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**General guidance for third country authorities on  
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live animals and animal products into  
the European Union**

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

Detailed EU legislation in the veterinary field lays down the conditions that Member States must apply to the imports of live animals and products of animal origin from third countries. The main relevant legislation is listed in Annex I.

This legislation imposes a series of health and supervisory requirements, designed to ensure that imported animals and products meet standards at least equivalent to those required for production in, and trade between, Member States. In a few areas, where no harmonising legislation exists, as indicated in the annexes to these guidance notes, third countries should take contact with Member State authorities to obtain information on national import conditions.

This document provides guidance to the national authorities in third countries who are interested in exporting live mammals and birds and/or their products to the European Union. Interested parties should always take contact with the European Commission (contact point at start of document) to check whether there have been any changes to the procedures described in this document, and for more detailed guidance in respect of particular production sectors.

These guidelines provide an initial description of the general principles governing these imports, followed by more detailed information in respect of the main issues that will need to be addressed. Please note that different rules may apply to imports from third countries with which “veterinary” agreements exist. These national authorities should contact the European Commission to discuss their particular situation.

It should also be noted that, in view of the very wide range of products covered by these guidelines, some elements will not apply to all imports. In cases of doubt, clarification should be sought from the contact point given at the start of the document.

## **2. GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

Approvals may cover either all, or part, of a third country, reflecting the animal health situation and the nature of the animals/products for which approval is sought.

A more detailed description of the sequence of events to be followed where a third country seeks approval is given in Section 8. In most cases, an on-the-spot inspection by the Commission’s services (Food and Veterinary Office – FVO) is required before approval can be considered. This is designed to evaluate whether the animal health situation, the official services, the legal provisions, the control systems and production standards meet EU requirements.

For most commodities, the national authorities must be able to demonstrate that the following fundamental principles are satisfied, before approval can be considered:

- (1) the animal health situation satisfies EU requirements for imports of the animals/products in question;
- (2) they can provide rapid, regular, information on the existence of certain infectious or contagious animal diseases on their territory, in particular those diseases mentioned in lists A and B of the International Office of Epizootic Diseases;
- (3) there is effective legislation on the use of substances, in particular concerning the prohibition or authorisation of substances, their distribution, release onto the market and their rules covering administration and inspection;

- (4) there is an acceptable programme to monitor for the presence of certain substances and the residues thereof in the live animals and animal products for which export approval is sought;
- (5) their veterinary services are capable of enforcing the necessary health controls;
- (6) there are effective measures to prevent and control certain infectious or contagious animal diseases.

In addition, for animal products intended for human consumption, the national authorities must guarantee that the processing establishments proposed for approval satisfy EU requirements.

For most commodities, where a request for approval is received by the Commission, a preliminary questionnaire, relating to the animals/products in question, will be sent to the national authorities. This is designed to assess whether the requirements outlined in this document can be satisfied, and to gather information prior to a possible on-the-spot inspection by the Food and Veterinary Office.

Where the information provided by the national authorities is considered satisfactory, and the FVO's inspection leads to a favourable recommendation, the Commission will adopt the necessary legislation to grant approval for imports after receiving a favourable opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health (comprising representatives of the Member States).

### **3. ANIMAL HEALTH SITUATION**

The third country should be a member of the Office International des Epizooties (OIE), and have systems in place for the rapid detection, reporting and confirmation of List A OIE diseases. It will have to give a formal undertaking to notify the European Commission of outbreaks of these diseases within 48 hours of confirmation.

The third country must either have its own laboratory facilities that will allow this detection and confirmation to take place, or have agreements in place with suitable laboratories in other countries.

The extent to which the animal disease situation will affect whether approval can be considered, or what conditions are linked to the approval, varies according to the type of animal or product concerned. For example, imports of live domestic biungulate animals have not been authorised from countries which vaccinate against foot and mouth disease (FMD), or where the disease is present. On the other hand, for fully treated milk and meat products, this would not cause a problem. Further details are given in the Annexes dealing with specific imports.

Animal disease control systems, whose operation and outcome must be recorded and demonstrable, must be in place. These would, for example, have to include the registration of holdings, animal identification and movement controls, so that compliance with EU health certification requirements can be confirmed.

Contingency plans for the control and/or eradication of OIE list A disease outbreaks should be in place and operational (the nature and extent of these plans will depend upon the nature of the animals or products for which approval is sought).

For live animal imports, a range of supplementary disease control/eradication programmes, as well as testing to demonstrate freedom from certain diseases, and reflecting the type of animals concerned, will have to be in place. Further details may be seen in the relevant annexes to this document.

It should also be noted that for some animal products, additional animal health controls may be required. For example, meat from countries where FMD vaccination is practised may have to undergo additional maturation procedures (including de-boning) to ensure virus destruction, whilst minimum treatment requirements are established for meat products to reflect the animal disease situation in the country concerned.

The third country's import policy, including controls, and the animal health situation in neighbouring countries, will be taken into account.

NB. Before a request to allow imports into the EU can be accepted, the animal health situation for the animals/products concerned must have been assessed as acceptable.

Details of animal health import requirements for existing countries and animals/products can be found in the certification attached to the relevant EU legislation in the Annex to this note.

#### **4. RESIDUE CONTROLS**

The EU has detailed legislative controls in place over the use of, and monitoring for, a wide range of veterinary drugs and other substances in all classes of animals and products intended for human consumption. Legal controls over prohibited substances in respect of the animals and products intended for export must be in place in the third country.

It is a fundamental requirement for all third countries wishing to export to the EU that they have in place a monitoring programme for these substances that meets the requirements of this legislation in respect of the animals and/or animal products concerned. This programme must be submitted to the European Commission for initial approval, before any other part of the approval procedure can be started.

Subsequently the results of each year's programme, together with an updated programme for the coming year, must be submitted to the European Commission on an annual basis.

Laboratory facilities, meeting the standards in EU legislation, must be available.

It may be acceptable for the monitoring programme, and controls over prohibited substances, to be limited to the sector supplying products for export to the EU. This would require effective registration, control, tracing and identification procedures, with a reliable, transparent, monitoring system in place, to be established. These procedures and system would be the subject of special evaluation as part of the approval process.

#### **5. NATIONAL AUTHORITY STANDARDS**

It is essential that the national authority (often referred to as the "competent authority") is able to deliver the level of veterinary controls required. Any shortfall would mean that approval could not be considered, or that an existing approval might have to be revoked.

As part of the approval process, a detailed questionnaire, relating to the sector for which approval is sought, is sent to the national authority. Amongst the various issues raised, the following are of particular importance in evaluating the authority's performance:

- (1) *Management structure.* This must ensure that there are adequate communication links between central, regional and local official services. The central authorities, who are answerable for standards, must be able to exercise control over regional and local services.
- (2) *Independence.* The official services must be independent of outside pressures, and be able to carry out their duties without undue restrictions. Individual officials must enjoy a status that ensures their independence from commercial concerns, and must not be dependent upon them for their livelihood.
- (3) *Resources.* All levels of the official services, including border controls and laboratories, must have sufficient personnel, financial and equipment resources to allow them to carry out their control functions.
- (4) *Personnel.* All staff must enjoy an independent status within the official services. Where external staff are used, arrangements must be in place to ensure that they have the same degree of independence and accountability as full-time officials.
- (5) *Recruitment and training.* The competent authority must be able to show that vacancies are promptly filled, and that the operation of the official services is not damaged by shortages of suitably qualified personnel. Training programmes, so that staff carry out their duties properly, should be in place, and properly recorded.
- (6) *Legal/enforcement powers.* These must be available to, and used by, the official services. The powers must be enshrined in national legislation and allow these services to carry out their control functions in an effective manner.
- (7) *Prioritisation and documentation of controls.* Official services should have in place written systems to prioritise their control activities, reflecting the risks posed by the different stages of the production chain. The planning, performance and outcome of these controls at central, regional and local levels should be recorded so that compliance with EU standards can be demonstrated. Ideally, internal audit systems should be in place to monitor the operation of these controls.
- (8) *Laboratory services.* There should be a properly resourced laboratory network, including a central reference laboratory, enjoying a status independent from producers/processors, and covering the whole country. It might, however, be acceptable to use laboratory facilities in other countries where these can be shown to offer the same level of service. Specific EU rules governing the operation and capabilities of these laboratories for particular production sectors must be respected. The duties of the laboratory network should be clearly established, as should reporting procedures when non-compliant results are detected. Links with international or EU reference laboratories should be established. The central competent authority must be able to direct the activities of the laboratory service which are relevant to the production sector concerned, even where it is not part of the same management structure.

