

COMMISSION DECISION

of 11 December 2007

concerning approval of *Salmonella* control programmes in breeding flocks of *Gallus gallus* in certain third countries in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Decision 2006/696/EC, as regards certain public health requirements at import of poultry and hatching eggs

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2007/843/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 November 2003 on the control of *Salmonella* and other specified food-borne zoonotic agents⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 10(2) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific rules for the organisation of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 11(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 lays down requirements for the control of *Salmonella* in different poultry populations of the Member States. The requirements apply to Member States from the dates set out in Annex I to that Regulation, in particular 18 months after a target for reduction of the prevalence of *Salmonella* has been established.
- (2) A target for such reduction applies for breeding flocks of *Gallus gallus* from 1 July 2005 in accordance with

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1003/2005⁽⁴⁾, for laying hens from 1 August 2006 in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1168/2006 and for broilers from 1 July 2007 in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 646/2007⁽⁵⁾.

- (3) Canada, Israel, Tunisia and the United States have submitted to the Commission their control programmes for *Salmonella* in breeding poultry of *Gallus gallus*, hatching eggs thereof and day-old chicks of *Gallus gallus* intended for breeding. These programmes were found to provide guarantees equivalent to the guarantees provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 and should therefore be approved.
- (4) Commission Decision 2006/696/EC of 28 August 2006 laying down a list of third countries from which poultry, hatching eggs, day-old chicks, meat of poultry, ratites and wild game-birds, eggs and egg products and specified pathogen-free eggs may be imported into and transit through the Community and the applicable veterinary certification conditions and amending Decisions 93/342/EEC, 2000/585/EC and 2003/812/EC⁽⁶⁾ covers imports into and transit through the Community of in particular breeding and productive poultry, hatching eggs and day-old chicks and sets out a list of third countries from which Member States are authorised to import the relevant animals and hatching eggs.
- (5) Pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003, admission to or retention on the lists of third countries provided for in Community legislation from which Member States are authorised to import the relevant animals and hatching eggs covered by that Regulation is subject to the submission to the Commission by the third country concerned of a programme equivalent to national control programmes for *Salmonella* to be established by the Member States, and its approval by the Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 325, 12.12.2003, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1237/2007 (OJ L 280, 24.10.2007, p. 5).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 55; corrected version in OJ L 226, 25.6.2004, p. 22. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1243/2007 (OJ L 281, 25.10.2007, p. 8).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 206; corrected version in OJ L 226, 25.6.2004, p. 83. Regulation as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 1791/2006 (OJ L 363, 20.12.2006, p. 1).

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 170, 1.7.2005, p. 12. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1168/2006 (OJ L 211, 1.8.2006, p. 4).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 151, 13.6.2007, p. 21.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 295, 25.10.2006, p. 1. Decision as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1237/2007.

- (6) As a consequence of the approval of programmes, Canada, Israel, Tunisia and the United States should remain on the list set out in Decision 2006/696/EC of third countries from which the Member States are authorised to import breeding poultry of *Gallus gallus*, hatching eggs thereof and day-old chicks of *Gallus gallus* intended for breeding.
- (7) Certain other third countries currently listed in Decision 2006/696/EC have not yet submitted any control programme for *Salmonella* to the Commission. Since requirements on breeding poultry of *Gallus gallus*, hatching eggs thereof and day-old chicks of *Gallus gallus* intended for breeding, already apply within the Community, imports of such poultry and eggs should therefore no longer be authorised from those third countries. The list of third countries or parts thereof set out in Part 1 of Annex I to Decision 2006/696/EC should be amended accordingly.
- (8) In order to provide guarantees, equivalent to the requirements within the Community, third countries, from which Member States are authorised to import breeding and productive poultry of *Gallus gallus* hatching eggs thereof and day-old chicks of *Gallus gallus*, should certify that the control programme for *Salmonella* has been applied to the flock of origin and that that flock has been tested for the presence of *Salmonella* serotypes of public health significance as soon as the requirements apply to the different poultry populations in the Community.
- (9) In addition, pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003, flocks of *Gallus gallus* can not be used for breeding purposes and their eggs can not be used as hatching eggs since 1 January 2007 in the Community if infected with *Salmonella* Enteritidis and/or *Salmonella* Typhimurium. Therefore, breeding poultry, day-old chicks intended for breeding and hatching eggs should only be authorised for import into the Community if the flocks of origin were tested and free of *Salmonella* Enteritidis and *Salmonella* Typhimurium.
- (10) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1177/2006 of 1 August 2006 implementing Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards requirements for the use of specific control methods in the framework of the national control programmes for the control of *Salmonella* in poultry ⁽¹⁾ lays down certain rules for the use of antimicrobials and vaccines in the framework of the national control programmes approved by the Commission pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003.
- (11) Third countries from which Member States are authorised to import breeding and productive poultry of *Gallus gallus* hatching eggs and day-old chicks of *Gallus gallus*, should certify that the specific requirements for the use of antimicrobials and vaccines provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1177/2006 have been applied as soon as the requirements apply to the different poultry populations in the Community. If antimicrobials have been used in day-old chicks for other purposes than the control of *Salmonella*, it should also be indicated on the certificate because such use may influence the testing for *Salmonella* at import.
- (12) The model veterinary certificates for the import of breeding and productive poultry, day old chicks and hatching eggs in Decision 2006/696/EC should be amended accordingly. In order to avoid future amendments to the model veterinary certificates at the time when the provisions on imports in Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 become applicable to productive poultry and day-old chickens, other than for breeding, the model veterinary certificates should be amended for imports of those animals as well, with a clear indication when those amendments apply to the different populations.
- (13) Bulgaria and Romania acceded to the European Union on 1 January 2007. From that date, the provisions on intra-Community trade laid down in Decision 2006/696/EC apply to those new Member States. Bulgaria and Romania should therefore be deleted from the lists of third countries that are approved for imports by the Member States and set out in Part 1 of Annexes I and II to Decision 2006/696/EC.
- (14) To avoid any disruption of trade, the use of veterinary certificates issued in accordance with Decision 2006/696/EC, as currently worded, should be allowed for a period of 60 days following the date of application of the present Decision.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 212, 2.8.2006, p. 3.

