COMMISSION DECISION

of 27 March 2006

amending Annex II to Council Decision 79/542/EEC as regards regionalisation for Argentina and the model certificates relating to the importation of bovine fresh meat from Brazil

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2006/259/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 2002/99/EC of 16 December 2002 laying down the animal health rules governing the production, processing, distribution and introduction of products of animal origin for human consumption [1], and in particular points (1) and (4) of Article 8 and Article 9(4) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Council Decision 79/542/EEC of 21 December 1976 drawing up a list of third countries or parts of third countries, and laying down animal and public health and veterinary certification conditions, for importation into the Community of certain live animals and their fresh meat [2] provides that imports of those animals and meat are to meet the requirements set out in the appropriate model certificates drawn up under that Decision.

(2) Argentina has confirmed an outbreak of foot and mouth disease (type O) in the Province of Corrientes in the Department of San Luís del Palmar and has immediately informed the Commission on 8 February 2006.

(3) It is necessary, in order to protect the health status of the Community, to take regionalisation measures temporarily suspending imports of de-boned meat coming from bovines originating from that Department and the surrounding Departments of Berón de Astrada, Capital, General Paz, Empedrado, Itati, Mbucuruyá and San Cosme.

(4) The first notification of a suspicion of foot and mouth disease to the Argentinean veterinary authorities was on 4 February 2006. However, the veterinary authorities have suspended certification of exports of meat from animals slaughtered after the 4 January 2006. Consignments of such meat from bovines slaughtered on or after 4 January 2006 from those Departments should be suspended. However by way of derogation from that suspension consignments with a certification signed between 4 January to 4 February 2006 for de-boned and matured meat from bovines slaughtered during the period from 4 January 2006 to 4 February 2006 and already dispatched to the Community should be permitted to be imported into the Community.

(5) Following a recent Commission mission to Brazil it appears that although the traceability systems have been substantially improved, some further improvements are necessary in order to avoid possible contacts between animals of different status. It is also necessary to improve the efficacy of foot and mouth disease vaccination and the ability to demonstrate lack of circulation of foot and mouth disease virus taking into account that only de-boned and matured bovine meat is imported into the Community.

(6) It is appropriate as an additional measure to provide for supplementary guarantees concerning animal contacts, vaccination and surveillance.

(7) Account needs to be taken of the non-vaccination foot and mouth policy in the State of Santa Catarina.

(8) Annex II to Decision 79/542/EEC should therefore be amended accordingly.

(9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

[1] OJ L 18, 23.1.2002, p. 11.
[2] OJ L 146, 14.6.1979, p. 15. Decision as last amended by Commission Decision 2006/9/EC (OJ L 7, 12.1.2006, p. 23).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision 79/542/EEC is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision:

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 31 March 2006.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27 March 2006.

For the Commission
Markos KYPRIANOU
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

In Annex II to Decision 79/542/EEC, Part I and the list of Models of veterinary certificates and the Model 'BOV' in Part II are replaced by the following:

'*ANNEX II*

(FRESH MEAT)

Part 1

LIST OF THIRD COUNTRIES OR PARTS THEREOF (*)

Country	Code of Territory	Description of territory	Veterinary certificate		Specific conditions
			Model(s)	SG	
1	2	3	4	5	6
AL — Albania	AL-0	Whole country	—		
AR — Argentina	AR-0	Whole country	EQU		
	AR-1	The Provinces of Buenos Aires, Catamarca, Corrientes (except the departments of Berón de Astrada, Capital, Empedrado, General Paz, Itati, Mbucuruyá, San Cosme and San Luís del Palmar), Entre Ríos, La Rioja, Mendoza, Misiones, Neuquen, Rio Negro, San Juan, San Luis, Santa Fe, and Tucuman.	BOV	A	1 and 2
	AR-2	La Pampa and Santiago del Estero	BOV	A	1 and 2
	AR-3	Cordoba	BOV	A	1 and 2
	AR-4	Chubut, Santa Cruz and Tierra del Fuego	BOV, OVI, RUW, RUF		1
	AR-5	Formosa (only the territory of Ramon Lista) and Salta (only the department of Rivadavia,)	BOV	A	1 and 2
	AR-6	Salta (only the departments of General Jose de San Martin, Oran, Iruya, and Santa Victoria)	BOV	A	1 and 2
	AR-7	Chaco, Formosa (except the territory of Ramon Lista), Salta (except the departments of General Jose de San Martin, Rivadavia, Oran, Iruya, and Santa Victoria), Jujuy	BOV	A	1 and 2
	AR-8	Chaco, Formosa, Salta, Jujuy, with the exception of the buffer area of 25 Km from the border with Bolivia and Paraguay that extends from the Santa Catalina District in the Province of Jujuy, to the Laishi District in the Province of Formosa	BOV	A	1 and 2
	AR-9	The buffer area of 25 Km from the border with Bolivia and Paraguay that extends from the Santa Catalina District in the Province of Jujuy, to the Laishi District in the Province of Formosa	—		
	AR-10	Part of the Province of Corrientes: the departments of Berón de Astrada, Capital, Empedrado, General Paz, Itati, Mbucuruyá, San Cosme and San Luís del Palmar	BOV	A	1 and 2
AU — Australia	AU-0	Whole country	BOV, OVI, POR, EQU, RUF, RUW, SUF, SUW		
BA — Bosnia Herzegovina	BA-0	Whole country	—		