- (9) *Import controls.* There must be effective import controls in place at the points of entry to the third country. These must be properly staffed and resourced, and provided with the necessary legal powers to take control and enforcement action. In particular, the reception, handling, storage and onward transmission of animals and products intended for despatch to the EU, or for use in the production of EU-status products, must meet EU requirements and avoid risk of cross-contamination by non-eligible animals and products.
- (10) *Animal health controls (general).* There must be an effective system for the detection and notification of animal diseases relevant to the animals/products for export. This should include epidemio-surveillance measures, farm registration, animal identification and movement controls, so that the eligibility of animals used in the manufacture of EU status products can be demonstrated. It may also require disease monitoring, control or eradication programmes to be in place.
- (11) *Food safety controls (general).* Details of the zoonoses covered by national legislation, and the control action taken, should be provided. Co-ordination procedures between animal and public health authorities should be in place. Systems should be in place to record the actions taken, and their outcome, when zoonotic pathogens are identified.

## **6. FOOD SAFETY STANDARDS IN PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENTS**

Standards in individual establishments proposed for approval must be at least equivalent to the requirements of the relevant EU legislation. These are the same as those laid down for establishments in Member States. The main legislation for each production sector is given in the relevant annexes to this document.

It is particularly important that the national authority is confident that the above standards are met before an establishment is put forward to the Commission for approval. If this is found not to be the case at any subsequent on-the-spot inspection, this will reflect unfavourably on the evaluation of the authority's ability to deliver EU standards.

Particular attention must be paid to the installation and operation of an effective official control system, including documented records of control actions and their outcome, as this is essential if confidence is to be established in the establishment's ability to comply with EU standards.

Officials in processing establishments must be able to act independently of operators. There must be supervisory systems over these officials at regional and central levels. As a general principle, establishments must meet EU standards during EU production runs, and can meet national standards at other times. In all cases, this issue should be clarified during inspection visits by the Food and Veterinary Office.

## **7. BSE-RELATED IMPORT CONTROLS**

Countries applying for authorisation to export live bovines, or products of bovine, ovine or caprine origin have to apply for determination of their BSE status. This is based on a risk assessment and evaluation of certain risk management measures relevant to BSE. The country is placed in one of five categories, according to its BSE status. Specific BSE-related import conditions will be linked to the final BSE status categorisation. If a

country does not apply for determination of its BSE status, it will be considered as a category 5 country with the most stringent import conditions being applied.

The above mentioned categorisation exercise has been launched. The current import measures are transitional until 30 June 2005 at the latest awaiting the final categorisation of countries according to their BSE status. These transitional measures are based on the Geographical BSE Risk (GBR) assessment procedure. They mainly provide for the absence of specified risk materials in imports of products of bovine, ovine or caprine origin from countries where the GBR has been assessed on levels II-IV. In addition, they have to certify that the animals are not stunned by pithing or gas injection, and the products do not contain mechanically recovered meat from ruminant bones. Certain conditions also apply for imports of live bovines from GBR II-IV countries. No specific BSE related measures apply for countries in GBR level I i.e. countries where the BSE presence in the cattle population is considered to be highly unlikely. They have to certify that the products of bovine, ovine and caprine origin are derived from animals born, continuously reared and slaughtered in GBR I countries.'

## **8. HEALTH CERTIFICATION**

Imports of animals and animal products into the EU must, as a general rule, be accompanied by the health certification laid down in EU legislation. This sets out the conditions that must be satisfied, and the checks that must have been undertaken, if imports are to be allowed. The details of the certification required are set out in specific EU legislation, which includes models of the certificates to be used.

The certification must be signed by an official veterinarian or official inspector (as indicated in the relevant certificate), and must respect the provisions of Council Directive 96/93/EC. Strict rules apply to the production, signing and issuing of certificates, as they confirm compliance with EU rules.

Each category of animal and product has its own set of animal and/or public health requirements, which may include welfare requirements (e.g. at stunning and slaughter). Particular attention must be paid to ensure that the correct certification is used, and that all of its provisions have been met.

## **9. COUNTRY APPROVAL PROCEDURE**

The following sequence is generally followed (although it may vary according to the animal/product concerned):

- (1) National authority submits a formal request for approval to the Commission services. This should include at least the following information:
  - (a) Type of animal/product for which approval is sought. Full details of all animal-origin products should be given.
  - (b) Anticipated volume of trade and main importing EU countries.
  - (c) Class of animals (eg. breeding, fattening, slaughter) involved
  - (d) Description of minimum treatment (heat, maturation, acidification etc) applied to the products
  - (e) Number and type of establishments considered to meet EU requirements

It should also include confirmation that all proposed establishments satisfy EU requirements.

- (2) Commission acknowledges request and sends the relevant questionnaires.
- (3) National authority submits completed questionnaire, with the proposed residues monitoring programme for approval, and with copies of the national legislation applicable to the animals/products concerned (if English or French translations are provided this will speed up the processing of the dossiers).
- (4) Bilateral contacts between the national authorities and the Commission to resolve outstanding issues.
- (5) If the Commission is satisfied with the information provided, an on-the-spot inspection is (in most cases) organised by the FVO.
- (6) Following completion of the FVO inspection, a copy of its report is sent to the national authorities, the relevant Commission services, the European Parliament and the Member States.
- (7) If the outcome of the mission is satisfactory, and any other outstanding issues have been resolved, the Commission prepares draft legislation:
  - (a) to approve the residues monitoring programme;
  - (b) to add the third country to the list of third countries from which imports of the animal/product are approved;
  - (c) to draw up the necessary animal health certification based on the country or part of the country's health situation to accompany imports, (generic public health certificates are already laid down in Community legislation);
  - (d) to set up an initial list of approved establishments.
- (8) The proposed legislative texts are adopted by the Commission, and published in the Official Journal, after a favourable opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health has been received.
- (9) If an implementation date is not specified in the legislative text then it will be the date of official notification of the text by the Commission to Member States.

## ANNEX I

**EU legislation of relevance to imports into the European  
Union of animals and animal products**

Please note that copies of the following legislation may be obtained through:

Office for Official Publications of the European Communities  
2, rue Mercier  
L-2985 Luxembourg  
Tel: (352) 2929-1

Email: [info-info-opoce@cec.eu.int](mailto:info-info-opoce@cec.eu.int)

Website: <http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/index.html>

***NB. This list is provided for guidance purposes only. The authorities of the country seeking approval to export to the European Union are responsible for ensuring that all relevant EU legislative requirements are met. In particular, care is needed to ensure that any modifications to the legislation are taken into account. These can be obtained from the address given above.***

### 9.1. General legislation

Council Directive 64/433/EEC of 26 June 1964 on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in **fresh meat**

*OJ P 121 , 29/07/1964 P. 2012*

as last modified by:

Council Directive 95/23/EC of 22 June 1995 amending Directive 64/433/EEC on conditions for the production and marketing of fresh meat

*OJ L 243 , 11/10/1995 P. 7*

Council Directive 71/118/EEC of 15 February 1971 on health problems affecting trade in **fresh poultrymeat**

*OJ L 055 , 08/03/1971 P. 23*

as last modified by:

Council Regulation (EC) No 807/2003 of 14 April 2003 adapting to Decision 1999/468/EC the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in Council instruments adopted in accordance with the consultation procedure (unanimity)

*OJ L 122 , 16/05/2003 P. 36*

## 9.1. General legislation (continued)

Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon **importation of bovine animals and swine and fresh meat** from third countries

*OJ L 302 , 31/12/1972 P. 28*

as last modified by:

Council Regulation (EC) No 807/2003 of 14 April 2003 adapting to Decision 1999/468/EC the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in Council instruments adopted in accordance with the consultation procedure (unanimity)

*OJ L 122 , 16/05/2003 P. 36*

Council Directive 77/96/EEC of 21 December 1976 on the examination for **trichinae** (*trichinella spiralis*) upon importation from third countries of **fresh meat derived from domestic swine**

*OJ L 026 , 31/01/1977 P. 67*

as last modified by:

Council Regulation (EC) No 807/2003 of 14 April 2003 adapting to Decision 1999/468/EC the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in Council instruments adopted in accordance with the consultation procedure (unanimity)

*OJ L 122 , 16/05/2003 P. 36*

Council Directive 77/99/EEC of 21 December 1976 on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in **meat products**

*OJ L 026 , 31/01/1977 P. 85*

as last modified by:

Council Regulation (EC) No 807/2003 of 14 April 2003 adapting to Decision 1999/468/EC the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in Council instruments adopted in accordance with the consultation procedure (unanimity)

*OJ L 122 , 16/05/2003 P. 36*

Council Directive 79/923/EEC of 30 October 1979 on the quality required of **shellfish waters**.

