

COMMISSION DECISION

of 19 February 1993

concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for the importation of porcine semen from third countries

(93/199/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/429/EEC of 26 June 1990 laying down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in and imports of semen of domestic animals of the porcine species ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Articles 9 (2) and (3) and 10 (2) thereof,

Whereas Member States import porcine semen in accordance with the provisions of Council Directive 90/675/EEC ⁽²⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92 ⁽³⁾, which lays down the principles governing veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries;

Whereas the list of third countries from which Member States are authorized to import porcine semen is established in Commission Decision 93/100/EEC ⁽⁴⁾;

Whereas it appears that the animal health situation in the third countries on the list set out in Decision 93/100/EEC is satisfactory from the point of view of importation of porcine semen; whereas it is controlled by well-structured and organized veterinary services;

Whereas the veterinary authorities of the third countries on the list set out in Decision 93/100/EEC have agreed to inform the Commission and the Member States within 24 hours of the occurrence of any of the following diseases: foot-and-mouth disease, swine vesicular disease, classical swine fever, African swine fever, porcine enteroviral encephalitis (Teschen disease) and vesicular stomatitis; whereas in the event of such notification the Commission will examine the situation in the third country concerned;

Whereas the said competent veterinary authorities have undertaken to supervise officially the issuing of certificates arising from this Decision and to ensure that all supporting documentation on which certification may have been based remains on official files for at least 12 months following dispatch of the semen to which they refer;

Whereas, with a view to semen exports to the Community, the said veterinary authorities have undertaken to approve semen collection centres, pursuant to Article 8 (3) (c) of the aforesaid Directive 90/429/EEC;

Whereas the animal health certificate is adapted to take into account the animal health situation in each third country;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Member States shall authorize the import of semen of domestic animals of the porcine species which meets the requirements of the animal health certificate set out in Part 1 of the Annex hereto. This certificate must accompany consignments of porcine semen from those third countries appearing in Part 2 of the Annex.

Article 2

Member States in which all collection centres contain only animals which have not been vaccinated against Aujeszky's disease, which give a negative reaction to the serum neutralization test or to the Elisa for Aujeszky's disease may refuse admission to their territory of semen from collection centres which do not have that status.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 62.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 373, 31. 12. 1990, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 173, 27. 6. 1992, p. 13.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 40, 17. 2. 1993, p. 23.

Article 3

Done at Brussels, 19 February 1993.

This Decision shall apply from the 60th day after its notification of the Member States.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

For the Commission

René STEICHEN

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

PART 1

1. Consignor (name and full address)		ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE	
		No	ORIGINAL
3. Consignee (name and full address)		2. Third country of collection	
		4. Competent authority	
<i>Notes</i> (a) A separate certificate must be issued for each consignment of semen (b) The original of this certificate must accompany the consignment to the place of destination		5. Competent local authority	
6. Place of loading			
8. Means of transport		7. Name and address of semen collection centre	
11. Number and code-mark of semen containers		10. Registration number of semen collection centre	
12. Identification of semen			
(a) Number of doses	(b) Date(s) of collection	(c) Breed	
(d) Identification of donor animal			

13. I, the undersigned official veterinarian, certify that:

- (a) has during the past 24 months been free from foot-and-mouth disease and during the past 12 months has been free from classical swine fever, African swine fever, swine vesicular disease or porcine enteroviral encephalomyelitis (Teschen disease) and that no vaccinations have been carried out against any of these diseases during the past 12 months;
(Name of third country)
- (b) the semen collection centre on which the semen to be exported was collected:
- (i) is approved for export to the Community by the veterinary services of and fulfils the requirements of Chapters I and II of Annex A to Council Directive 90/429/EEC;
(Name of third country)
- (ii) was on the day the semen to be exported was collected, situated in the centre of an area of 20 km in diameter in which during the period commencing three months prior to the date of collection until the date of despatch there was no evidence of foot-and-mouth disease, classical swine fever, African swine fever, swine vesicular disease, porcine enteroviral encephalomyelitis (Teschen disease) or vesicular stomatitis;
- (iii) was, during the period commencing 30 days prior to the date of collection of the semen to be exported until its date of despatch, free from clinical signs of tuberculosis, brucellosis, Aujeszky's disease, leptospirosis, rabies;
- (iv) either contains animals that have not been vaccinated against Aujeszky's disease and which have reacted negatively to the serum neutralization test or to the Elisa for Aujeszky's disease,
- or
- in which some or all the boars have been vaccinated against Aujeszky's disease using a G1 deleted vaccine; such boars having been seronegative with regard to Aujeszky's disease before vaccination and subjected not sooner than three weeks later to a further serological examination which did not reveal the presence of antibodies induced by the disease virus.

