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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 October 2000

laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products originating in Venezuela

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/672/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,

Whereas:

- (1) A Commission expert has conducted an inspection visit to Venezuela to verify the conditions under which fishery products are produced, stored and dispatched to the Community.
- (2) The provisions of legislation of the Venezuela on health inspection and monitoring of fishery products may be considered equivalent to those laid down in Directive 91/493/EEC.
- (3) In Venezuela the Servicio Autónomo de Recursos Pesqueros (SARPA) of the Ministerio de Agricultura y Cría is capable of effectively verifying the application of the laws in force.
- (4) The procedure for obtaining the health certificate referred to in Article 11(4)(a) of Directive 91/493/EEC must also cover the definition of a model certificate, the minimum requirements regarding the language(s) in which it must be drafted and the grade of the person empowered to sign it.
- (5) Pursuant to Article 11(4)(b) of Directive 91/493/EEC, a mark should be affixed to packages of fishery products giving the name of the third country and the approval/

registration number of the establishment, factory vessel, cold store or freezer vessel of origin.

- (6) Pursuant to Article 11(4)(c) of Directive 91/493/EEC a list of approved establishments, factory vessels, or cold stores must be drawn up, and a list of freezer vessels equipped in accordance with points 1 to 7 of Annex II to the Directive 92/48/EEC ⁽³⁾ must be also drawn up. These lists must be drawn up on the basis of a communication from the SARPA to the Commission. It is therefore for the SARPA to ensure compliance with the provisions laid down to that end in Article 11(4) of Directive 91/493/EEC.
- (7) The SARPA has provided official assurances regarding compliance with the rules set out in Chapter V of the Annex to Directive 91/493/EEC and regarding the fulfilment of requirements equivalent to those laid down by that Directive.
- (8) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Servicio Autónomo de Recursos Pesqueros (SARPA) of the Ministerio de Agricultura y Cría shall be the competent authority in Venezuela for verifying and certifying compliance of fishery and aquaculture products with the requirements of Directive 91/493/EEC.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 187, 7.7.1992, p. 41.

Article 2

Fishery and aquaculture products originating in Venezuela 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;
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 'VENEZUELA' and the approval/registration number of the establishment, factory vessel, cold store or freezer vessel of origin in indelible letters.

Article 3

1. Certificates as referred to in Article 2(1) must be drawn up in at least one official language of the Member State where the checks are carried out.

2. Certificates must bear the name, capacity and signature of the representative of the SARPA and the latter's official stamp in a colour different from that of other endorsements.

Article 4

This Decision shall come into effect after 60 days of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 October 2000.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

ANNEX A

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for fishery and aquaculture products originating in VENEZUELA and intended for export to the European Community, excluding bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods in whatever form

Reference No:

Country of dispatch: VENEZUELA

Competent authority: General Veterinary Inspectorate (GVI)

I. Details identifying the fishery products

- Description of fishery/aquaculture products ⁽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/registration number(s) of establishment(s), factory vessel(s), or cold store(s) approved or freezer vessel(s) registered by the SARPA for export to the EC:
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III. Destination of products

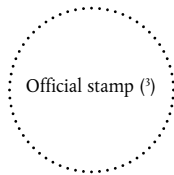
The products are dispatched from:
(place of dispatch)
to:
(country and place of destination)
by the following means of transport:
Name and address of dispatcher:
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Name of consignee and address at place of destination:
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⁽¹⁾ 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 2000/672/EC.

Done at, on
(Place) (Date)



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Signature of official inspector (³)
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(Name in capital letters, capacity and qualifications of person signing)

(³) The colour of the stamp and signature must be different from that of the other particulars in the certificate.

ANNEX B

LIST OF ESTABLISHMENTS AND VESSELS

Approval No	Name	City Region	Category
ES-029	Alimentos Margarita CA	Mariguaitar Sucre	PP
SPES-010	Langostinos del Caribe CA	Punto Fijo Falcón	PP
SPES-012	Gusteca CA	Las Piedras Falcón	PP
SPES-013	De La Mar CA	Cumaná Sucre	PP
SPES-026	CA Industrial de Pesca 'CAIP'	Cumaná Sucre	PP
SPES-087	Avencatun Industrial SA 'Avecaisa'	Cumaná Sucre	PP
SPES-099	Procam SA	Barcelona Anzoategui	PP
SPES-126	Golfo Mar Export CA	Punto Fijo Falcón	PP
SPES-140	CA Procesadora 'Propesca'	Maracaibo Zulia	PP
SPES-143	Procesadora Peninsula SA 'Propensa'	Punto Fijo Falcón	PP
SPES-206	Stefan Mar CA	Punto Fijo Falcón	PP
SPES-407	Flota Industrial Pesca Atunera Caribe 'Fipaca'	Cumaná Sucre	PP
SPES-434	Landemar Export CA	Punto Fijo Falcón	PP
SPES-558	Caribmar CA	Carupano Sucre	PP
SPES-566	Exportadora Productos del Mar CA 'Expomarca'	Punto Fijo Falcón	PP
SPES-579	Naviera Industrial SA 'Navisa'	Cumaná Sucre	PP
SPES-580	Pesquera Costa de la Luz 'Pescoluz'	Cumaná Sucre	PP
SPES-602	Ingopesca	Punto Fijo Falcón	PP
SPES-626	Ocean Shrimp CA	Punto Fijo Falcón	PP
SPES-628	Industria Pesquera Oripesca CA	Cabruta Guarico	PP

Approval No	Name	City Region	Category
SPES-706	Fresco Mar CA	Península de Macanao Nueva Esparta	PP
SPES-751	Pescandina Ema SA	Caracas Sucre	PP
SPES-839	Carmela (Avencatun)	Las Piedras Falcón	FV
SPES-840	Judibana (Formar SA)	Las Piedras Falcón	FV
SPES-843	Carirubana (Orivensa SA)	Las Piedras Falcón	FV
SPES-844	Conquista (Reparaciones Marinas Atuneras 'Rematun' CA)	Las Piedras Falcón	FV
SPES-845	Cayude (Atuneros de Paraguana 'Aparsa')	Las Piedras Falcón	FV
SPES-846	Calypso (Atumar SA)	Las Piedras Falcón	FV
SPES-847	Falcon (Panamericana SA)	Las Piedras Falcón	FV
SPES-873	Caroni (Pesquera Catatumbo CA)	Cumaná Sucre	FV
SPES-910	Pesquera Catatumbo CA	Cumaná Sucre	PP
SPES-875	Amazonas (Pesquera Amazonas CA)	Cumaná Sucre	FV
SPES-876	Ventuari (Pesquera Ventuari CA)	Cumaná Sucre	FV

PP: Processing plant.

FV: Factory vessel.