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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 2 July 1999

amending Decision 94/269/EC laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products originating in Colombia

(notified under document number C(1999) 1826)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(1999/486/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/493/EEC of 22 July 1991 laying down the health conditions for the production and the placing on the market of fishery products ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 11 thereof,

(1) Whereas the Article 1 of Commission Decision 94/269/EC of 8 April 1994 laying down special conditions governing import of fishery and aquaculture products origination in Colombia ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Decision 96/31/EC ⁽⁴⁾, which states that the Ministerio de Salud — División de Alimentos shall be the competent authority in Colombia for verifying and certifying compliance of fishery and aquaculture products with the requirements of Directive 91/493/EEC;

(2) Whereas, following a restructuring of the Colombian Movement, the competent authority for health certificates for fishery products has changed from the Ministerio de Salud — División de Alimentos to the Instituto Nacional de Vigilancia de Medicamentos y alimentos (Invima) and this new authority is capable of effectively verifying the application of the laws in force; whereas it is, therefore, necessary to modify the nomination of the competent authority named by Decision 94/269/EC;

(3) Whereas it is convenient to harmonise the wording of Decision 94/269/EC with the wording of the more recently adopted Commission Decisions laying down

special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in certain third countries;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Commission Decision 94/269/EC is amended as follows:

1. Article 1 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 1

The Instituto Nacional de Vigilancia de Medicamentos y Alimentos (Invima) shall be the competent authority in Colombia for verifying and certifying compliance of fishery aquaculture products with the requirements of Directive 91/493/EEC.'

2. Article 2 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 2

Fishery and aquaculture products originating in Colombia must meet the following conditions.

1. Each consignment must be accompanied by a numbered original health certificate, duly completed, signed, dated and comprising a single sheet in accordance with the model in Annex A hereto;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 115, 6.5.1994, p. 38.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 9, 12.1.1996, p. 6.

2. the products must come from approved establishments, factory vessels, cold stores or registered freezer vessels listed in Annex B hereto;

3. except in the case of frozen fishery products in bulk and intended for the manufacture of preserved foods, all packages must bear the word "Colombia" and the approval/registration number of the establishment, factory vessel, cold store or freezer vessel of origin in indelible letters.'

3. Annex A shall be replaced by the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 2 July 1999.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

'ANNEX A

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for fishery and aquaculture products originating in Columbia and intended for export to the European Community, excluding bilvalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods in any form

Reference N°

Country of dispatch Columbia

Competent authority: Instituto Nacional de Vigilancia de Medicamentos y Alimentos (Invima)

I. Details identifying the fishery products

Description of fishery/aquaculture product (1):

— species (scientific name):

— presentation of product and type of treatment (2):

Code number (where available):.....

Type of packaging:

Number of packages:

Net weight:

Requisite storage and transport temperature:

II. Origin of products

Name(s) and official approval number(s) of establishment(s) approved by the Ministry of Health for exports to the Community:

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III. Destination of products

The products are dispatched

from:

(place of dispatch)

to:

(country and place of destination)

by the following means of transport:.....

Name and address of dispatcher:.....

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Name of consignee and address at place of destination:

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(1) Delete where applicable.

(2) Live, refrigerated, frozen, salted, smoked, preserved, etc.

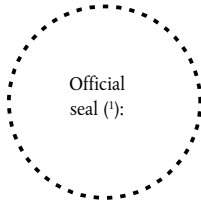
IV. Health attestation

The official inspector hereby certifies that the fishery or aquaculture products specified above:

- 1) were caught, and handled on board vessels in accordance with the health rules laid down by Directive 92/48/EEC;
- 2) were landed, handled and where appropriate packaged, prepared, processed, frozen, thawed and stored hygienically in compliance with the requirements laid down in Chapters II, III and IV of the Annex to Directive 91/493/EEC;
- 3) have undergone health controls in accordance with Chapter V of the Annex to Directive 91/493/EEC;
- 4) are packaged, marked, stored and transported in accordance with Chapters VI, VII and VIII of the Annex to Directive 91/493/EEC;
- 5) do not come from toxic species or species containing biotoxins;
- 6) have satisfactorily undergone the organoleptic, parasitological, chemical and microbiological checks laid down for certain categories of fishery products by Directive 91/493/EEC and in the implementing decisions thereto.

The undersigned official inspector hereby declares that he is aware of the provisions of Directive 91/493/EEC, Directive 92/48/EEC and Decision 99/269/EC.

Done at , on
(Place) (Date)



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Signature of official inspector (!)

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(Name in capital letters, capacity and qualifications of person signing)

(!) The colour of the stamp and signature must be different from that of the other particulars in the certificate.