.

PART II

Third countries or parts thereof from where meat products are authorised 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 and hares)	Wild game birds	Wild land mammalian game (excluding ungulates, solipeds and leporidae)
AR	Argentina AR	C	C	C	A	A	A	C	C	XXX	A	D	XXX
	Argentina AR-1 (1)	C	C	C	A	A	A	C	C	XXX	A	D	XXX
	Argentina AR-2 (1)	A (2)	A (2)	C	A	A	A	C	C	XXX	A	D	XXX
AU	Australia	A	A	A	A	D	A	A	A	XXX	A	D	A
BG	Bulgaria BG	D	D	D	A	D	A	D	D	XXX	A	D	XXX
	Bulgaria BG-1	A	A	D	A	D	A	A	D	XXX	A	D	XXX
	Bulgaria BG-2	D	D	D	A	D	A	D	D	XXX	A	D	XXX
BH	Bahrain	B	B	B	B	XXX	A	C	C	XXX	A	XXX	XXX
BR	Brazil	C	C	C	A	D	A	C	C	XXX	A	D	XXX
	Brazil BR-1	C	C	C	A	A	A	C	C	XXX	A	A	XXX
BW	Botswana	B	B	B	B	XXX	A	B	B	A	A	XXX	XXX
BY	Belarus	C	C	C	B	XXX	A	C	C	XXX	A	XXX	XXX
CA	Canada	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	XXX	A	A	A
CH	Switzerland	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	D	XXX	A	A	XXX
CL	Chile	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	XXX	A	A	XXX

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 and hares)	Wild game birds	Wild land mammalian game (excluding ungulates, solipeds and leporidae)
CN	People's Republic of China	B	B	B	B	B	A	B	B	XXX	A	B	XXX
CO	Colombia	B	B	B	B	XXX	A	B	B	XXX	A	XXX	XXX
CS	Serbia and Montenegro	A	A	D	A	D	A	D	D	XXX	A	XXX	XXX
ET	Ethiopia	B	B	B	B	XXX	A	B	B	XXX	A	XXX	XXX
GL	Greenland	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	A	XXX	XXX	XXX	A	A	A
HK	Hong Kong	B	B	B	B	D	A	B	B	XXX	A	XXX	XXX
HR	Croatia	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	D	XXX	A	A	XXX
IL	Israel	B	B	B	B	D	A	B	B	XXX	A	D	XXX
IN	India	B	B	B	B	XXX	A	B	B	XXX	A	XXX	XXX
IS	Iceland	B	B	B	A	A	A	B	B	XXX	A	A	XXX
KE	Kenya	B	B	B	B	XXX	A	B	B	XXX	A	XXX	XXX
KR	South Korea	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	D	A	XXX	XXX	XXX	A	D	XXX
MA	Morocco	B	B	B	B	XXX	A	B	B	XXX	A	XXX	XXX
MG	Madagascar	B	B	B	B	D	A	B	B	XXX	A	D	XXX
MK	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ⁽³⁾	A	A	B	A	XXX	A	B	B	XXX	A	XXX	XXX

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MU	Mauritius	B	B	B	B	XXX	A	B	B	XXX	A	XXX	XXX
MX	Mexico	A	D	D	A	D	A	D	D	XXX	A	D	XXX
MY	Malaysia MY	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
	Malaysia MY-1	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	D	A	XXX	XXX	XXX	A	D	XXX
NA	Namibia (1)	B	B	B	B	D	A	B	B	A	A	D	XXX
NZ	New Zealand	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	XXX	A	A	A
PY	Paraguay	C	C	C	B	XXX	A	C	C	XXX	A	XXX	XXX
RO	Romania	A	A	D	A	A	A	A	D	XXX	A	A	A
RU	Russia	C	C	C	B	XXX	A	C	C	XXX	A	XXX	A
SG	Singapore	B	B	B	B	D	A	B	B	XXX	A	XXX	XXX
SZ	Swaziland	B	B	B	B	XXX	A	B	B	A	A	XXX	XXX
TH	Thailand	B	B	B	B	A	A	B	B	XXX	A	D	XXX
TN	Tunisia	C	C	B	B	A	A	B	B	XXX	A	D	XXX
TR	Turkey	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	D	A	XXX	XXX	XXX	A	D	XXX
UA	Ukraine	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	A	XXX	XXX	XXX	A	XXX	XXX
US	United States of America	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	XXX	A	A	XXX

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UY	Uruguay	C	C	B	A	D	A	XXX	XXX	XXX	A	D	XXX
ZA	South Africa (1)	C	C	C	A	D	A	C	C	A	A	D	XXX
ZW	Zimbabwe (1)	C	C	B	A	D	A	B	B	XXX	A	D	XXX

(1) See Part III of the present Annex for minimum treatment requirements applicable to pasteurised meat products and biltong.

(2) For meat products prepared from fresh meat obtained from animals slaughtered after 1 March 2002.

(3) Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: 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.

XXX: Meat products containing meat of these species are not authorised.

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 cloven-hoofed game — excluding swine	Domestic ovine/caprines	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	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	—

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PART IV

Interpretation of codes used in tables in parts II and III*Non-specific treatment regime:*

A = No minimum specified temperature or other treatment is established for animal health purposes for the meat product. However, to qualify as a 'meat product', the meat must have undergone a treatment such that its cut surface shows that it no longer has the characteristics of fresh meat and the fresh meat used must also satisfy the animal health rules applicable to the export of fresh meat to the European Community.

Specific treatment regimes — listed in descending order of severity:

- B = Treatment in a hermetically sealed container to an F_0 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 raw ham, a 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 ensuring that a centre temperature of at least 65 °C is reached for a period of time as necessary to achieve a pasteurisation value (pv) equal to or above 40.