

**Ministerial Decision No. (325) for the year 2011 on the amendment of the Ministerial Decree No. (292) for the year 2011 regarding the prohibition and regulating the import of vegetables from some of the European Union Countries**

**Minister of Environment and Water,**

**Pursuant to the Federal Law No. (1) for the year 1972 on the functions of the ministries and the powers of the ministers and the laws issued In amendment thereto,**

**And the Federal Law No. (5) for the year 1979 on the agricultural quarantine and the laws issued in amendment thereto,**

**And the Ministerial Decision No. (248) for the year 2003 on the Executive By-law of the agricultural quarantine law (system) in the GCC countries,**

**And the Cabinet Resolution No. (21) for the year 2009 on the Organizational Structure of the Ministry of Environment and Water and the laws issued In amendment thereto,**

**And the Ministerial Decision No. (292) for the year 2011.**

**And in accordance with the information provided by the international food safety agencies and the news and news reported by news agencies on the contamination of vegetables in some countries in the European Union with (E.coli), and within the frame work of the ministry concern to achieve its strategic goals regarding its contribution in food security and food safety,**

**And based on the requirements of the general interest,**

**Has decided the following:**

**Article (1)**

It shall be required to bring a health certificate when importing vegetables from the following countries: The Kingdom of Spain, Federal Republic of Germany, The Kingdom of Denmark and The Kingdom of Netherland, stating that they are free of pathogenic bacteria (E.coli).

**Article (2)**

Imported consignments of vegetables and fruits shall be submitted to subject to examinations and tests that confirm its safety for human consumption.

**Article (3)**

**The concerned Departments of the ministry shall coordinate with the relevant authorities in the country to implement this decision.**

**Article (4)**

**All the concerned authorities of the UAE shall implement this decision each upon his jurisdiction, and it shall take effect from the date of its issuance.**

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**Minister of Environment and Water**