(15) However, in order to avoid future amendments to the model veterinary certificates at the time when the provisions on imports in Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 become applicable to laying hens and broilers of *Gallus gallus*, the model veterinary certificates should be amended for imports of those animals as well, with a clear indication when those amendments apply to the different populations. The date of application of these amendments should therefore be deferred as appropriate.

(16) Decision 2006/696/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.

(17) 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 control programmes submitted by Canada, Israel, Tunisia and United States in accordance with Article 10(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 are hereby approved as regards *Salmonella* in flocks of breeding hens.

Article 2

Annexes I and II to Decision 2006/696/EC are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

Article 3

Consignments of breeding or productive poultry other than ratites, day-old chicks other than of ratites and hatching eggs of poultry other than ratites for which veterinary certificates have been issued in accordance with Decision 2006/696/EC, in the version applying before the date of application of the present Decision may be imported into the Community for a period of 60 days following the date of application of the present Decision.

Article 4

This Decision shall apply from 15 February 2008.

However, points II.2.5 of the model certificate for breeding or productive poultry other than ratites, II 2,4 of the model certificate for day-old chicks other than of ratites in Annex I of Decision 2006/696/EC as amended by the present Decision shall apply from 1 January 2009 if the productive poultry or day-old chicks is solely intended for the production of meat.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 11 December 2007.

For the Commission

Markos KYPRIANOU

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

(1) Annex I to Decision 2006/696/EC is amended as follows:

(a) Part 1 is replaced by the following:

Part 1

List of third countries or parts thereof (*)

Country	Code of territory	Description of territory	Veterinary certificate		Specific conditions
			Model(s)	Additional Guarantees	
1	2	3	4	5	6
AR — Argentina	AR-0		SPF		
AU — Australia	AU-0		BPP, DOC, HEP, SPF, SRP		A
			BPR	I	
			DOR	II	
			HER	III	
BR — Brazil	BR-0		SPF		
	BR-1	States of Mato Grosso, Paraná, Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina and São Paulo	BPP, DOC, HEP, SRP		A
	BR-2	States of Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina, Paraná, São Paulo and Mato Grosso do Sul	BPR, DOR, HER, SRA		
BW — Botswana	BW-0		SPF		
			BPR	I	
			DOR	II	
			HER	III	
CA — Canada	CA-0		BPR, BPP, DOC, DOR, HEP, HER, SRA, SPF, SRP	IV	
CH — Switzerland	CH-0		(**)		
CL — Chile	CL-0		BPR, BPP, DOC, DOR, HEP, HER, SPF, SRA, SRP		A
HR — Croatia	HR-0		BPR, BPP, DOR, DOC, HEP, HER, SPF, SRA, SRP		A

1	2	3	4	5	6
GL — Greenland	GL-0		SPF		
IL — Israel	IL-0		BPR, BPP, DOC, DOR, HEP, HER, SPF, SRP	IV	
IS — Iceland	IS-0		SPF		
MG — Madagascar	MG-0		SPF		
MX — Mexico	MX-0		SPF		
NA — Namibia	NA-0		SPF		
			BPR	I	
			DOR	II	
			HER	III	
NZ — New Zealand	NZ-0		BPR, BPP, DOC, DOR, HEP, HER, SPF, SRA, SRP		A
PM — St Pierre and Miquelon	PM-0		SPF		
TH — Thailand	TH-0		SPF		
TN — Tunisia	TN-0		DOR, BPR, BPP, HER, SPF	IV	
TR — Turkey	TR-0		SPF		
US — United States	US-0		BPR, BPP, DOC, DOR, HEP, HER, SPF, SRA, SRP	IV	
UY — Uruguay	UY-0		SPF		
ZA — South Africa	ZA-0		SPF		
			BPR	I	
			DOR	II	
			HER	III	

(*) Without prejudice to specific certification requirements provided for in Community agreements with third countries.

(**) Certificates in accordance with the agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products, OJ L 114, 30.4.2002, p. 132.