*OJ L 28, 10/11/1979 P. 47*

as last modified by:

Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2000 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy **from 22/12/2013**.

*OJ L 327, 22/12/2000 P. 1*

Council Directive 80/778/EEC of 15 July 1980 relating to the quality of **water** intended for human consumption.

*OJ L 229, 30/08/1980 P. 11*

as last modified by:

Council Directive 98/83/EC of 3 November 1998 on the quality of water intended for human consumption.

*OJ L 330, 05/12/1998 P. 32*

## 9.1. General legislation (continued)

Council Directive 89/437/EEC of 20 June 1989 on hygiene and health problems affecting the production and the placing on the market of **egg products**

*OJ L 212 , 22/07/1989 P. 87*

as last modified by:

Council Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 of 14 April 2003 adapting to Decision 1999/468/EC the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in Council instruments adopted in accordance with the consultation procedure (qualified majority)

*OJ L 122 , 16/05/2003 P. 1*

Council Directive 90/539/EEC on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in and imports from third countries of **poultry and hatching eggs**

*OJ L 303, 31/10/90. P. 6*

as last modified by:

Council Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 of 14 April 2003 adapting to Decision 1999/468/EC the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in Council instruments adopted in accordance with the consultation procedure (qualified majority)

*OJ L 122 , 16/05/2003 P. 1*

Council Directive 91/67/EEC of 28 January 1991 concerning the animal health conditions governing the placing on the market of **aquaculture animals and products**.

*OJ L 046, 19/02/1991 P. 1*

as last modified by:

Council Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 of 14 April 2003 adapting to Decision 1999/468/EC the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in Council instruments adopted in accordance with the consultation procedure (qualified majority)

*OJ L 122 , 16/05/2003 P. 1*

Council Directive 91/492/EEC of 15 July 1991 laying down the health conditions for the production and the placing on the market of **live bivalve molluscs**

*OJ L 268 , 24/09/1991 P. 1*

as last modified by:

Council Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 of 14 April 2003 adapting to Decision 1999/468/EC the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in Council instruments adopted in accordance with the consultation procedure (qualified majority)

*OJ L 122 , 16/05/2003 P. 1*

## 9.1. General legislation (continued)

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**

*OJL 268 , 24/09/1991 P. 15*

as last modified by:

Council Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 of 14 April 2003 adapting to Decision 1999/468/EC the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in Council instruments adopted in accordance with the consultation procedure (qualified majority)

*OJL 122 , 16/05/2003 P. 1*

Council Directive 91/494/EEC concerning animal health conditions governing intra Community trade in and imports from third countries of **fresh poultrymeat**

*OJL 268, 24/9//91 P. 35*

as last modified by:

Council Directive 1999/89/EC of 15 November 1999 amending Directive 91/494/EEC on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in and imports from third countries of fresh poultrymeat

*OJL 300 , 23/11/1999 P. 17*

Council Directive 91/495/EEC of 27 November 1990 concerning public health and animal health problems affecting the production and placing on the market of **rabbit meat and farmed game meat**

*OJL 268 , 24/09/1991 P. 41*

as last modified by:

Council Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 of 14 April 2003 adapting to Decision 1999/468/EC the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in Council instruments adopted in accordance with the consultation procedure (qualified majority)

*OJL 122 , 16/05/2003 P. 1*

Council Directive 92/45/EEC of 16 June 1992 on public health and animal health problems relating to the killing of wild game and the placing on the market of **wild game meat**

*OJL 268 , 14/09/1992 P. 35*

as last modified by:

Council Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 of 14 April 2003 adapting to Decision 1999/468/EC the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in Council instruments adopted in accordance with the consultation procedure (qualified majority)

*OJL 122 , 16/05/2003 P. 1*

## 9.1. General legislation (continued)

Council Directive 92/46/EEC of 16 June 1992 laying down the health rules for the production and placing on the market of **raw milk, heat-treated milk and milk-based products**

*OJ L 268 , 14/09/1992 P. 1*

as last modified by:

Council Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 of 14 April 2003 adapting to Decision 1999/468/EC the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in Council instruments adopted in accordance with the consultation procedure (qualified majority)

*OJ L 122 , 16/05/2003 P. 1*

Council Directive 92/48/EEC of 16 June 1992 laying down the minimum hygiene rules applicable to **fishery products** caught on board certain vessels in accordance with Article 3 (1) (a) (i) of Directive 91/493/EEC

*OJ L 187 , 07/07/1992 P. 41*

Council Directive 92/65/EEC of 13 July 1992 laying down animal health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of **animals, semen, ova and embryos** not subject to animal health requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A (I) to Directive 90/425/EEC

*OJ L 268 , 14/09/1992 P. 54*

as last modified by:

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1398/2003 of 5 August 2003 amending Annex A to Council Directive 92/65/EEC to include the small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*), the *Tropilaelaps* mite (*Tropilaelaps* spp.), Ebola and monkey pox

*OJ L 198 , 06/08/2003 P. 3*

Council Directive 92/118/EEC of 17 December 1992 laying down animal health and public health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of **products not subject to the said requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A (I) to Directive 89/662/EEC and, as regards pathogens, to Directive 90/425/EEC**

*OJ L 062 , 15/03/1993 P. 49*

as last modified by:

2003/42/EC: Commission Decision of 10 January 2003 amending Council Directive 92/118/EEC as regards requirements for collagen

*OJ L 013 , 18/01/2003 P. 24*

Council Directive 93/53/EEC of 24 June 1993 introducing minimum Community measures for the control of **certain fish diseases**.

*OJ L 175 , 19/07/1993 P. 23*

as last modified by:

2001/288/EC: Commission Decision of 3 April 2001 amending Council Directive 93/53/EEC introducing minimum Community measures for the control of certain fish diseases, in relation to the list of national reference laboratories for fish diseases

*OJ L 099 , 10/04/2001 P. 11*

Council Directive 93/99/EEC of 29 October 1993 on the subject of additional measures concerning the official **control of foodstuffs**

*OJ L 290 , 24/11/1993 P. 14*

## 9.1. General legislation (continued)

Council Directive 93/119/EC of 22 December 1993 on the **protection of animals at the time of slaughter or killing**

*OJ L 340 , 31/12/1993 P. 21*

as last modified by:

Council Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 of 14 April 2003 adapting to Decision 1999/468/EC the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in Council instruments adopted in accordance with the consultation procedure (qualified majority)

*OJ L 122 , 16/05/2003 P. 1*

Council Directive 94/65/EC of 14 December 1994 laying down the requirements for the production and placing on the market of **minced meat and meat preparations**

*OJ L 368 , 31/12/1994 P. 10*

as last modified by:

Council Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 of 14 April 2003 adapting to Decision 1999/468/EC the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in Council instruments adopted in accordance with the consultation procedure (qualified majority)

*OJ L 122 , 16/05/2003 P. 1*

Council Regulation (EC) No 1093/94 of 6 May 1994 setting the terms under which **fishing vessels** of a third country may **land directly and market their catches at Community ports**.

*OJ L 121, 12/05/1994 P. 3*

European Parliament and Council Directive No 95/2/EC of 20 February 1995 on **food additives other than colours and sweeteners**

*OJ L 061, 18/03/1995 P. 1*

as last modified by:

Directive 2003/52/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2003 amending Directive 95/2/EC as regards the conditions of use for a food additive E 425 konjac

*OJ L 178 , 17/07/2003 P. 23*

Council Directive 95/70/EC of 22 December 1995 introducing minimum Community measures for the control of certain diseases affecting **bivalve molluscs**

*OJ L 332, 30/12/1995 P. 33*

as last modified by:

Council Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 of 14 April 2003 adapting to Decision 1999/468/EC the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in Council instruments adopted in accordance with the consultation procedure (qualified majority)

*OJ L 122 , 16/05/2003 P. 1*

Council Directive 96/93/EC of 17 December 1996 on the **certification of animals and animal products**

*OJ L 013 , 16/01/1997 P. 28*

## 9.1. General legislation (continued)

Council Regulation (EC) No 2406/96 of 26 November 1996 laying down common marketing standards for certain **fishery products**

*OJ L 334, 23/12/1996 P. 1*

as last modified by:

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2495/2001 of 19 December 2001 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2406/96 laying down common marketing standards for certain fishery products.

