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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 January 2005

implementing Council Directive 92/65/EEC as regards import conditions for cats, dogs and ferrets for approved bodies, institutes or centres

(notified under document number C(2005) 118)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2005/64/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to 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⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 19 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Directive 92/65/EEC lays down the animal health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of animals, semen, ova and embryos. That Directive provides that the import conditions for cats, dogs and ferrets must be at least equivalent to the conditions set out in Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003 on the animal health requirements applicable to the non-commercial movement of pet animals and amending Council Directive 92/65/EEC⁽²⁾. The intention of this equivalency between conditions applying to non-commercial and commercial movements of these species was to avoid fraud in the pets trade.

(2) The risk of fraud is negligible as regards movements of these species between bodies, institutes or centres approved in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC.

(3) It is appropriate to lay down specific conditions for the importation of cats, dogs and ferrets when they are destined for bodies, institutes or centres approved in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC.

(4) It is necessary to set out a model health certificate for the import of cats, dogs, and ferrets destined for approved bodies, institutes or centres.

(5) 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 importation of cats, dogs and ferrets destined for bodies, institutes or centres approved in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC shall comply with the following requirements:

(a) they must come from a third country or territory listed in Section 2 of Part B or in Part C of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 998/2003, and

(b) they must be accompanied by a veterinary certificate corresponding to the model health certificate set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 1 February 2005.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 14.9.1992, p. 54. Directive as last amended by Directive 2004/68/EC (OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 320).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 146, 13.6.2003, p. 1. Directive as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2054/2004 (OJ L 355, 1.12.2004, p. 14).

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States

Done at Brussels, 26 January 2005.

For the Commission
Markos KYPRIANOU
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

VETERINARY CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORT OF DOGS, CATS AND FERRETS DESTINED FOR BODIES, INSTITUTES OR CENTRES APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANNEX C TO COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 92/65/EEC				
Note for the importer: This certificate is for veterinary purposes only and must accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection post.				
1. Country of origin and competent authority ⁽¹⁾ :		2. Health certificate No:		<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL ⁽²⁾ <input type="checkbox"/> COPY ⁽³⁾
I. ORIGIN OF THE ANIMALS				
3. Name and address of the holding of origin:		4. Name and address of the consignor:		
5. Place of loading:		6. Means of transport:		
II. DESTINATION OF THE ANIMALS				
7. Member State of destination:				
8. Name and address or registration code of the body, institute or centre of destination:		9. Name and address of the consignee:		
III. INDIVIDUAL IDENTITY OF THE ANIMALS				
	10. Animal species	11. Sex	12. Birth date or age	13. Individual identification (microchip or tattoo ⁽⁴⁾)
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10.10. ⁽⁵⁾				
IV. VACCINATION AGAINST RABIES (when required — strike out when not certified)				
Manufacturer and name of vaccine:				
Batch number:		Vaccination date:		Valid until:

⁽¹⁾ The third country must be listed in Section 2 of Part B or in Part C of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 998/2003.

⁽²⁾ The original must accompany the consignment to the final destination.

⁽³⁾ The copy must be kept by the responsible of the holding of origin.

⁽⁴⁾ Depending on the requirements of the Member State of destination.

⁽⁵⁾ Continue as necessary.

V. RABIES SEROLOGICAL TEST (when required — strike out when not certified)	
I have seen (an) official record(s) of the result(s) of the serological test(s) for the animal(s), carried out on (a) sample(s) taken on _____, and tested in an EU-approved laboratory, which state(s) that the rabies neutralising antibody titre was equal to or greater than 0,5 IU/ml.	
VI. CLINICAL EXAMINATION	
I declare that the animal(s) is(are) at present free of clinical signs and transportable and come(s) from a holding approved or registered by the competent authority for the breeding of the species concerned, and which is not subject to any official restrictions for health reasons.	
VII. TICK TREATMENT (when required — strike out when not certified)	
Manufacturer and name of product:	
Date and time of treatment (24-hour clock):	
VIII. ECHINOCOCCUS TREATMENT (when required — strike out when not certified)	
Manufacturer and name of product:	
Date and time of treatment (24-hour clock):	
NAME AND QUALIFICATION OF THE UNDERSIGNED (approved veterinarian/official veterinarian)	
First name:	Surname:
Address:	Signature, date and stamp:
Postcode:	
City:	
Country ⁽¹⁾ :	
Telephone:	
NOTES FOR GUIDANCE	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identification of the animal (tattoo or microchip) must be verified before any entries are made on the certificate. 2. The rabies vaccine used must be an inactivated vaccine produced in accordance with OIE standards. 3. This certificate shall be valid for 10 days from the date of signature for the purpose of import into the EU and controls at its borders. It shall be valid for four months from the date of signature for the purpose of further movement between EU Member States, in place of the pet passport. 4. Animals from, or prepared in, third countries not listed in Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 998/2003, may not enter Ireland, Sweden or the United Kingdom, either directly or via another country listed in Annex II, unless brought into conformity with National Rules. 5. The clinical examination (Part VI) must be done within 24 hours before movement. 6. Parts not certified must be struck out. 	
APPLICABLE CONDITIONS	
Completion of Part VI is compulsory.	
Parts IV, V, VII and VIII shall be completed depending on the request of the Member State of destination. Member States can derogate to any of these conditions.	