(b) Part 2 is amended as follows:

(i) in the section with the subheading 'Additional guarantees (AG)', the following is added:

'IV: Relevant guarantees for breeding poultry of *Gallus gallus*, day-old chicks of *Gallus gallus* intended for breeding purposes and hatching eggs of *Gallus gallus* in accordance with EU provisions on the control of *Salmonella*, have been provided and shall be certified in accordance with model BPP, DOC and HEP respectively.'

(ii) after the section with the subheading 'Additional Guarantees (AG)', the following section is inserted:

'Specific conditions:

'A': Prohibition to import into the Community breeding poultry of *Gallus gallus*, day-old chicks of *Gallus gallus* intended for breeding purposes and hatching eggs of *Gallus gallus* because a Salmonella control programme in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 has not been submitted to the Commission or approved by it.'

(iii) the model veterinary certificate for breeding or productive poultry other than ratites (BPP) is replaced by the following:

***Model veterinary certificate for breeding or productive poultry other than ratites (BPP)**

COUNTRY

Veterinary certificate to EU

Part I: Details of dispatched consignment	I.1. Consignor <input type="checkbox"/> Name		I.2. Certificate reference number		I.2.a.		
	Address		I.3. Certificate reference number				
	Tel. No		I.4. Local Competent Authority				
	I.5. Consignee Name		/				
	Address						
	Postal code						
	Tel. No						
	I.7. Country of origin	ISO Code	I.8. Region of origin	Code	I.9. Country of destination	ISO Code	I.10.
	I.11. Place of origin Name		Approval number		/		
	Address		Approval number				
	Name		Approval number				
	Address		Approval number				
I.13. Place of loading Address		Approval number		I.14. Date of departure		time of departure	
I.15. Means of transport Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/>		Ship <input type="checkbox"/>	Railway wagon <input type="checkbox"/>	I.16. Entry BIP in EU			
Road vehicle <input type="checkbox"/>		Other <input type="checkbox"/>		I.17. No(s) of CITES			
Identification:							
Documentary references:							
I.18. Description of commodity				I.19. Commodity code (HS code)			
						I.20. Quantity	
I.21.				I.22. Number of packages			
I.23. Identification of container/seal number				I.24.			
I.25. Commodities certified for: Breeding <input type="checkbox"/>							
I.26.				I.27. For import or admission into EU <input type="checkbox"/>			
I.28. Identification of the commodities							
Species (Scientific name)		Breed/Category		Quantity			

COUNTRY

BPP (breeding or productive poultry other than ratites)

Part II: Certification	II.	Health information <input type="checkbox"/>	II.a. Certificate reference number	II.b.
	II.1.	Animal health attestation		
		I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify that the poultry ⁽¹⁾ described in this certificate:		
	II.1.1.	complies with Directive 90/539/EEC;		
	II.1.2.	has remained on the territory of code ⁽²⁾ for at least three months or since hatching where it is less than three months old; where it was imported into the country of origin, this took place in accordance with veterinary conditions at least as strict as the relevant requirements of Directive 90/539/EEC and any subsidiary Decisions;		
	II.1.3.	comes from the territory of code ⁽²⁾ , which, at the date of issue of this certificate, was free from Avian influenza and Newcastle disease as defined in Decision 93/342/EEC;		
	II.1.4.	has been examined at the date of issue of this certificate and showed no clinical signs of or grounds for suspecting any disease;		
	II.1.5.	has been kept since hatching or for at least six weeks immediately prior to export in the establishment(s) defined in Box I.11 of Part I, officially approved in accordance with requirements which are at least equivalent to those laid down in Annex II to Directive 90/539/EEC.		
		(a) the approval of which has not been suspended or withdrawn;		
		(b) which is (are) not subject to any animal health restriction;		
		(c) within a 25 km radius of which, including, where appropriate, the territory of a neighbouring country, there has been no outbreak of Avian influenza or Newcastle disease for at least 30 days;		
	II.1.6.	during the period mentioned in II.1.5, has had no contact with poultry not complying with the requirements laid down in this certificate or with wild birds;		
	II.1.7.	comes from a flock which:		
		(a) has been examined no more than 24 hours before loading and showed no clinical signs of or grounds for suspecting any disease;		
		(b) underwent a disease surveillance programme for:		
		⁽³⁾ either [(i) <i>Salmonella pullorum</i> , <i>S. gallinarum</i> and <i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum</i> (fowls);]		
		⁽³⁾ and/or [(ii) <i>Salmonella arizonae</i> , <i>S. pullorum</i> and <i>S. gallinarum</i> , <i>Mycoplasma meleagridis</i> and <i>M. gallisepticum</i> (turkeys);]		
		⁽³⁾ and/or [(iii) <i>Salmonella pullorum</i> and <i>S. gallinarum</i> (guinea fowl, quails, pheasants, partridges and ducks)]		
		in accordance with Chapter III of Annex II to Directive 90/539/EEC and was not found to be infected, or showed any grounds for suspecting any infection, by these agents;		
		⁽³⁾ either [(c) has not been vaccinated against Newcastle disease;]		
		⁽³⁾ or [has been vaccinated against Newcastle disease using:		
	 (name and type (live or inactivated) of Newcastle disease virus strain used in vaccine(s))		
		at the age of weeks]		
		⁽³⁾ [(d) has been vaccinated using officially approved vaccines on		
	 against (repeat as necessary)]		