*OJ L 337, 20/12/2001 P. 23*

98/179/EC: Commission Decision of 23 February 1998 laying down detailed rules on official sampling for the monitoring of certain **substances and residues thereof in live animals and animal products**

*OJ L 065, 05/03/1998 P. 31*

Directive 2000/13/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 March 2000 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the **labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs**

*OJ L 109, 06/05/2000 P. 29*

as last modified by:

Commission Directive 2001/101/EC of 26 November 2001 amending Directive 2000/13/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs

*OJ L 310, 28/11/2001 P. 19*

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2065/2001 of 22 October 2001 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 as regards **informing consumers about fishery and aquaculture products**

*OJ L 278, 23/10/2001 P. 6*

## 9.2. Materials in contact with foodstuffs

Council Directive 78/142/EEC of 30 January 1978 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to **materials and articles which contain vinyl chloride monomer and are intended to come into contact with foodstuffs**

*OJ L 44, 15/02/1978 P. 15*

Council Directive 89/109/EEC of 21 December 1988 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to **materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs**

*OJ L 40, 11/02/1989 P. 38*

Commission Directive 90/128/EEC of 23 February 1990 relating to **plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs**

*OJ L 75, 21/03/1990 P. 19*

as last modified by:

Commission Directive 2002/72/EC of 6 August 2002 relating to plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs

*OJ L 220, 15/08/2002 P. 18*

Commission Directive 93/10/EEC of 15 March 1993 relating to materials and articles made of **regenerated cellulose film intended to come into contact with foodstuffs**

*OJ L 93, 17/04/1993 P. 27*

as last modified by:

Commission Directive 93/111/EC of 10 December 1993 amending Directive 93/10/EEC relating to materials and articles made of regenerated cellulose film intended to come into contact with foodstuffs

*OJ L 310, 14/12/1993 P. 41*

### 9.3. Provisional lists of approved third countries and establishments

Council Decision 79/542/EEC of 21 December 1976 drawing up a list of third countries from which the Member States authorize imports of **bovine animals, swine and fresh meat**

*OJ L 146 , 14/06/1979 P. 15*

as last modified by:

2001/731/EC: Commission Decision of 16 October 2001 amending Council Decision 79/542/EEC drawing up a list of third countries from which the Member States authorise imports of bovine animals, swine, equidae, sheep and goats, fresh meat and meat products, in particular in relation to New Caledonia and the Islands of St Pierre and Miquelon

*OJ L 274 , 17/10/2001 P. 22*

Commission Decision 93/342/EEC of 12 May 1993 laying down the criteria for classifying third countries with regard to **avian influenza and Newcastle disease**

*OJ L 137 , 08/06/1993 P. 24*

as last modified by:

94/438/EC: Commission Decision of 7 June 1994 laying down the criteria for classifying third countries and parts thereof with regard to avian influenza and Newcastle disease in relation to imports of fresh poultrymeat and amending Decision 93/342/EEC

*OJ L 181 , 15/07/1994 P. 35*

Commission Decision 94/85/EC of 16 February 1994 drawing up a list of third countries from which the Member States authorize imports of **fresh poultrymeat**

*OJ L 044 , 17/02/1994 P.31*

as last modified by:

2003/573/EC: Commission Decision of 31 July 2003 amending Decision 94/85/EC on the importation of fresh poultry meat and Decision 2000/609/EC concerning the health conditions for the importation of fresh ratite meat with respect to Botswana

*OJ L 194 , 01/08/2003 P. 89*

Commission Decision 94/86/EC of 16 February 1994 drawing up a provisional list of third countries from which Member States authorize imports of **wild game meat**

*OJ L 044 , 17/02/1994 P. 33*

as last modified by:

96/137/EC: Commission Decision of 29 January 1996 amending Decision 94/86/EC drawing up a provisional list of third countries from which Member States authorize imports of wild game meat

*OJ L 031 , 09/02/1996 P. 31*

94/278/EC: Commission Decision of 18 March 1994 drawing up a list of third countries from which Member States authorize imports of **certain products subject to Council Directive 92/118/EEC**

*OJ L 120 , 11/05/1994 P. 44*

as last modified by:

2003/235/EC: Commission Decision of 3 April 2003 amending Decision 94/278/EC drawing up a list of third countries from which Member States authorise imports of certain products subject to Council Directive 92/118/EEC, with respect to imports of frogs' legs from Egypt

*OJ L 087 , 04/04/2003 P. 10*

### 9.3. Provisional lists of approved third countries and establishments (continued)

Commission Decision 94/438/EC of 7 June 1994 laying down the criteria for classifying third countries and parts thereof with regard to avian influenza and Newcastle disease in relation to imports of fresh **poultrymeat** and amending Decision 93/342/EEC

*OJ L 181 , 15/07/1994 P. 35*

Commission Decision 95/233/EC of 22 June 1995 drawing up lists of third countries from which the Member States authorize imports of **live poultry and hatching eggs**

*OJ L 156 , 07/07/1995 P. 76*

as last modified by:

2002/183/EC: Commission Decision of 28 February 2002 amending Decisions 95/233/EC and 96/482/EC as regards the importation of live poultry from third countries with respect to Bulgaria and repealing Decision 96/483/EC

*OJ L 061 , 02/03/2002 P. 56*

95/340/EC: Commission Decision of 27 July 1995 drawing up a provisional list of third countries from which Member States authorize imports of **milk and milk based products** and revoking Decision 94/70/EC

*OJ L 200 , 24/08/1995 P. 38*

as last modified by:

2003/58/EC: Commission Decision of 24 January 2003 amending Decision 95/340/EC as regards the inclusion of the Netherlands Antilles in a provisional list of third countries from which Member States authorise imports of milk and milk-based products

*OJ L 023 , 28/01/2003 P. 26*

Council Decision 95/408/EC of 22 June 1995 on the conditions for drawing up, for an interim period, provisional lists of third country establishments from which Member States are authorized to import certain **products of animal origin, fishery products or live bivalve molluscs**

*OJ L 243 , 11/10/1995 P. 17*

*NB. This Decision lays down the procedures to be followed in granting provisional establishment approvals; it does not contain specific lists of countries or establishments.*

as last modified by:

Council Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 of 14 April 2003 adapting to Decision 1999/468/EC the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in Council instruments adopted in accordance with the consultation procedure (qualified majority)

*OJ L 122 , 16/05/2003 P. 1*

Commission Decision 97/4/EC of 12 December 1996 drawing up provisional lists of third country establishments from which the Member States authorize imports of **fresh poultrymeat**

*OJ L 2 , 04/01/1997 P. 6*

as last modified by:

2001/400/EC: Commission Decision of 17 May 2001 amending the Annex of Commission Decision 97/4/EC drawing up provisional lists of third country establishments from which Member States authorise imports of fresh poultrymeat, in respect of the People's Republic of China

*OJ L 140 , 24/05/2001 P. 70*

### 9.3. Provisional lists of approved third countries and establishments (continued)

Commission Decision 97/20/EC of 17 December 1996 establishing the list of third countries fulfilling the equivalence conditions for the production and placing on the market of **bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods**

*OJ L 6 , 10/01/1997 P. 46*

as last modified by:

2002/469/EC: Commission Decision of 20 June 2002 amending Decision 97/20/EC establishing the list of third countries fulfilling the equivalence conditions for the production and placing on the market of bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods, to include Japan

*OJ L 163 , 21/06/2002 P. 16*

Commission Decision 97/222/EC of 28 February 1997 laying down the list of third countries from which the Member States authorize the importation of **meat products**

*OJ L 089 , 04/04/1997 P. 39*

as last modified by:

2002/464/EC: Commission Decision of 13 June 2002 amending Decision 97/222/EC laying down the list of third countries from which the Member States authorise the importation of meat products, as regards Argentina, Chile and Uruguay

*OJ L 161 , 19/06/2002 P. 16*

Commission Decision 97/232/EC of 3 March 1997 drawing up lists of third countries from which the Member States authorize imports of **sheep and goats**

*OJ L 093 , 08/04/1997 P. 43*

as last modified by:

2003/111/EC: Commission Decision of 18 February 2003 amending Decision 97/232/EC drawing up lists of third countries from which the Member States authorise imports of sheep and goats

*OJ L 045 , 19/02/2003 P. 25*

Commission Decision 97/252/EC of 25 March 1997 drawing up provisional lists of third country establishments from which the Member States authorize imports of **milk and milk products for human consumption**

*OJ L 101 , 18/04/1997 P. 46*

as last modified by:

2003/59/EC: Commission Decision of 24 January 2003 amending Decision 97/252/EC as regards the inclusion of a Netherlands Antilles establishment in provisional lists of third country establishments from which Member States authorise imports of milk and milk products for human consumption

*OJ L 023 , 28/01/2003 P. 28*

Commission Decision 97/296/EC of 22 April 1997 drawing up the list of third countries from which the import of **fishery products** is authorized for human consumption

*OJ L 122 , 14/05/1997 P. 21*

as last modified by:

