

COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 October 2000

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

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/673/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 the Directive 97/79/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 11 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) A Commission expert has conducted an inspection visit to Namibia to verify the conditions under which fishery products are produced, stored and dispatched to the Community.
- (2) The provisions of legislation of Namibia on health inspection and monitoring of fishery products may be considered equivalent to those laid down in Directive 91/493/EEC.
- (3) In Namibia the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) is capable of effectively verifying the application of the laws in force.
- (4) By an Agreement between the Republic of Namibia and the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS), the SABS is appointed as technical body and the MTI has, under its final responsibility, transferred to the SABS the inspection and monitoring of the establishments and vessels and the issuance of the health certificates.
- (5) 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.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 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 MTI to the Commission. It is therefore for the MTI to ensure compliance with the provisions laid down to that end in Article 11(4) of Directive 91/493/EEC.

- (8) The MTI 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.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) shall be the competent authority in Namibia for verifying the compliance of fishery and aquaculture products with the requirements of Directive 91/493/EEC.

2. The South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) shall be the technical body, empowered by the MTI, for inspection and certification of the compliance of fishery and aquaculture products with the requirements of Directive 91/493/EEC.

Article 2

Fishery and aquaculture products originating in Namibia 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;

⁽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.

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 'NAMIBIA' 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 SABS 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 NAMIBIA and intended for export to the European Community, excluding bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods in whatever form

Reference No:

Country of dispatch: NAMIBIA
Competent authority: Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI)
Inspection and certification authority: South African Bureau of Standards (SABS)

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 MTI for export to the EC:

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:
Name of consignee and address at place of destination:

(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 2000/673/EC.

Done at, on
(Place) (Date)



.....
Signature of official inspector (3)

.....
(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
02	Pomona Fishing (Pty) Ltd	Luderitz	PP
0D	Lalandii (Pty) Ltd (Fish Products)	Luderitz	PP
0W	Veritable (Novanam Limited)	Luderitz	ZV
0Y	Spencer Bay (Namibia Seafood Industries)	Luderitz	ZV
0Z	Letitia (Benguella Sea Products)	Walvis Bay	FV
1B	Supapackers CC	Walvis Bay	PP
1C	Walvis Bay Cold Storage	Walvis Bay	PP
1D	Etale Fishing Company (Pty) Ltd	Walvis Bay	PP
1F	Atlantic Seafood Processors (Pty) Ltd	Walvis Bay	PP
1R	Lorraine (Benguella Sea Products)	Walvis Bay	FV
1U	Rosendo Da Vila (Cadilu Fishing)	Walvis Bay	FV
1V	Ribadavia (Skeleton Coast Trawling)	Luderitz	FV
1W	Arthur M (Cato Fishing Company)	Walvis Bay	FV
1X	Bordeaux II (Namibia Marine Products)	Walvis Bay	ZV
1Z	Adagio (Freddie Fish Processors)	Walvis Bay	FV
2D	Hangana Seafood (Pty) Ltd (trading as Kuiseb Fish Products)	Walvis Bay	PP
2E	Seaflower (trading as Seaflower Whitefish Corporation and Seaflower Lobster Corporation)	Luderitz	PP
2T	Toralla (Oryx Fisheries)	Walvis Bay	FV
2U	Vieirasa Tres (Cadilu Fishing)	Walvis Bay	FV
2V	Ribadeo (Skeleton Coast Trawling)	Luderitz	FV
2W	Sylvie (Sylvie Fishing Joint Venture)	Walvis Bay	FV
2Y	Intersea 21 (Agatha Bay Fishing)	Walvis Bay	ZV
2Z	Adante (Freddie Fish Processors)	Walvis Bay	FV
3T	Blue Sea I (Blue Sea Fishing Company)	Walvis Bay	FV
3U	Katima (Karibib Fisheries)	Walvis Bay	FV
3V	Southern Fisher (Cato Fishing (Pty) Ltd)	Walvis Bay	ZV
3W	South West Eagle (Gendev of Namibia Ltd)	Walvis Bay	ZV
3X	Christine (Sea Flower Lobster Corporation)	Luderitz	ZV