II.2. Additional guarantees

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, further certify that:

(⁵) II.2.1. where the consignment is intended for a Member State or region the status of which has been established pursuant to Article 12(2) of Directive 90/539/EEC, the poultry described in this certificate:

(a) has not been vaccinated against Newcastle disease;

(b) was kept in isolation for 14 days before consignment at either the holding or a quarantine station under the supervision of an official veterinarian. In this connection, no poultry at the holding of origin or quarantine station, as applicable, was vaccinated against Newcastle disease during the 21 days preceding consignment and no bird which was not intended for consignment entered the holding or quarantine station during that time; in addition, no vaccinations were carried out at the quarantine station;

(c) underwent a serological examination for the presence of Newcastle disease antibodies in the 14 days preceding consignment and tested negative;]

II.2.2. the following additional guarantees laid down by the Member State of destination in accordance with Articles 13 and/or 14 of Directive 90/539/EEC are provided:

..... ;

(⁴) II.2.3. [if the Member State of destination is Finland or Sweden, the breeding poultry has tested negative accordance with the rules laid down in Commission Decision 2003/644/EC;]

(⁴) II.2.4. [if the Member State of destination is Finland or Sweden, the laying hens (productive poultry reared with a view to producing eggs for consumption) have tested negative in accordance with the rules laid down in Commission Decision 2004/235/EC.]

(⁶) II.2.5. [The *Salmonella* control programme referred to in Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 and the specific requirements for the use of antimicrobials and vaccines in Regulation (EC) No 1177/2006, have been applied to the flock of origin and the flock has been tested for *Salmonella* serotypes of public health significance.

Date of last sampling of the flock from which the testing result is known:

Result of all testing in the flock:

(³) (⁷) either [positive;]

(³) (⁷) or [negative]

For reasons other than the *Salmonella* control programme, within the last 3 weeks prior to import

(³) either antimicrobials were not administered to the breeding and productive poultry other than ratites

(³) (⁴) or the following antimicrobials were administered to the breeding and productive poultry other than ratites:

(⁶) II.2.6. [If breeding poultry, neither *Salmonella Enteritidis* nor *Salmonella Typhimurium* were detected within the control programme referred to in point II.2.5.]

(⁸) II.3. Additional health requirements

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, further certify that, although the use of vaccines against Newcastle disease which do not fulfil the specific requirements of Annex B(2) to Decision 93/342/EEC is not prohibited in (²), the poultry described in this certificate:

(a) has not been vaccinated for at least 12 months with such vaccines;

(b) comes from a flock which underwent a virus isolation test for Newcastle disease, carried out in an official laboratory not more than 14 days preceding consignment on a random sample of cloacal swabs from at least 60 birds in each flock and in which no avian paramyxoviruses with an Intracerebral Pathogenicity Index (ICPI) of more than 0.4 were found;

(c) in the 60 days before consignment was not in contact with poultry which does not fulfil the conditions in (a) and (b);

(d) was kept in isolation under official surveillance on the holding of origin during the 14 days mentioned in (b).]

II.4. Animal transport attestation

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, further certify, that the poultry is to be transported in crates or cages which:

- (a) contain only poultry of the same species, category and type coming from the same establishment;
- (b) bear the approval number of the establishment of origin;
- (c) are closed in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority to avoid any possibility of substitution of the contents;
- (d) in addition to the vehicles in which they are to be transported, are designed to:
 - (i) prevent any excrement escaping and reduce to a minimum any loss of feathers during transport;
 - (ii) allow visual inspection of the poultry;
 - (iii) allow cleaning and disinfection;
- (e) have been cleaned and disinfected, as have the vehicles in which they are to be transported, before loading in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority.

Notes**Part I:**

- Box I.8: provide the code for the region of origin, if necessary, as defined under code of territory in column 2, Part 1 of Annex I of Decision 2006/696/EC [as last amended].
- Box I.11: Name, address and approval number of breeding and rearing establishment.
- Box I.15: Indicate the registration number(s) of railway wagons and lorries, the names of ships and, if known, the flight numbers of aircraft. In the case of transport in containers or boxes, the total number of these and their registration and seal numbers, where applicable, should be indicated in box I.23.
- Box I.19: use the appropriate HS code: 01.05 or 01.06.39.
- Box I.28 (Category): select one of the following: Pure line/grandparents/parents/laying pullets/others.

Part II:

- (1) Breeding poultry and productive poultry as defined in Decision 2006/696/EC [as last amended].
 - (2) Code of the territory as it appears in column 2, Part 1 of Annex I of Decision 2006/696/EC [as last amended].
 - (3) Keep as appropriate.
 - (4) Complete if appropriate.
 - (5) Where the consignment is not intended for such Member States or regions (currently Finland and Sweden), the guarantees given under point II.2.1 must be deleted.
 - (6) The guarantees given under points II.2.5 and II.2.6 apply only to poultry which belongs to the species *Gallus gallus*, and they apply only from 1 January 2009, if the poultry is reared solely for meat production.
 - (7) If any of the results were positive for the serotypes below during the life of the flock, indicate as positive.
 - locks of breeding poultry: *Salmonella Hadar*, *Salmonella Virchow* and *Salmonella Infantis*.
 - Flocks of productive poultry: *Salmonella Enteritidis* and *Salmonella Typhimurium*.
 - (8) This guarantee is required only for poultry coming from countries or parts thereof where Article 4(4) of Decision 93/342/EEC applies. It should be deleted in the case of poultry coming from other countries.
- This certificate is valid for 10 days.