2003/606/EC: Commission Decision of 18 August 2003 amending Decision 97/296/EC drawing up the list of third countries from which the import of fishery products is authorised for human consumption, with respect to Mayotte, Saint Pierre et Miquelon and Slovakia

*OJ L 210 , 20/08/2003 P. 16*

### 9.3. Provisional lists of approved third countries and establishments (continued)

Commission Decision 97/365/EC of 26 March 1997 drawing up provisional lists of third country establishments from which the Member States authorize imports of **products prepared from meat of bovine animals, swine, equidae and sheep and goats**

*OJ L 154 , 12/06/1997 P. 41*

as last modified by:

2001/826/EC: Commission Decision of 23 November 2001 amending Decision 97/365/EC drawing up provisional lists of third country establishments from which Member States authorise imports of meat products

*OJ L 308 , 27/11/2001 P. 37*

Commission Decision 97/467/EC of 7 July 1997 drawing up provisional lists of third country establishments from which the Member States authorize imports of **rabbit meat and farmed game meat**

*OJ L 199 , 26/07/1997 P. 57*

as last modified by:

2002/797/EC: Commission Decision of 14 October 2002 amending Decision 97/467/EC as regards Greenland for farmed game meat

*OJ L 277 , 15/10/2002 P. 23*

Commission Decision 97/468/EC of 7 July 1997 drawing up provisional lists of third country establishments from which the Member States authorize imports of **wild game meat**

*OJ L 199 , 26/07/1997 P. 62*

as last modified by:

2003/73/EC: Commission Decision of 30 January 2003 amending Decision 97/468/EC as regards the inclusion of Estonia and Namibia establishments in provisional lists of third country establishments from which Member States authorise imports of wild game meat

*OJ L 027 , 01/02/2003 P. 31*

Commission Decision 97/569/EC of 16 July 1997 drawing up provisional lists of third country establishments from which the Member States authorize imports of **meat products**

*OJ L 234 , 26/08/1997 P. 16*

as last modified by:

2003/204/EC: Commission Decision of 21 March 2003 amending Decision 97/569/EC as regards the inclusion of establishments in Hungary, Slovenia and the Slovak Republic in provisional lists of third country establishments from which Member States authorise imports of meat products

*OJ L 078 , 25/03/2003 P. 14*

Commission Decision 1999/120/EC of 27 January 1999 drawing up provisional lists of third country establishments from which the Member States authorize imports of **animal casings**

*OJ L 036 , 10/02/1999 P. 21*

as last modified by:

2002/925/EC: Commission Decision of 25 November 2002 amending Decision 1999/120/EC drawing up provisional lists of third country establishments from which the Member States authorise imports of animal casings, with respect to Oman

*OJ L 322 , 27/11/2002 P. 47*

### 9.3. Provisional lists of approved third countries and establishments (continued)

Harmonised conditions for Animal health standards have not been laid down yet.

Commission Decision 99/710/EC of 15 October 1999 drawing up provisional lists of third country establishments from which the Member States authorise imports of **minced meat and meat preparations**

*OJL 281 , 04/11/1999 P. 82*

as last modified by:

2002/920/EC: Commission Decision of 25 November 2002 amending Decision 1999/710/EC, with respect to Australia, Lithuania and Slovenia for minced meat and meat preparations

*OJL 321 , 26/11/2002 P. 49*

#### 9.4. Residue and contaminant controls

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 of 26 June 1990 laying down a Community procedure for the establishment of maximum **residue limits of veterinary medicinal products in foodstuffs of animal origin**

*OJ L 224 , 18/08/1990 P. 1*

as last modified by:

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1490/2003 of 25 August 2003 amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 laying down a Community procedure for the establishment of maximum residue limits of veterinary medicinal products in foodstuffs of animal origin

*OJ L 214 , 26/08/2003 P. 3*

Council Directive 96/22/EC of 29 April 1996 concerning the prohibition on the use in stockfarming of certain **substances having a hormonal or thyrostatic action and of  $\beta$ -agonists**, and repealing Directives 81/602/EEC, 88/146/EEC and 88/299/EEC

*OJ L 125 , 23/05/1996 P. 3*

Council Directive 96/23/EC of 29 April 1996 on measures to monitor **certain substances and residues thereof** in live animals and animal products and repealing Directives 85/358/EEC and 86/469/EEC and Decisions 89/187/EEC and 91/664/EEC

*OJ L 125 , 23/05/1996 P. 10*

as last modified by:

Council Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 of 14 April 2003 adapting to Decision 1999/468/EC the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in Council instruments adopted in accordance with the consultation procedure (qualified majority)

*OJ L 122 , 16/05/2003 P. 1*

Commission Directive 98/53/EC of 16 July 1998 laying down the sampling methods and the methods of analysis for the official control of the levels for certain **contaminants in foodstuffs**

*OJ L 201 , 17/07/1998 P. 93*

as last modified by:

Commission Directive 2002/27/EC of 13 March 2002 amending Directive 98/53/EC laying down the sampling methods and the methods of analysis for the official control of the levels for certain contaminants in foodstuffs

*OJ L 075 , 16/03/2002 P. 44*

Commission Decision 2000/159/EC of 8 February 2000 on the **provisional approval of residue plans** of third countries according to Council Directive 96/23/EC.

*OJ L 51, 24.2.2000, P. 30*

*NB. This text is frequently modified and contact should be taken with the Commission for details of the most recent version (as of 1 August 2003, the most recent amendment is Commission Decision 2003/485/EC of 27 June 2003, OJ L 164 02.07.2003, P. 14).*

#### **9.4. Residue and contaminant controls (continued)**

Commission Directive 2001/22/EC of 8 March 2001 laying down the sampling methods and the methods of analysis for the official control of the levels of **lead, cadmium, mercury and 3-MCPD** in foodstuffs

*OJ L 077, 16/03/2001 P. 14*

as last modified by:

2001/873/EC: Commission Decision of 4 December 2001 correcting Directive 2001/22/EC laying down the sampling methods and the methods of analysis for the official control of the levels of lead, cadmium, mercury and 3-MCPD in foodstuffs

*OJ L 325, 08/12/2001 P. 34*

Commission Regulation (EC) No 466/2001 of 8 March 2001 setting **maximum levels for certain contaminants in foodstuffs**

*OJ L 077, 16/03/2001 P. 1*

as last modified by:

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1425/2003 of 11 August 2003 amending Regulation (EC) No 466/2001 as regards patulin)

*OJ L 203, 12/08/2003 P. 1*

Commission Directive 2002/69/EC of 26 July 2002 laying down the sampling methods and the methods of analysis for the official **control of dioxins and the determination of dioxin-like PCBs in foodstuffs**

*OJ L 209, 06/08/2002 P. 5*

2002/657/EC: Commission Decision of 12 August 2002 implementing Council Directive 96/23/EC concerning the performance of **analytical methods and the interpretation of results**

*OJ L 221, 17/08/2002 P. 8*

as last modified by:

2003/181/EC: Commission Decision of 13 March 2003 amending Decision 2002/657/EC as regards the setting of minimum required performance limits (MRPLs) for certain residues in food of animal origin

*OJ L 071, 15/03/2003 P. 17*

## 9.5. Health controls and certification requirements (animal products)

### 9.5.1. Egg products

94/371/EC: Council Decision of 20 June 1994 laying down specific public health conditions for the putting on the market of certain types of eggs  
*OJ L 168, 02/07/1994 P. 34*

97/38/EC: Commission Decision of 18 December 1996 setting specific public health requirements for imports of egg products for human consumption  
*OJ L 014, 17/01/1997 P. 61*

### 9.5.2. Fish and fishery products

**NOTE:** Harmonised conditions for Animal health standards have not been laid down yet.

92/532/EEC: Commission Decision of 19 November 1992 laying down the sampling plans and diagnostic methods for the detection and confirmation of certain fish diseases.  
*OJ L 337, 21/11/1992 P. 18*

as last modified by:

2001/183/EC: Commission Decision of 22 February 2001 laying down the sampling plans and diagnostic methods for the detection and confirmation of certain fish diseases and repealing Decision 92/532/EEC.

*OJ L 067, 09/03/2001 P. 65*

93/25/EEC: Commission Decision of 11 December 1992 approving certain treatments to inhibit the development of pathogenic micro-organisms in bivalve molluscs and marine gastropods.

*OJ L 016, 25/01/1993 P. 22*

as last modified by:

97/275/EC: Commission Decision of 9 April 1997 amending Decision 93/25/EEC approving certain treatments to inhibit the development of pathogenic micro-organisms in bivalve molluscs and marine gastropods

*OJ L 108, 25/04/1997 P. 52*

93/51/EEC: Commission Decision of 15 December 1992 on the microbiological criteria applicable to the production of cooked crustaceans and molluscan shellfish.