1	2	3	4	5	6
BG — Bulgaria [a]	BG-0	Whole country	EQU		
	BG-1	The provinces of Varna, Dobrich, Silistra, Choumen, Targovitchte, Razgrad, Rousse, V.Tarnovo, Gabrovo, Pleven, Lovetch, Plovdic, Smolian, Pasardjik, Sofia district, Sofia city, Pernik, Kustendil, Blagoevgrad, Vratza, Montana and Vidin	BOV, OVI, RUW, RUF		
	BG-2	The provinces of Bourgas, Jambol, Sliven, Starazagora, Hasskovo, Kardjali and the 20-km-wide corridor on the border with Turkey	—		
BH — Bahrain	BH-0	Whole country	—		
BR — Brazil	BR-0	Whole country	EQU		
	BR-1	Part of the State of Minas Gerais (except regional delegations of Oliveira, Passos, São Gonçalo de Sapucai, Setelagoas and Bambuí); State of Espíritu Santo; State of Goias and; Part of the State of Mato Grosso comprising the regional unit of Cuiaba (except for the municipalities of San Antonio de Leverger, Nossa Senhora do Livramento, Pocone and Barão de Melgaço), the regional unit of Caceres (except for the municipality of Caceres), the regional unit of Lucas do Rio Verde, the regional unit of Rondonopolis (except for the municipality of Itiquiora), the regional unit of Barra do Garça and the regional unit of Barra do Burgres.	BOV	A and H	1 and 2
	BR-2	State of Rio Grande do Sul	BOV	A and H	1 and 2
	BR-3	Part of the State of Mato Grosso do Sul comprising the municipality of Sete Quedas	BOV	A and H	1 and 2
	BR-4	Part of the State of Mato Grosso do Sul (except for the municipalities of: Sonora, Aquidauana, Bodoqueno, Bonito, Caracol, Coxim, Jardim, Ladario, Miranda, Pedro Gomes, Porto Murtinho, Rio Negro, Rio Verde of Mato Grosso and Corumbá), State of Paraná, and State of Sao Paulo	BOV	A and H	1 and 2
	BR-5	State of Paraná, State of Mato Grosso do Sul and State of Sao Paulo.	—	—	1
	BR-6	State of Santa Catarina	BOV	A and H	1 and 2
BW — Botswana	BW-0	Whole country	EQU, EQW		
	BW-1	The veterinary disease control zones 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 18	BOV, OVI, RUF, RUW	F	1 and 2
	BW-2	The veterinary disease control zones 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14	BOV, OVI, RUF, RUW	F	1 and 2