Official veterinarian

Name (in capital letters):
Local Competent Authority:
Date:
Stamp:

Qualification and title:
Signature:

(iv) the model veterinary certificate for day-old chicks other than of ratites (DOC) is replaced by the following:

***Model veterinary certificate for day-old chicks other than of ratites (DOC)**

COUNTRY

Veterinary certificate to EU

Part I: Details of dispatched consignment	I.1. Consignor <input type="checkbox"/> Name Address Tel. No		I.2. Certificate reference number		I.2.a.		
			I.3. Central Competent Authority				
			I.4. Local Competent Authority				
	I.5. Consignee Name Address Postal code Tel. No		I.6.				
	I.7. Country of origine	ISO Code	I.8. Region of origin	Code	I.9. Country of destination	ISO Code	I.10.
	I.11. Place of origin Name Address Name Address Name Address		Approval number		I.12.		
	I.13. Place of loading Address		Approval number		I.14. Date of departure		time of departure
	I.15. Means of transport Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship <input type="checkbox"/> Railway wagon <input type="checkbox"/> Road vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Identification: Documentary references:				I.16. Entry BIP in EU		I.17. No(s) of CITES
	I.18. Description of commodity				I.19. Commodity code (HS code)		I.20. Quantity
	I.21.				I.22. Number of packages		
I.23. Identification of container/seal number				I.24.			
I.25. Commodities certified for: Breeding <input type="checkbox"/>							
I.26.				I.27. For import or admission into EU <input type="checkbox"/>			
I.28. Identification of the commodities							
Species (Scientific name)		Breed/Category		Quantity			

COUNTRY

DOC (day-old chicks other than of ratites)

Part II: Certification	II.	Health information <input type="checkbox"/>	II.a. Certificate reference number	II.b.
	II.1.	Animal health attestation		
		I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify that the day-old chicks ⁽¹⁾ described in this certificate:		
	II.1.1.	meet the provisions of Directive 90/539/EEC;		
	II.1.2.	have been hatched on the territory of code ⁽²⁾ . Where the flocks from which the hatching eggs come were imported into the country of origin, this took place in accordance with veterinary conditions at least as strict as the relevant requirements of Directive 90/539/EEC and any subsidiary Decisions;		
	II.1.3.	come from the territory of code ⁽²⁾ , which, at the date of issue of this certificate, was free from Avian influenza and Newcastle disease as defined in Decision 93/342/EEC;		
	II.1.4.	have been examined at the date of issue of this certificate and showed no clinical signs of or grounds for suspecting any disease;		
	II.1.5.	have been hatched in the establishment(s) defined in Box I.11 of Part I officially approved in accordance with requirements which are at least equivalent to those laid down in Annex II to Directive 90/539/EEC:		
		(a) the approval of which has not been suspended or withdrawn;		
		(b) which, at the time of consignment, was (were) not subject to any animal health restriction;		
		(c) within a 25 km radius of which, including, where appropriate, the territory of a neighbouring country, there has been no outbreak of Avian influenza or Newcastle disease for at least 30 days;		
	II.1.6.	have had no contact with poultry not meeting the requirements laid down in this certificate or with wild birds;		
	II.1.7.	are hatched from eggs coming from flocks which:		
		(a) have been kept for at least six weeks immediately prior to export in officially approved establishments, the approval of which, at the time of consignment of the hatching eggs to the hatchery, had not been suspended or withdrawn;		
		(b) are not located in regions which are not free from Avian influenza or Newcastle disease;		
		(c) present, at the date of issue of this certificate, no clinical signs of or grounds for suspecting any disease;		
		(d) have undergone a disease surveillance programme for:		
		⁽³⁾ either [Salmonella pullorum, S. gallinarum and Mycoplasma gallisepticum ((fowls)];		
		⁽³⁾ and/or [Salmonella arizonae, S. pullorum and S. gallinarum, Mycoplasma meleagridis and M. gallisepticum (turkeys)];		
		⁽³⁾ and/or [Salmonella pullorum and S. gallinarum ((guinea fowls, quails, pheasants, partridges and ducks)]		
		in accordance with Chapter III of Annex II to Directive 90/539/EEC and have not been found to be infected, or showed any grounds for suspecting infection, by these agents;]		
		⁽³⁾ either [(e) have not been vaccinated against Newcastle disease;]		
		⁽³⁾ or [have been vaccinated against Newcastle disease using:		
			
		(name and type (live or inactivated) of Newcastle disease virus strain used in vaccine(s))		
		at the age of..... weeks]		
		⁽³⁾ [(f) have been vaccinated using officially approved vaccines		
		on against (repeat as necessary)]		

II.1.8. have been hatched from eggs which:

- (a) prior to consignment to the hatchery, had been marked in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority;
- (b) had been disinfected in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority.