*OJ L 013, 21/01/1993 P. 11*

93/140/EEC: Commission Decision of 19 January 1993 laying down the detailed rules relating to the visual inspection for the purpose of detecting parasites in fishery products.

*OJ L 056, 09/03/1993 P. 42*

93/383/EEC: Council Decision of 14 June 1993 on reference laboratories for the monitoring of marine biotoxins.

*OJ L 166, 08/07/1993 P. 31*

as last modified by:

1999/312/EC: Council Decision of 29 April 1999 amending Decision 93/383/EEC on reference laboratories for the monitoring of marine biotoxins.

*OJ L 120, 08/05/1999 P. 37*

### **9.5.2. Fish and fishery products (continued)**

94/356/EC: Commission Decision of 20 May 1994 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Directive 91/493/EEC, as regards own health checks on fishery products  
*OJ L 156, 23/06/1994 P. 50*

95/149/EC: Commission Decision of 8 March 1995 fixing the total volatile basic nitrogen (TVB-N) limit values for certain categories of fishery products and specifying the analysis methods to be used.  
*OJ L 097, 29/04/1995 P. 84*

95/328/EC: Commission Decision of 25 July 1995 establishing health certification for fishery products from third countries which are not yet covered by a specific decision.  
*OJ L 191, 12/08/1995 P. 32*

as last modified by:

2001/67/EC: Commission Decision of 23 January 2001 amending Decision 95/328/EC establishing a health certification for fishery products from third countries which are not yet covered by a specific decision  
*OJ L 022, 24/01/2001 P. 41*

96/333/EC: Commission Decision of 3 May 1996 establishing health certification of live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods from third countries which are not covered by a specific decision  
*OJ L 127, 25/05/1996 P. 33*

as last modified by:

2001/65/EC: Commission Decision of 23 January 2001 amending Decision 96/333/EC establishing health certification of live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods from third countries which are not yet covered by a specific decision  
*OJ L 022, 24/01/2001 P. 38*

1999/313/EC: Council Decision of 29 April 1999 on reference laboratories for monitoring bacteriological and viral contamination of bivalve molluscs.  
*OJ L 120, 08/05/1999 P. 40*

2001/182/EC: Commission decision of 8 March 2001 repealing Decision 93/351/EEC determining analysis methods, sampling plans and maximum limits for mercury in fishery products  
*OJ L 077, 16/03/2001 P. 22*

2002/225/EC: Commission Decision of 15 March 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Directive 91/492/EEC as regards the maximum levels and the methods of analysis of certain marine biotoxins in bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods  
*OJ L 75, 16/03/2002 P. 62*

### 9.5.3. Fresh meat (mammalian)

Commission Decision 93/402/EEC of 10 June 1993 concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from **South American countries**  
*OJ L 179 , 22/07/1993 P. 11*

as last modified by:

2003/658/EC: Commission Decision of 17 September 2003 amending Decision 93/402/EEC as regards imports of fresh meat from Argentina  
*OJ L 232 , 18/09/2003 P. 59*

Commission Decision 98/371/EC of 29 May 1998 concerning the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from **certain European countries**  
*OJ L 170 , 16/06/1998 P. 16*

as last modified by:

2003/533/EC: Commission Decision of 17 July 2003 amending Decision 98/371/EC concerning the animal health conditions and veterinary certifications for import of fresh meat from certain European countries to take into account some aspects in relation with Estonia and Lithuania  
*OJ L 184 , 23/07/2003 P. 33*

1999/283/EC: Commission Decision of 12 April 1999 concerning the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from **certain African countries**  
*OJ L 110 , 28/04/1999 P. 16*

as last modified by:

2003/163/EC: Commission Decision of 7 March 2003 amending Decisions 1999/283/EC and 2000/585/EC as regards Botswana  
*OJ L 066 , 11/03/2003 P. 41*

### 9.5.4. Game meat (farmed) and rabbit meat

Commission Decision 2000/585/EC of 7 September 2000 laying down animal and public health conditions and veterinary certifications for import of wild and farmed game meat and rabbit meat from third countries and repealing Commission Decisions 97/217/EC, 97/218/EC, 97/219/EC and 97/220/EC  
*OJ L 251 , 06/10/2000 P. 1*

as last modified by:

2003/571/EC: Commission Decision of 31 July 2003 amending Decisions 1999/283/EC and 2000/585/EC as regards imports of fresh meat from Botswana and Swaziland  
*OJ L 194 , 01/08/2003 P. 79*

#### 9.5.5. *Game meat (wild)*

Commission Decision 2000/585/EC of 7 September 2000 laying down animal and public health conditions and veterinary certifications for import of wild and farmed game meat and rabbit meat from third countries and repealing Commission Decisions 97/217/EC, 97/218/EC, 97/219/EC and 97/220/EC

*OJ L 251 , 06/10/2000 P. 1*

as last modified by:

2003/571/EC: Commission Decision of 31 July 2003 amending Decisions 1999/283/EC and 2000/585/EC as regards imports of fresh meat from Botswana and Swaziland  
*OJ L 194 , 01/08/2003 P. 79*

#### 9.5.6. *Game trophies*

Commission Decision 96/500/EC of 22 July 1996 laying down the animal health requirements and the certification or official declaration for the import of game trophies of birds and ungulates not having undergone a complete taxidermy treatment from third countries

*OJ L 203 , 13/08/1996 P. 13*

#### 9.5.7. *Meat products*

Commission Decision 97/41/EC of 18 December 1996 establishing health conditions and a public health certificate for the importation from third countries of meat products obtained from poultrymeat, farmed game meat, wild game meat and rabbit meat

*OJ L 017 , 21/01/1997 P. 34*

Commission Decision 97/221/EC of 28 February 1997 laying down the animal health conditions and model veterinary certificates in respect of imports of meat products from third countries and revoking Decision 91/449/EEC

*OJ L 089 , 04/04/1997 P. 32*

#### 9.5.8. *Milk and milk products*

Commission Decision 95/341/EC of 27 July 1995 concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of milk and milk-based products not intended for human consumption from third countries

*OJ L 200 , 24/08/1995 P. 42*

as last modified by:

96/106/EC: Commission Decision of 29 January 1996 amending Decisions 94/187/EC, 94/309/EC, 94/344/EC, 94/446/EC, 95/341/EC and 95/343/EC laying down the animal health requirements and certification for the import of certain products and amending Decision 95/340/EC drawing up a provisional list of third countries from which Member States authorize imports of milk and milk products

*OJ L 024 , 31/01/1996 P. 34*

Commission Decision 95/342/EC of 27 July 1995 on treatment of milk and milk-based products for human consumption from third countries or parts of third countries where there is a risk of foot-and-mouth disease

*OJ L 200 , 24/08/1995 P. 50*

#### **9.5.8 Milk and milk products (continued)**

Commission Decision 95/343/EC of 27 July 1995 providing for the specimens of the health certificate for the importation from third countries of heat-treated milk, milk-based products and raw milk for human consumption intended to be accepted at a collection centre, standardization centre, treatment establishment or processing establishment

*OJ L 200 , 24/08/1995 P. 52*

as last modified by:

97/115/EC: Commission Decision of 24 January 1997 amending Decision 95/343/EC providing for the specimens of the health certificate for the importation from third countries of heat-treated milk, milk-based products and raw milk for human consumption intended to be accepted at a collection centre, standardization centre, treatment establishment or processing establishment

*OJ L 042 , 13/02/1997 P. 16*

#### *9.5.9. Minced meat and meat preparation*

Commission Decision 2000/572/EC of 8 September 2000 laying down animal and public health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of minced meat and meat preparations from third countries and repealing Decision 97/29/EC

*OJ L 240 , 23/09/2000 P. 19*

#### *9.5.10. Poultrymeat and ratite meat*

Commission Decision 94/984/EC of 20 December 1994 laying down animal health conditions and veterinary certificates for the importation of fresh poultrymeat from certain third countries

*OJ L 378 , 31/12/1994 P. 11*

as last modified by:

2002/477/EC: Commission Decision of 20 June 2002 laying down public health requirements for fresh meat and fresh poultrymeat imported from third countries, and amending Decision 94/984/EC

*OJ L 164 , 22/06/2002 P. 39*

Commission Decision 2000/609/EC of 29 September 2000 laying down animal and public health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of farmed ratite meat amending Decision 94/85/EC drawing up a list of third countries from which the Member States authorise imports of fresh poultrymeat

*OJ L 258 , 12/10/2000 P. 49*

as last modified by:

2003/573/EC: Commission Decision of 31 July 2003 amending Decision 94/85/EC on the importation of fresh poultry meat and Decision 2000/609/EC concerning the health conditions for the importation of fresh ratite meat with respect to Botswana

*OJ L 194 , 01/08/2003 P. 89*

9.5.11. *Animal products other than those covered above*

Council Directive 92/118/EEC of 17 December 1992 laying down animal health and public health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of products not subject to the said requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A (I) to Directive 89/662/EEC and, as regards pathogens, to Directive 90/425/EEC

*OJ L 062 , 15/03/1993 P. 49*

as last modified by:

2003/42/EC: Commission Decision of 10 January 2003 amending Council Directive 92/118/EEC as regards requirements for collagen

*OJ L 013 , 18/01/2003 P. 24*

*This Directive specifies certain requirements (eg. country of origin/production, processing requirements, certification) for the following commodities. An outline of these requirements is given in italics for each commodity, but the Directive should always be consulted for information on their exact nature.*

**IMPORTANT NOTE\***

**Council Regulation (EC) 1774/2002 lays down the health rules concerning animal by-products not intended for human consumption. This has to be implemented by Member States before 1 May 2003. The products marked with an asterisk are covered by this Regulation and may have been previously covered by Directive 92/118/EEC. Where a Commission Decision is extant laying down the importation certification to be used for a particular commodity then the reference to the Decision has been made. In those cases where no Decision is quoted then the member State of destination should be contacted directly to provide a copy of the required certification.**

**As of 1 May 2003 the new certificates foreseen in Regulation (EC) 1774/2002 must be used.**

Commission Regulation (EC) No 812/2003 of 12 May 2003 on transitional measures under Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the importation and transit of certain products from third countries

*OJ L 117 , 13/05/2003 P. 19*

- (1) Milk, milk products and colostrum not intended for human consumption\*  
*Certification, animal health guarantees, minimum treatment, approved country*

Commission Decision 95/340/EC of 27 July 1995 drawing up a provisional list of third countries from which Member States authorize imports of milk and milk based products and revoking Decision 94/70/EC

*OJ L 200 , 24/08/1995 P. 38*

as last modified by:

2003/58/EC: Commission Decision of 24 January 2003 amending Decision 95/340/EC as regards the inclusion of the Netherlands Antilles in a provisional list of third countries from which Member States authorise imports of milk and milk-based products

*OJ L 023 , 28/01/2003 P. 26*

Commission Decision 95/341/EC of 27 July 1995 concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of milk and milk-based products not intended for human consumption from third countries  
*OJL 200 , 24/08/1995 P. 42*

as last modified by:

96/106/EC: Commission Decision of 29 January 1996 amending Decisions 94/187/EC, 94/309/EC, 94/344/EC, 94/446/EC, 95/341/EC and 95/343/EC laying down the animal health requirements and certification for the import of certain products and amending Decision 95/340/EC drawing up a provisional list of third countries from which Member States authorize imports of milk and milk products  
*OJL 024 , 31/01/1996 P. 34*

- (2) Animal casings  
*Approved establishment, minimum treatment*

Commission Decision 94/187/EC of 18 March 1994 laying down animal health requirements and the veterinary certification for the import of animal casings from third countries  
*OJL 089 , 06/04/1994 P. 18*

as last modified by:

96/106/EC: Commission Decision of 29 January 1996 amending Decisions 94/187/EC, 94/309/EC, 94/344/EC, 94/446/EC, 95/341/EC and 95/343/EC laying down the animal health requirements and certification for the import of certain products and amending Decision 95/340/EC drawing up a provisional list of third countries from which Member States authorize imports of milk and milk products  
*OJL 024 , 31/01/1996 P. 34*

- (3) Hides and skins of ungulates (1) not covered by Directive 64/433/EEC or 72/462/EEC and which have not undergone certain tanning processes\*  
*Certification, animal health guarantees, minimum treatment, approved country*

Commission Decision 97/168/EC of 29 November 1996 laying down the animal health requirements and the certification or official declaration for the import of hides and skins of ungulates from third countries  
*OJL 067 , 07/03/1997 P. 19*

Commission Decision 96/500/EC of 22 July 1996 laying down the animal health requirements and the certification or official declaration for the import of game trophies of birds and ungulates not having undergone a complete taxidermy treatment from third countries  
*OJL 203 , 13/08/1996 P. 13*

- (4) Pet food containing low-risk materials within the meaning of Directive 90/667/EEC\*  
*Certification, minimum treatment regime*

Commission Decision 94/309/EC of 27 April 1994 laying down the animal health requirements and the veterinary certification for the importation from third countries of certain petfoods and certain untanned edible products for pets containing low risk animal material

*OJL 137 , 01/06/1994 P. 62*

as last modified by:

97/199/EC: Commission Decision of 25 March 1997 laying down the animal health requirements and the veterinary certification for the import of petfood in hermetically sealed containers from certain third countries which use alternative heat treatment systems and amending Decision 94/309/EC

*OJL 084 , 26/03/1997 P. 44*

Commission Decision 94/344/EC of 27 April 1994 laying down the animal health requirements and the veterinary certification for the importation from third countries of processed animal protein including products containing this protein intended for animal consumption

*OJL 154 , 21/06/1994 P. 45*

as last modified by:

97/198/EC: Commission Decision of 25 March 1997 laying down the animal health requirements and the veterinary certification for the import of processed animal protein from certain third countries which use alternative heat treatment systems and amending Decision 94/344/EC

*OJL 084 , 26/03/1997 P. 36*

- (5) Bones and bone products (excluding bone meal), horns and horn products (excluding horn meal) and hooves and hoof products (excluding hoof meal)\*

*Human/animal consumption: meet Directive 72/462 requirements*

*Other uses: minimum treatment, movement controls, producer guarantee*

Commission Decision 94/446/EC of 14 June 1994 laying down the requirements for the importation from third countries of bones and bone products, horns and horn products and hooves and hoof products, excluding meals thereof, for further processing not intended for human or animal consumption

*OJL 183 , 19/07/1994 P. 46*

as last modified by:

97/197/EC: Commission Decision of 18 March 1997 amending Decision 94/446/EC laying down the requirements for the importation from third countries of bones and bone products, horns and horn products and hooves and hoof products, excluding meals thereof, for further processing not intended for human or animal consumption

*OJL 084 , 26/03/1997 P. 32*

- (6) Processed animal protein\*  
*Certification, minimum treatment, Salmonella negative*

Commission Decision 97/198/EC of 25 March 1997 laying down the animal health requirements and the veterinary certification for the import of processed animal protein from certain third countries which use alternative heat treatment systems and amending Decision 94/344/EC  
*OJL 084 , 26/03/1997 P. 36*

- (7) Blood and blood products of ungulates and poultry (with the exception of serum from equidae)\*

*Fresh blood/products for human consumption: as for meat/meat products.*

*Other uses: certification, animal health guarantees, minimum treatment, approved country, approved premises*

- (8) Serum from equidae\*  
*Approved country, approved production conditions*

Commission Decision 94/143/EC of 1 March 1994 laying down the animal health requirements and the veterinary certification for the importation of serum from equidae from third countries  
*OJL 062 , 05/03/1994 P. 41*

as last modified by:

94/775/EC: Commission Decision of 28 November 1994 amending Decisions 94/143/EC, 94/187/EC, 94/309/EC, 94/344/EC, 94/446/EC and 94/435/EC laying down the animal health requirements and certification for the import of certain products covered by Council Directive 92/118/EEC  
*OJL 310 , 03/12/1994 P. 77*

- (9) Lard and rendered fats\*  
*Approved country, certification, minimum treatment*

- (10) Raw material for the manufacture of animal feedingstuffs and pharmaceutical products\*  
*Approved country, certification, movement controls*

92/183/EEC: Commission Decision of 3 March 1992 laying down the general conditions to be complied with for the import of certain raw materials for the pharmaceutical processing industry, coming from third countries, which appear on the list established by Council Decision 79/542/EEC  
*OJL 084 , 31/03/1992 P. 33*

92/187/EEC: Commission Decision of 28 February 1992 laying down the conditions which have to be complied with for importation of certain raw materials for the pharmaceutical processing industry, coming from certain third countries, which do not appear on the list established by Council Decision 79/542/EEC  
*OJ L 087 , 02/04/1992 P. 20*

Raw material for the manufacture of technical products\*  
*Approved country, certification, movement controls*

- (11) Rabbit meat and farmed game meat  
*Approved country, certification, approved premises*