14. Prior to entering the semen collection centre all boars have undergone a period of 30 days isolation in accommodation which:

- (a) is situated in the centre of an area of 10 km radius in which there has been no case of foot-and-mouth disease swine fever for at least 30 days;
- (b) has, for at least three months, been free from foot-and-mouth disease and brucellosis;
- (c) has for at least 30 days been free from Aujeszky's disease and those porcine diseases listed in Annex E to Council Directive 64/432/EEC;

during the last 15 days of which they were subjected to the following tests with negative results:

- (d) a serum agglutination test for brucellosis showing a brucella count of less than 30 Iu of agglutination per ml;
- (e) a complement fixation test showing a brucella count of less than 20 ICFT units per ml;
- (f) (i) a serum neutralization test or an Elisa for Aujeszky's disease using all viral antigens;
or
(ii) an Elisa for G1 antigens in the case of pigs vaccinated with a G1 deleted vaccine;
- (g) a microscopic agglutination test for leptospirosis (sero-vars pomona, grippotyphosa, tarassovi, hardjo, bratislava and ballum) or have been given two injections at an interval of 14 days of streptomycin at the rate of 25 mg per kg of body weight.

15. Prior to entering the isolation accommodation all boars standing at the approved semen collection centre originated in holdings/herds which:

- (a) were free from classical swine fever;
- (b) were free from brucellosis;
- (c) contained no animal vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease in the preceding 12 months;
- (d) showed no clinical, serological or virological sign of Aujeszky's disease during the preceding 12 months;
- (e) were not subject to any restriction for animal health reasons on the day the boar entered the isolation

and within 30 days prior to entering the isolation accommodation were subjected to the following tests with negative results:

- (f) a complement fixation test for brucellosis showing a brucella count of less than 20 ICFT units per ml;
- (g) (i) a serum neutralization test or an Elisa for Aujeszky's disease using all viral antigens in the case of non-vaccinated pigs;
or
(ii) an Elisa for G1 antigens in the case of pigs vaccinated with a G1 deleted vaccine;
- (h) a serum neutralization test or Elisa for classical swine fever.

16. All boars leaving the centre have been subjected to the following tests with negative results:

- (a) (i) a serum neutralization test or Elisa for Aujeszky's disease in the case of non-vaccinated pigs;
or
(ii) an Elisa for G1 antigens in the case of vaccinated pigs;
- (b) a complement fixation test for brucellosis showing a brucella count of less than 20 ICFT units per ml;
- (c) a serum neutralization test or Elisa for classical swine fever

and all boars kept more than 12 months at the semen collection centre have been subjected to the tests at (a) and (b) above not later than 18 months after admission and every 12 months thereafter.

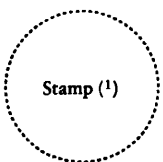
17. The semen to be exported was obtained from boars which:

- (a) have been resident infor a minimum period of three months immediately prior to collection;
(Name of third country)
- (b) have been kept in the approved centre for the 30 days immediately prior to collection;
- (c) are not allowed to serve naturally;
- (d) are not vaccinated for foot-and-mouth disease;
- (e) showed no clinical sign of disease on the day of collection.

18. The semen to be export:

- was treated with a mixture of antibiotics in particular against leptospire and mycoplasmas having at least equivalent effect to the following:
500 Iu per ml of streptomycin
500 Iu per ml of penicillin
150 µg per ml of lincomycin
300 µg per ml of spectinomycin,
- was, immediately after the addition of antibiotics, kept at a temperature of at least 15 °C for not less than 45 minutes,
- was stored and transported in flasks each marked with the registration number of the semen collection centre, with the date of collection, the breed and identity of the donor boar and which had been cleansed and disinfected before use and which have been sealed prior to dispatch.

Done at



Signature (1):

Name and qualification (in block letters):
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(1) The signature and the stamp must be in a colour different to that of the printing.

PART 2

List of third countries approved to use the model animal health certificate at Part 1

Austria (Burgenland, Salzburg, Tirol, Vorarlberg and Upper Austria)
Canada
Finland
New Zealand
Norway
Sweden
Switzerland
United States of America