II.1.9. hatched on (dates).

II.1.10. have been vaccinated using officially approved vaccines on, against (repeat as necessary).

II.2. Additional guarantees

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, further certify that:

⁽⁵⁾ II.2.1. where the consignment is intended for a Member State or region the status of which has been established pursuant to Article 12(2) of Directive 90/539/EEC, the day-old chicks described in this certificate come from hatching eggs coming from flocks which:

⁽³⁾ *either* [(i) have not been vaccinated against Newcastle disease;]

⁽³⁾ *or* [(ii) have been vaccinated against Newcastle disease using an inactivated vaccine;]

⁽³⁾ *or* [(iii) were vaccinated against Newcastle disease using a live vaccine at the latest 60 days before the date the eggs were collected.]

II.2.2. the following additional guarantees, laid down by the Member State of destination under Articles 13 and/or 14 of Directive 90/539/EEC, are provided:

..... ;

⁽⁴⁾ II.2.3. if the Member State of destination is Finland or Sweden, the day-old chicks for introduction into flocks of breeding poultry or flocks of productive poultry come from flocks which have tested negative in accordance with the rules laid down in Commission Decision 2003/644/EC.

⁽⁶⁾ II.2.4. [The *Salmonella* control programme referred to in Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 and the specific requirements for the use of antimicrobials and vaccines in Regulation (EC) No 1177/2006, have been applied to the parent flock of origin and this parent flock has been tested for *Salmonella* serotypes of public health significance.

Date of last sampling of the parent flock from which the testing result is known:

Result of all testing in the parent flock:

⁽³⁾ ⁽⁷⁾ *either* [positive;]

⁽³⁾ ⁽⁷⁾ *or* [negative]

The specific requirements for the use of antimicrobials and vaccines in Regulation (EC) No 1177/2006, have been applied to the day-old chicks.

For reasons other than the *Salmonella* control programme,

⁽³⁾ *either* antimicrobials were not administered to the day-old chicks (including in-ovo injection)

⁽³⁾ ⁽⁴⁾ *or* the following antimicrobials were administered to the day-old chicks (including in-ovo injection):

⁽⁶⁾ II.2.5. [If the day-old chicks are intended for breeding, neither *Salmonella Enteritidis* nor *Salmonella Typhimurium* were detected within the control programme referred to in point II.2.4.]

⁽⁸⁾ II.3. **Additional health requirements**

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, further certify that, although the use of vaccines against Newcastle disease which do not fulfil the specific requirements of Annex B(2) to Decision 93/342/EEC is not prohibited in ⁽²⁾:

- II.3.1. the breeding poultry from which the day-old chicks are derived:
- (a) has not been vaccinated for at least 12 months with such vaccines;
 - (b) comes from a flock which underwent a virus isolation test for Newcastle disease, carried out in an official laboratory not earlier than 14 days preceding consignment on a random sample of cloacal swabs from at least 60 birds in each flock and in which no avian paramyxoviruses with an Intracerebral Pathogenicity Index (ICPI) of more than 0,4 were found;
 - (c) has not been in contact during the last 60 days before consignment with poultry which does not fulfil the conditions in (a) and (b);
 - (d) has been kept in isolation under official surveillance on the holding of origin in the 14-day period mentioned in (b), and
- II.3.2. the hatching eggs from which they hatched have not been in contact in the hatchery or during transport with eggs or poultry which do not fulfil the abovementioned requirements.]

II.4. **Animal transport attestation**

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, further certify that:

- II.4.1. the day-old chicks described in this certificate are to be transported in disposable boxes used for the first time and:
- (a) contain only day-old chicks of the same species, category and type coming from the same establishment;
 - (b) bear the following information:
 - the name of the country of consignment,
 - the species of poultry concerned,
 - the number of chicks,
 - the category and type of production for which they are intended,
 - the name, address and approval number of the production establishment,
 - the approval number of the establishment of origin,
 - the Member State of destination;
 - (c) are closed in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority to avoid any possibility of substitution of the contents;
- II.4.2. the containers and vehicles in which the boxes mentioned in II.4.1 have been transported have been cleaned and disinfected before loading in accordance the instructions of the competent authority.

Notes

Part I:

- Box I.8: provide the code for the region of origin, if necessary, as defined under code of territory in column 2, Part 1 of Annex I of Decision 2006/696/EC [as last amended].
- Box I.11: Name, address and approval number of hatcheries and the breeding establishment.
- Box I.15: Indicate the registration number(s) of railway wagons and lorries, the names of ships and, if known, the flight numbers of aircraft. In the case of transport in containers or boxes, the total number of these and their registration and seal numbers, where applicable, should be indicated in box I.23.
- Box I.19: use the appropriate HS code: 01.05 or 01.06.39.
- Box I.28: (Category): select one of the following: Pure line/grandparents/parents/laying stock/broilers/others.