Commission Decision 2000/585/EC of 7 September 2000 laying down animal and public health conditions and veterinary certifications for import of wild and farmed game meat and rabbit meat from third countries and repealing Commission Decisions 97/217/EC, 97/218/EC, 97/219/EC and 97/220/EC  
*OJ L 251 , 06/10/2000 P. 1*

as last modified by:  
2003/571/EC: Commission Decision of 31 July 2003 amending Decisions 1999/283/EC and 2000/585/EC as regards imports of fresh meat from Botswana and Swaziland  
*OJ L 194 , 01/08/2003 P. 79*

- (12) Apiculture products\*  
*Animal health guarantees, certification*  
94/860/EC: Commission Decision of 20 December 1994 laying down the requirements for the import from third countries of apiculture products for use in apiculture  
*OJ L 352 , 31/12/1994 P. 69*

- (13) Game trophies\*  
Fully treated - no restrictions. Partially treated - certification, minimum treatment or fresh meat standards  
  
Commission Decision 96/500/EC of 22 July 1996 laying down the animal health requirements and the certification or official declaration for the import of game trophies of birds and ungulates not having undergone a complete taxidermy treatment from third countries  
*OJ L 203 , 13/08/1996 P. 13*

- (14) Manure\*  
*Untreated: animal health guarantees, certification*  
*Treated: approved premises, certification, microbiological standards*

<p>(15) Unprocessed wool, hair, bristles, feathers and parts of feathers*  <i>Minimum treatment, movement controls</i></p> <p>94/435/EC: Commission Decision of 10 June 1994 laying down the animal health requirements and the veterinary certification for the importation of pig bristles from third countries  <i>OJL 180 , 14/07/1994 P. 40</i></p> <p>as last modified by:  94/775/EC: Commission Decision of 28 November 1994 amending Decisions 94/143/EC, 94/187/EC, 94/309/EC, 94/344/EC, 94/446/EC and 94/435/EC laying down the animal health requirements and certification for the import of certain products covered by Council Directive 92/118/EEC  <i>OJL 310 , 03/12/1994 P. 77</i></p>
<p>(16) Snails intended for human consumption (public health certificate see Council Directive 92/118/EEC)  <i>Approved premises, production conditions, official controls, certification</i></p>
<p>(17) Frogs' legs intended for human consumption (public health certificate see Council Directive 92/118/EEC)  Approved premises, production conditions, official controls, certification</p>
<p>(18) Gelatine intended for human consumption* (including public health certificate)  <i>Approved countries, approved premises, approved raw materials, movement controls, minimum treatment, official controls, microbiological and residue standards, certification</i></p> <p>Commission Decision 2000/20/EC of 10 December 1999 establishing health certificates for the importation from third countries of gelatine intended for human consumption and of raw materials destined for the production of gelatine intended for human consumption  <i>OJL 006 , 11/01/2000 P. 60</i></p>
<p>(19) Collagen*. Measures similar to those applied to gelatine will shortly be published.</p>

## 9.6. Health controls and certification requirements (live animals)

### 9.6.1. Live cattle and pigs

*Additional rules regarding the BSE status of the third country may apply for imports of cattle - see section 9.7*

Commission Decision 2002/199/EEC Commission Decision of 30 January 2002 concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of live bovine and porcine animals from certain third countries

*OJ L 71, 13/03/2002 P. 1*

as last modified by:

2002/578/EC: Commission Decision of 10 July 2002 amending Decision 2002/199/EC concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of live bovine and porcine animals from certain third countries

*OJ L 183, 12/07/2002 P. 62*

### 9.6.2. Live horses

Commission Decision 92/160/EEC of 5 March 1992 establishing the regionalization of certain third countries for imports of equidae

*OJ L 071, 18/03/1992 P. 27*

as last modified by:

2002/635/EC: Commission Decision of 31 July 2002 amending Decisions 92/160/EEC, 92/260/EEC and 93/197/EEC with regard to importation of registered horses from Turkey and repealing Decision 98/404/EC

*OJ L 206, 03/08/2002 P. 20*

Commission Decision 92/260/EEC of 10 April 1992 on animal health conditions and veterinary certification for temporary admission of registered horses

*OJ L 130, 15/05/1992 P. 67*

as last modified by:

2003/541/EC: Commission Decision of 17 July 2003 amending Decisions 92/260/EEC, 93/197/EEC and 97/10/EC as regards the temporary admission and imports into the European Union of registered horses from South Africa

*OJ L 185, 24/07/2003 P. 41*

Commission Decision 93/195/EEC of 2 February 1993 on animal health conditions and veterinary certification for the re-entry of registered horses for racing, competition and cultural events after temporary export

*OJ L 086, 06/04/1993 P. 1*

as last modified by:

2001/611/EC: Commission Decision of 20 July 2001 amending Decision 92/160/EEC with regard to the regionalisation of Mexico, amending Decisions 92/260/EEC, 93/195/EEC, 93/196/EEC and 93/197/EEC with regard to imports of equidae from Mexico and repealing Decisions 95/392/EC and 96/486/EC

*OJ L 214, 08/08/2001 P. 49*

### **9.6.2. Live Horses (continued)**

Commission Decision 93/196/EEC of 5 February 1993 on animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of equidae for slaughter

*OJ L 086 , 06/04/1993 P. 7*

as last modified by:

2001/611/EC: Commission Decision of 20 July 2001 amending Decision 92/160/EEC with regard to the regionalisation of Mexico, amending Decisions 92/260/EEC, 93/195/EEC, 93/196/EEC and 93/197/EEC with regard to imports of equidae from Mexico and repealing Decisions 95/392/EC and 96/486/EC

*OJ L 214 , 08/08/2001 P. 49*

Commission Decision 93/197/EEC of 5 February 1993 on animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of registered equidae and equidae for breeding and production

*OJ L 086 , 06/04/1993 P. 16*

as last modified by:

2003/541/EC: Commission Decision of 17 July 2003 amending Decisions 92/260/EEC, 93/197/EEC and 97/10/EC as regards the temporary admission and imports into the European Union of registered horses from South Africa

*OJ L 185 , 24/07/2003 P. 41*

### *9.6.3. Live poultry, live ratites & live birds other than poultry*

Commission Decision 96/482/EC of 12 July 1996 laying down animal health conditions and veterinary certificates for the importation of poultry and hatching eggs other than ratites and eggs thereof from third countries including animal health measures to be applied after such importation

*OJ L 196 , 07/08/1996 P. 13*

as last modified by:

2002/542/EC: Commission Decision of 4 July 2002 amending Decision 96/482/EC as regards the length of the isolation period for imports of live poultry and hatching eggs from third countries and the animal health measures to be applied after such importation

*OJ L 176 , 05/07/2002 P. 43*

Commission Decision 2001/751/EC of 16 October 2001 laying down animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of live ratites and hatching eggs thereof from third countries including animal health measures to be applied after such importation, amending Commission Decision 95/233/EC drawing up a list of third countries from which the Member States authorise imports of live poultry and hatching eggs and amending Commission Decision 96/659/EC on protective measures in relation to Crimean Congo haemorrhagic fever.

*OJ L 281 , 25/10/2001 P. 24*

as last modified by:

2002/789/EC: Commission Decision of 10 October 2002 amending Decision 2001/751/EC as regards imports of live ratites and hatching eggs from Botswana

*OJ L 274 , 11/10/2002 P. 36*

### **9.6.3. Live poultry, live ratites & live birds other than poultry (continued)**

Commission Decision 2000/666/EC of 16 October 2000 laying down the animal health requirements and the veterinary certification for the import of birds, other than poultry and the conditions for quarantine

*OJ L 278 , 31/10/2000 P. 26*

as last modified by:

2002/279/EC: Commission Decision of 12 April 2002 amending Decision 2000/666/EC and Decision 2001/106/EC as regards the establishment of a model for lists of approved quarantine facilities or centres for imports of birds in the Member States

*OJ L 099 , 16/04/2002 P. 17*

### *9.6.4. Live sheep and goats*

Commission Decision 93/198/EEC of 17 February 1993 laying down a model for the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for the importation of domestic ovine and caprine animals from third countries

*OJ L 086 , 06/04/1993 P. 34*

as last modified by:

2002/261/EC: Commission Decision of 25 March 2002 amending Decision 93/198/EEC laying down a model for the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for the import of domestic ovine and caprine animals from third countries and amending Annex E of Council Directive 91/68/EEC laying down the animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in ovine and caprine animals

*OJ L 091 , 06/04/2002 P. 31*

### **9.7. BSE conditions**

Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2001 laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies

*OJ L 147 , 31/05/2001 P. 1*

as last modified by:

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1234/2003 of 10 July 2003 amending Annexes I, IV and XI to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EC) No 1326/2001 as regards transmissible spongiform encephalopathies and animal feeding

*OJ L 173 , 11/07/2003 P. 6*