

COMMISSION DECISION
of 11 January 2002
laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products originating in the Republic of Croatia

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2002/25/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(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) An inspection has been carried out on behalf of the Commission in the Republic of Croatia to verify the conditions under which fishery products are produced, stored and dispatched to the Community.
- (2) The provisions of Croatian legislation on health inspection and monitoring of fishery products may be considered equivalent to those laid down in Directive 91/493/EEC.
- (3) In particular the Veterinary Directorate (VD) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry is capable of effectively verifying the application of the laws in force.
- (4) It is appropriate to lay down detailed rules concerning the health certificate which must, under Directive 91/493/EEC, accompany consignments of fishery products imported into the Community from Croatia. In particular these rules must specify the definition of a model certificate, the minimum requirements regarding the language or languages in which it must be drafted and the status of the person empowered to sign it.
- (5) The mark which must be affixed to packages of fishery products should give the name of the third country and the approval/registration number of the establishment, factory vessel, cold store or freezer vessel of origin, except for certain frozen products.
- (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 Annex II to Council Directive 92/48/EEC ⁽³⁾ must also be drawn up. These lists must be drawn up on the basis of a communication from the VD to the Commission. It is

therefore for the VD to ensure compliance with the provisions laid down to that end in Directive 91/493/EEC.

- (7) The VD 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 hygienic 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 Veterinary Directorate of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry shall be the competent authority in Croatia 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 Croatia 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 or cold stores, or from 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 'CROATIA' 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 VD and the latter's official stamp in a colour different from that of other endorsements.

Article 4

This Decision shall apply from the 60th day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 11 January 2002.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

ANNEX B

LIST OF ESTABLISHMENTS AND VESSELS

Approval No	Name	City Region	Approval limit	Category
3	Marinada, Ltd	SLATINA		PP
6	Mardesic, Ltd	SALI		PP
9	Graso Ltd	PULA		PP
13	Adria, Ltd	ZADAR		PP
14	Marituna Ltd	ZADAR		PP
16	Cenmar, Ltd	ZADAR		PP
17	S.M.S., Ltd	SPLIT		PP
24	Intercommerce, Ltd	UMAG		PP
28	Marikultura Porto Budava, Ltd	PULA		PP
31	Marimirna, Ltd	ROVINJ		PP
32	Adria-Simuni, Ltd	RIJEKA		PP
42	F.M.R., Ltd	ZADAR		PP
47	Sinje More, Ltd	TRIBUNJ		PP
53	SIC Ltd	POREC		PP
58	Lubin, Ltd	ZAGREB		PP
62	Adria Octopus, Ltd	BIOGRAD		PP
86	Stefanutti, Ltd	PAZIN		PP
87	EL.NI.RO., Ltd	ROVINJ		PP
92	Ugor, Ltd	RIJEKA		PP
101	S.T.I. Zeba, Ltd	UMAG		PP
102	Sangulin, Ltd	BIOGRAD		PP
107	Pinazela Ltd	SPLIT		PP
129	Slamka, Ltd	ZADAR		PP
130	San Zak, Ltd	SVETI FILIP JAKOV		PP
133	Conex, Ltd	SOLIN		PP
134	Palinurus, Ltd	SPLIT		PP
136	Marikomerc, Ltd	ZADAR		PP
140	Azzurra, Ltd	ROVINJ		PP
170	Sardina, Ltd	POSTIRE		PP
172	Neptun, Ltd	KOMIZA		PP

Approval No	Name	City Region	Approval limit	Category
178	Jadranka, Ltd	VELA LUKA		PP
187	Mirna, Ltd	ROVINJ		PP
210	Interfish, Ltd	MEDULIN		PP
401	Marina Vinici, Ltd	MURTER		PP
402	Medikomerc, Ltd	POREC		PP
432	Felicita, Ltd	ZAKLOPATICA		PP
453	Z, Ltd	HVAR		PP
500	Tonia, Ltd	POREC		PP
550	Peter Pan Tours, Ltd	VOLOSKO		PP
561	Bingo Trade Ltd	OSIJEK		PP
677	Irida, Ltd	DARUVAR		PP
757	Ittimurter, Ltd	MURTER		PP
758	Kali Tuna, Ltd	ZADAR		PP
766	Ancora Commerce, Ltd	SPLIT		PP
806	S.I.C., Ltd	VABRIGA		PP
824	Krajani Ltd	MALINSKA		PP
903	RO-Trade, Ltd	KRK		PP
1168	Branko I Edi Ltd	MURTER		PP
1176	Palma Ltd	VELI LOSINJ		PP
1200	T.O. Rak	VISKOVO		PP
1255	Pape & Sons Ltd	BENKOVAC		PP
1274	Badioli-Maksan Ltd	PAKOSTANE		PP
1335	Ribarska zadruga Komiza	KOMIZA		PP
1402	Zabika Ltd	NOVI VINODOLSKI		PP
B 001	Marinero I (Meduza d.o.o.)	SPLIT		ZV
B 002	Marinero II (Prosperity d.o.o.)	SPLIT		ZV
B 003	Nikolas (Frank & sons d.o.o.)	SIBENIK		ZV

Legend:

PP: Processing plant.

ZV: Freezer vessel.