Part II:

- (1) "Day-old chicks" as defined in Decision 2006/696/EC [as last amended].
- (2) Code of the territory as it appears in column 2, Part 1 of Annex I of Decision 2006/696/EC [as last amended].
- (3) Keep as appropriate.
- (4) Complete if appropriate.
- (5) Where the consignment is not intended for such Member States or regions (currently Finland and Sweden), the guarantees given under point II.2.1 must be deleted.
- (6) The guarantees given under points II.2.4 and II.2.5 only apply m if the day-old chicks belong to the species *Gallus gallus* and they apply only from 1 January 2009, if the day-old chicks are intended solely for meat production.
- (7) If any of the results were positive for the following serotypes during the life of the parent flock, indicate as positive: *Salmonella Infantis*, *Salmonella Virchow* and *Salmonella Hadar*.
- (8) This guarantee is required only for poultry coming from countries or parts thereof where Article 4(4) of Decision 93/342/EEC applies. It should be deleted in the case of poultry coming from other countries.
- This certificate is valid for 10 days.

Official veterinarian

Name (in capital letters):
Local Competent Authority:
Date:
Stamp:

Qualification and title:

Signature:

(v) the model veterinary certificate for hatching eggs of poultry other than ratites (HEP) is replaced by the following:

Model veterinary certificate for hatching eggs of poultry other than ratites (HEP)

COUNTRY

Veterinary certificate to EU

Part I: Details of dispatched consignment	I.1. Consignor <input type="checkbox"/> Name Address Tel. No		I.2. Certificate reference number		I.2.a.		
			I.3. Central Competent Authority				
			I.4. Local Competent Authority				
	I.5. Consignee Name Address Postal code Tel. No		I.6.				
	I.7. Country of origin	ISO Code	I.8. Region of origin	Code	I.9. Country of destination	ISO Code	I.10.
	I.11. Place of origin Name Address Name Address Name Adresse		Approval number		I.12.		
	I.13. Place of loading Address		Approval number		I.14. Date of departure time of departure		
	I.15. Means of transport Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship <input type="checkbox"/> Railway wagon <input type="checkbox"/> Road vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Identification: Documentary references:				I.16. Entry BIP in EU		
					I.17. No(s) of CITES		
	I.18. Description of commodity				I.19. Commodity code (HS code)		
						I.20. Quantity	
I.21.				I.22. Number of packages			
I.23. Identification of container/seal number				I.24.			
I.25. Commodities certified for: Breeding <input type="checkbox"/>							
I.26.				I.27. For import or admission into EU <input type="checkbox"/>			
I.28. Identification of the commodities							
Species (Scientific name)		Breed/Category	Identification system		Identification number	Quantity	

COUNTRY

HEP (hatching eggs of poultry other than ratites)

Part II: Certification	<p>II. Health information <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>II.1. Animal health attestation</p> <p>I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify that the hatching eggs ⁽¹⁾ described in this certificate:</p> <p>II.1.1. comply with Directive 90/539/EEC;</p> <p>II.1.2. come from flocks which have remained on the territory of code ⁽²⁾ for at least three months. Where these flocks were imported into the country of origin, this took place in accordance with veterinary conditions that are at least as strict as the relevant requirements of Directive 90/539/EEC and any subsidiary Decisions;</p> <p>II.1.3. come from the territory of code ⁽²⁾, which at the date of issue of this certificate was free from Avian influenza and Newcastle disease as defined in Decision 93/342/EEC;</p> <p>II.1.4. come from flocks which:</p> <p>(a) have been examined at the date of issue of this certificate and showed no clinical signs of or grounds for suspecting any disease;</p> <p>(b) have been kept for at least six weeks immediately prior to export in the establishment(s) defined in Box I.11 of Part I, officially approved in accordance with requirements that are at least equivalent to those laid down in Annex II to Directive 90/539/EEC:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">— the approval of which has not been suspended or withdrawn;</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">— which is (are) not subject to any animal health restriction;</p> <p>within a 25 km radius of which, including, where appropriate, the territory of a neighbouring country, there has been no outbreak of Avian influenza or Newcastle disease for at least 30 days;</p> <p>(c) during the period mentioned in (b), have had no contact with poultry not meeting the requirements laid down in this certificate or with wild birds,</p> <p>(d) have undergone a disease surveillance programme for:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">⁽³⁾ either [Salmonella pullorum, S. gallinarum and Mycoplasma gallisepticum ((fowls)];</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">⁽³⁾ and/or [Salmonella arizonae, S. pullorum and S. gallinarum, Mycoplasma meleagridis and M. gallisepticum (turkeys)];</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">⁽³⁾ and/or [Salmonella pullorum and S. gallinarum ((guinea fowls, quails, pheasants, partridges and ducks)]</p> <p>in accordance with Chapter III of Annex II to Directive 90/539/EEC and were not found to be infected, or showed any grounds for suspecting infection, by these agents;</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">⁽³⁾ either [(e) [have not been vaccinated against Newcastle disease;]</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">⁽³⁾ or [have been vaccinated against Newcastle disease using:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">.....</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(name and type (live or inactivated) of Newcastle disease virus strain used in vaccine(s))</p> <p>at the age of..... weeks]</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">⁽³⁾ [(f) have been vaccinated using officially approved vaccines</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">on against..... (repeat as necessary)]</p> <p>II.1.5. have been marked as indicated in point I.28 of the certificate using (colour ink)</p> <p>II.1.6. have been disinfected in accordance with my instructions, using.....(name of the product and active substance) for (time in minutes);</p> <p>II.1.7. were collected from..... to (dates).</p>	II.a. Certificate reference number	II.b.
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II.2. Additional guarantees

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, further certify that:

(⁴) [II.2.1. where the consignment is intended for a Member State or region the status of which has been established in accordance with Article 12(2) of Directive 90/539/EEC, the hatching eggs described in this certificate are derived from poultry which:

(³) *either* (a) have not been vaccinated against Newcastle disease,

(³) *or* (b) have been vaccinated against Newcastle disease using an inactivated vaccine,

(³) *or* (c) were vaccinated against Newcastle disease using a live vaccine at the latest 60 days before the date mentioned under point II.1.7 above.]