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3Y	Intersea 22 (Agatha Bay Fishing)	Walvis Bay	ZV
3Z	Hesko (African American Trading)	Walvis Bay	ZV
4D	Karibib Fisheries Ltd	Walvis Bay	PP
4E	Benguella Sea Products (Pty) Ltd	Walvis Bay	PP
4R	B.R. Banks (Benguella Sea Products)	Walvis Bay	FV
4S	Frans Aupa Indongo (Cato Fishing Company)	Walvis Bay	FV
4T	Maris Stella (Consortium Evisa Fisheries)	Walvis Bay	FV
4U	Oshakati (Karibib Fisheries)	Walvis Bay	FV
4V	Allegro (Freddie Fish Processors)	Walvis Bay	FV
4W	Fragana (Fragana Fishing)	Luderitz	FV
4X	Eleonore (Namibia Marine Products)	Walvis Bay	ZV
4Y	Friendship (Kalunga Agency CC)	Walvis Bay	FV
4Z	Hope (Kalunga Agency CC)	Walvis Bay	FV
5D	Gendev of Namibia Ltd	Walvis Bay	PP
5E	Luderitz Bay Fish Processors	Luderitz	PP
5R	Puerto de la Luz (Benguella Sea Products)	Walvis Bay	FV
5S	Boston Jaguar (Cato Fishing Company)	Walvis Bay	FV
5T	Gamsberg II (Freddie Fish Processors)	Walvis Bay	FV
5U	Brandaris (Smokeries Fishing (Pty) Ltd)	Luderitz	ZV
5V	Oupa Frank (Freddie Fish Processors)	Walvis Bay	FV
5W	Conbaroya A Cuarto (Oya Namibia Group)	Walvis Bay	FV
5X	Whitby (Gendor Fishing (Deep Ocean Processors))	Walvis Bay	FV
5Y	Emanguluko (Glomar Fisheries)	Walvis Bay	ZV
5Z	Vezilifa (Northern Boulonneis)	Walvis Bay	FV
6D	Hangana Seafood (Pty) Ltd (trading as Foodcon)	Walvis Bay	PP
6E	Novanam Limited (also trading as 'Skeleton Coast Trawling' and Pescanova)	Luderitz	PP
6R	Benguella King (Benguella Sea Products)	Walvis Bay	FV
6U	Lucas (Mark 21)	Walvis Bay	FV
6V	Seaflower (Seaflower White Fish Corporation)	Luderitz	FV
6Y	Aldubaran (Hangana Seafood)	Walvis Bay	ZV
6Z	Sunfish (Namsov Fishing Enterprises)	Walvis Bay	FV
7D	Freddie Fish Processors (Pty) Ltd	Walvis Bay	PP

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7E	Marco Fishing (Pty) Ltd	Luderitz	PP
7R	Benguella Triumph (Benguella Sea Products)	Walvis Bay	FV
7S	Esra Cruz (Namcoast)	Walvis Bay	FV
7V	Helgoland (Helgoland Fishing)	Walvis Bay	FV
7Z	Sumner I (Epata Fishing (Pty) Ltd)	Walvis Bay	FV
8D	Corvima Investments (Pty) Ltd	Walvis Bay	PP
8E	Deep Ocean Processors (Pty) Ltd (also trading as Gendor Fishing)	Walvis Bay	PP
8R	Echalar (Overberg Fishing Company)	Walvis Bay	FV
8S	Oupa Jan (Freddie Fish Processors)	Walvis Bay	FV
8U	Atlantic Fisherman (Belinda Fishing)	Walvis Bay	FV
8V	Mar del Cabo (Oya Namibia)	Luderitz	FV
8W	Dolphin Bay (Namibia Seafood Industries)	Luderitz	ZV
8X	Conbaroya Tercero (Paresis Trawling)	Luderitz	FV
8Z	Rolmar (Epata Fishing (Pty) Ltd)	Walvis Bay	FV
9D	Cadilu Fishing (Pty) Ltd	Walvis Bay	PP
9E	Coastal Marine Industries (Pty) Ltd	Luderitz	PP
9R	Campa del Infanzon (Overberg Fishing Company)	Walvis Bay	FV
9S	Aquilla (Marine Corporation of Namibia)	Luderitz	ZV
9T	Overberg (Overberg Fishing Company)	Walvis Bay	FV
9V	Puente de San Telmo (Hispano-Ceibe Fishing)	Luderitz	FV
9Y	Hurinus (Atlantic Sea Products)	Walvis Bay	ZV
9Z	Chang Xing (Seikonawa Investments)	Walvis Bay	FV
E	Etosha Fisheries Holding Co. (Pty) Ltd	Walvis Bay	PP
R3	Southern Aquarius (Gendor Fishing (Pty) Ltd)	Walvis Bay	ZV
T	Namib Fisheries Limited	Walvis Bay	PP
U	United Fishing Enterprises (Pty) Ltd	Walvis Bay	PP

PP: Processing plant.

FV: Factory vessel.

ZV: Freezer vessel.