

COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 October 2000

laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products originating in the Islamic Republic of Iran

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/675/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 the Islamic Republic of Iran to verify the conditions under which fishery products are produced, stored and dispatched to the Community.
- (2) The provisions of legislation of the Islamic Republic of Iran on health inspection and monitoring of fishery products may be considered equivalent to those laid down in Directive 91/493/EEC.
- (3) In the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Iran Veterinary Organisation (IVO) of the Ministry of Jihad-e-Sazandegi 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 the points 1 to 7 of the Annex II to Directive 92/48/EEC ⁽³⁾ must be also drawn up. These lists must be drawn up on the basis of a communication from the IVO to the Commission. It is therefore for the IVO to ensure compliance with the

provisions laid down to that end in Article 11(4) of Directive 91/493/EEC.

- (7) The IVO 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 Iran Veterinary Organisation (IVO) of the Ministry of Jihad-e-Sazandegi shall be the competent authority in the Islamic Republic of Iran for verifying and certifying compliance of fishery and aquaculture products with the requirements of Directive 91/493/EEC.

Article 2

Fishery and aquaculture products originating in the Islamic Republic of Iran 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 'IRAN' 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.

⁽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.

2. Certificates must bear the name, capacity and signature of the representative of the IVO 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 the Islamic Republic of Iran and intended for export to the European Community, excluding bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods in whatever form

Reference No:

Country of dispatch: ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

Competent authority: Iran Veterinary Organisation (IVO) of the Ministry of Jihad-e-Sazandegi

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 IVO 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:

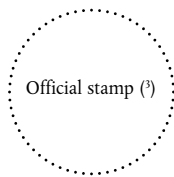
⁽¹⁾ Delete where applicable.
⁽²⁾ Live, refrigerated, frozen, salted, smoked, preserved, etc.

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 2000/675/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 APPROVED ESTABLISHMENTS AND VESSELS

Approval No	Name	City Region	Category
600	Ashoradeh Cold Store	Golestan	PP
601	Central Cold Store of Shilat Trade Co.	Tehran	PP
602	Anzali Sturgeon Store	Gilan	PP
603	Babolsar Cold Store	Mazandaran	PP
604	Chonchenan Sturgeon Processing Centre	Gilan	PP
605	Nashtarod Sturgeon Processing Centre	Mazandaran	PP
606	Hoseinbad Sturgeon Processing Centre	Mazandaran	PP
607	Izadeh Sturgeon Processing Centre	Mazandaran	PP
608	Shafarod Sturgeon Processing Centre	Gilan	PP
609	Bandar Turkman Processing Centre	Golestan	PP
610	Mirod Sturgeon Processing Centre	Mazandaran	PP
700	Mah Protein	Bushehr	PP
701	Abdasht-e-Shargh	Hormozgan	PP
703	Bushehr Marine Production (Afarid)	Bushehr	PP
704	Persian Gulf Food Industry	Hormozgan	PP
705	Chancho	Gilan	PP
706	Jahan Shill (Colahi 500t Complex)	Hormozgan	PP
709	Morvarid Sayd	Bushehr	PP
711	Mostaan	Hormozgan	PP
713	Choghadak 4000t Complex	Bushehr	PP
714	Abzyan-e-mahtab	Bushehr	PP
717	Ghasemi Cold Store	Bushehr	PP
718	Djavan Food Industrial Co. (Crayfish Processing and Packaging)	Tehran	PP
720	Shaloo	Bushehr	PP
721	Pavereh	Bushehr	PP
722	Kesht-o-sanat Bushehr	Bushehr	PP
723	Tabrid Mohaseb	Khozestan	PP
725	Fillet & Steak of Hormozgan	Hormozgan	PP

Approval No	Name	City Region	Category
Q-732	Abdasht e Shargh Co. (Fish and Shrimp Processing and Packaging)	Tehran	PP
800	Ferdos 1	Hormozgan	ZV
801	Ferdos 2	Hormozgan	ZV
802	Ferdos 3	Hormozgan	ZV
803	Kasra	Hormozgan	ZV
809	Kavian	Hormozgan	ZV
810	Afson	Hormozgan	ZV

PP: Processing plant.

ZV: Freezer vessel.