II.2.2. the following additional guarantees, laid down by the Member State of destination in accordance with Articles 13 and/or 14 of Directive 90/539/EEC, are provided:

..... ;

(³) II.2.3. if the Member State of destination is Finland or Sweden, the hatching eggs come from flocks which have tested negative in accordance with the rules laid down in Commission Decision 2003/644/EC.

(⁵) II.2.4. [The *Salmonella* control programme referred to in Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 and specific requirements for the use of antimicrobials and vaccines in Regulation (EC) No 1177/2006, have been applied to the parent flock of origin and this parent flock has been tested for *Salmonella* serotypes of public health significance.

Date of last sampling of the parent stock from which the testing result is known:

Result of all testing in the parent flock:

(³) (⁶) *either* [positive;]

(³) (⁶) *or* [negative]

(⁵) II.2.5. Neither *Salmonella Enteritidis* nor *Salmonella Typhimurium* were detected within the control programme referred to in point II.2.4.

(⁷) II.3. Additional health requirements for countries not free from Newcastle disease

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, further certify that although the use of vaccines against Newcastle disease which do not fulfil the specific requirements of Annex B(2) to Decision 93/342/EEC is not prohibited in (²), the poultry from which the hatching eggs are derived:

(a) has not been vaccinated for at least 12 months with such vaccines;

(b) comes from a flock that underwent a virus isolation test for Newcastle disease, carried out in an official laboratory not earlier than 14 days preceding consignment on a random sample of cloacal swabs from at least 60 birds in each flock concerned and in which no avian paramyxoviruses with an Intracerebral Pathogenicity Index (ICPI) of more than 0,4 have been found;

(c) has not been in contact during the last 60 days before consignment with poultry that does not fulfil the conditions in (a) and (b);

(d) has been kept in isolation under official surveillance on the holding of origin in the 14-day period mentioned in (b).]

II.4. Animal transport attestation

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, further certify that:

- II.4.1. the hatching eggs are to be transported in perfectly clean disposable boxes used for the first time and which:
- (a) contain only hatching eggs of the same species, category and type coming from the same establishment;
 - (b) bear the following indications:
 - the name of the country of consignment,
 - the species of poultry concerned,
 - the number of eggs,
 - the category and type of production for which they are intended,
 - the name, address and approval number of the production establishment,
 - the approval number of the establishment of origin,
 - the Member State of destination;
 - (c) are closed in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority to avoid any possibility of substitution of the contents;
- II.4.2. the containers and vehicles in which the boxes mentioned in II.4.1 have been transported have been cleaned and disinfected before loading in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority.

Notes

Part I:

- Box I.8: provide the code for the region of origin, if necessary, as defined under code of territory in column 2, Part 1 of Annex I of Decision 2006/696/EC [as last amended].
- Box I.11: Name, address and approval number of the breeding establishment.
- Box I.15: Indicate the registration number(s) of railway wagons and lorries, the names of ships and, if known, the flight numbers of aircraft. In the case of transport in containers or boxes, the total numbers of these and their registration and seal numbers, where applicable, should be indicated in box I.23.
- Box I.28 (Category): select one of the following: Pure line/grandparents/parents/laying pullets/eggs of turkeys for consumption/others; (Identification system and identification number): introduce the egg mark.

Part II:

- (1) For hatching eggs of poultry as defined in Decision 2006/696/EC [as last amended] with the exception of ratites.
 - (2) Code of the territory as it appears in column 2, Part 1 of Annex I of Decision 2006/696/EC [as last amended].
 - (3) Keep as appropriate.
 - (4) Where the consignment is not intended for such Member States or regions (currently Finland and Sweden), the guarantees given under point II.2.1 must be deleted.
 - (5) The guarantees given under points II.2.4 and II.2.5 only apply to the poultry which belongs to the species *Gallus gallus*.
 - (6) If any of the results were positive for the following serotypes during the life of the parent flock, indicate as positive: *Salmonella Infantis*, *Salmonella Virchow* and *Salmonella Hadar*.
 - (7) This guarantee is required only for poultry coming from countries or parts thereof where Article 4(4) of Decision 93/342/EEC applies. It should be deleted in the case of poultry coming from other countries.
- This certificate is valid for 10 days.

Official veterinarian

Name (in capitals):
 Local Competent Authority:
 Date:
 Stamp:

Qualification and title:

Signature:

(2) In Part 1 of Annex II to Decision 2006/696/EC, the entries for Bulgaria and Romania are deleted.
