

**COMMISSION DECISION****of 18 August 2003****laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from Slovakia***(notified under document number C(2003) 2975)***(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2003/607/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 <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 11 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Slovakia is an acceding State to the Community. An inspection has been carried out in this country on behalf of the Commission to verify the conditions under which fishery products are produced, stored, marketed and dispatched to the Community.
- (2) The requirements of Directive 91/493/EC have been transposed into the legislation of Slovakia.
- (3) In particular, the 'State Veterinary and Food Administration (SVFA)' is capable of effectively verifying the implementation of the legislation in force.
- (4) The SVFA has provided official assurances regarding compliance with the standards for health controls and monitoring of live freshwater finfish, from aquaculture, intended for direct human consumption, as set out in Chapter V of the Annex to Directive 91/493/EEC and regarding the fulfilment of hygienic requirements equivalent to those laid down by that Directive.
- (5) It is appropriate to lay down detailed provisions concerning fishery products imported into the Community from Slovakia, in accordance with Directive 91/493/EEC. These provisions should include that only live freshwater finfish from aquaculture intended for direct human consumption may be authorised for imports into the Community.
- (6) It is also necessary to draw up a list of approved establishments. This list should be drawn up on the basis of a communication from the SVFA to the Commission.
- (7) It is appropriate for the present Decision to be applied three days after its publication providing for the necessary transitional period.

- (8) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The 'State Veterinary and Food Administration (SVFA)' assisted by the 'District Veterinary and Food Administration (DVFA)' shall be the competent authority in Slovakia identified for the purposes of verifying and certifying compliance of fishery products with the requirements of Directive 91/493/EEC.

*Article 2*

Fishery products imported into the Community from Slovakia shall meet the requirements set out in Articles 3, 4 and 5.

*Article 3*

1. Fishery products shall be live fish produced by freshwater aquaculture, intended for direct human consumption and belonging to one of the following species:

- (a) Carp (*Cyprinus carpio*);
- (b) Grass carp (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*);
- (c) Silver carp (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*);
- (d) Pike (*Esox lucius*);
- (e) Catfish (*Silurus glanis*);
- (f) Zander or European pikeperch (*Stizostedion lucioperca*);
- (g) Trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*, *Salmo trutta*);
- (h) Grayling (*Thymallus thymallus*);
- (i) Brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*).

2. Each consignment shall be accompanied by a numbered original health certificate in accordance with the model in Annex I and comprising a single sheet, duly completed, signed and dated.

3. The certificate shall be drawn up in at least one official language of the Member State where the checks are carried out.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 15.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1.

4. The certificate shall bear the name, capacity, and signature of the representative of the SVFA, and the latter's official stamp in a colour different from that of the endorsements.

*Article 4*

The fishery products shall come from approved establishments listed in Annex II.

*Article 5*

All packages shall bear the words 'SLOVAKIA' and the approval/registration number of the establishment of origin in indelible letters.

*Article 6*

This Decision shall apply from 23 August 2003.

*Article 7*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 18 August 2003.

*For the Commission*

David BYRNE

*Member of the Commission*

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ANNEX I

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

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

Reference No: .....

Country of dispatch: SLOVAKIA
Competent authority: 'State Veterinary and Food Administration (SVFA)'
Inspection Service: 'District Veterinary and Food Administration (DVFA)'

I. Details identifying the fishery products

- Description of aquaculture products: .....
- Species (scientific name): .....
- Presentation of live product: .....
- 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 the establishment(s) approved by the SVFA for export to the EC:
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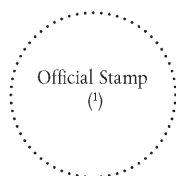
III. Destination of products

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: .....
Name of consignee and address at place of destination: .....

IV. *Health attestation*

- The official inspector hereby certifies that the fishery products specified above:
1. were produced, handled and where appropriate packaged and stored hygienically in compliance with the requirements laid down in Chapters II, III and IV of the Annex to Directive 91/493/EEC;
  2. have undergone health controls in accordance with Chapter V of the Annex to Directive 91/493/EEC;
  3. are packaged, marked, stored and transported in accordance with Chapters VI, VII and VIII of the Annex to Directive 91/493/EEC;
  4. do not come from toxic species or species containing biotoxins;
  5. 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 and Decision 2003/607/EC <sup>(1)</sup>.

Done at ..... , on .....  
(Place) (Date)



Signature of official inspector <sup>(1)</sup>  
(Name in capital letters, capacity and qualifications of person signing)

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<sup>(1)</sup> The colour of the stamp and signature must be different from that of the other particulars in the certificate.

## ANNEX II

## LIST OF ESTABLISHMENTS

Approval No	Name	City Region	Category
SK 9-1	ESOX	Jovsa — District Michalovce — Region Kosicky	PP
SK 9-2	ESOX	Hrhov — District Roznava — Region Kosicky	PP
SK 9-3	SLOVRYB as	Ruzomberok — District Liptovsky Mikulas — Region Zilinsky	PP

PP: Processing Plant