1	2	3	4	5	6
BY — Belarus	BY-0	Whole country	—		
BZ — Belize	BZ-0	Whole country	BOV, EQU		
CA — Canada	CA-0	Whole country	BOV, OVI, POR, EQU, SUF, SUW, RUF, RUW,	G	
CH — Switzerland	CH-0	Whole country	BOV, OVI, POR, EQU, RUF, RUW, SUF, SUW		
CL — Chile	CL-0	Whole country	BOV, OVI, POR, EQU, RUF, RUW, SUF		
CN — China (People's Republic of)	CN-0	Whole country	—		
CO — Colombia	CO-0	Whole country	EQU		
	CO-1	The zone included within the borderlines from the point where the Murri River flows into the Atrato River, downstream along the Atrato River to where it flows into the Atlantic Ocean from this point to the Panamanian border following the Atlantic coast-line to Cabo Tiburón; from this point to the Pacific Ocean following the Columbian-Panamanian border; from this point to the mouth of the Valle River along the Pacific coast and from this point along a straight line to the point where the Murri River flows into the Atrato River.	BOV	A	2
	CO-3	The zone included within the borderlines from the mouth of the Sinu River on the Atlantic Ocean, upstream along the Sinu River to its head-Waters of Alto Paramillo, from this point to Puerto Rey on the Atlantic Ocean, following the borderline between the Department of Antiquia and Córdoba, and from this point to the mouth of the Sinu River along the Atlantic coast.	BOV	A	2
CR — Costa Rica	CR-0	Whole country	BOV, EQU		
CU — Cuba	CU-0	Whole country	BOV, EQU		
DZ — Algeria	DZ-0	Whole country	—		
ET — Ethiopia	ET-0	Whole country	—		
FK — Falkland Islands	FK-0	Whole country	BOV, OVI, EQU		
GL — Greenland	GL-0	Whole country	BOV, OVI, EQU, RUF, RUW		
GT — Guatemala	GT-0	Whole country	BOV, EQU		
HK — Hong Kong	HK-0	Whole country	—		
HN — Honduras	HN-0	Whole country	BOV, EQU		

1	2	3	4	5	6
HR — Croatia	HR-0	Whole country	BOV, OVI, EQU, RUF, RUW		
IL — Israel	IL-0	Whole country	—		
IN — India	IN-0	Whole country	—		
IS — Iceland	IS-0	Whole country	BOV, OVI, EQU, RUF, RUW		
KE — Kenya	KE-0	Whole country	—		
MA — Morocco	MA-0	Whole country	EQU		
MG — Madagascar	MG-0	Whole country	—		
MK — former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (***)	MK-0	Whole country	OVI, EQU		
MU — Mauritius	MU-0	Whole country	—		
MX — Mexico	MX-0	Whole country	BOV, EQU		
NA — Namibia	NA-0	Whole country	EQU, EQW		
	NA-1	South of the cordon fences which extend from Palgrave Point in the west to Gam in the east	BOV, OVI, RUF, RUW	F	2
NC — New Caledonia	NC-0	Whole country	BOV, RUF, RUW		
NI — Nicaragua	NI-0	Whole country	—		
NZ — New Zealand	NZ-0	Whole country	BOV, OVI, POR, EQU, RUF, RUW, SUF, SUW		
PA — Panama	PA-0	Whole country	BOV, EQU		
PY — Paraguay	PY-0	Whole country	EQU		
	PY-1	Chaco central and San Pedro areas	BOV	A	1 and 2
RO — Romania [a]	RO-0	Whole country	BOV, OVI, EQU, RUW, RUF		
RU — Russia	RU-0	Whole country	—		
	RU-1	Region of Murmansk, Yamolo-Nemets autonomous area	RUF		
SV — El Salvador	SV-0	Whole country	—		

1	2	3	4	5	6
SZ — Swaziland	SZ-0	Whole country	EQU, EQW		
	SZ-1	Area west of the "red line" fences which extends northwards from the river Usutu to the frontier with South Africa west of Nkalashane,	BOV, RUF, RUW	F	2
	SZ-2	The veterinary foot and mouth surveillance and vaccination control areas as gazetted as a Statutory Instrument under legal notice number 51 of 2001	BOV, RUF, RUW	F	1 and 2
TH — Thailand	TH-0	Whole country	—		
TN — Tunisia	TN-0	Whole country	—		
TR — Turkey	TR-0	Whole country	—		
	TR-1	The provinces of Amasya, Ankara, Aydin, Balikesir, Bursa, Cankiri, Corum, Denizli, Izmir, Kastamonu, Kutahya, Manisa, Usak, Yozgat and Kirikkale	EQU		
UA — Ukraine	UA-0	Whole country	—		
US — United States	US-0	Whole country	BOV, OVI, POR, EQU, SUF, SUW, RUF, RUW	G	
XM — Montenegro	XM-0	Whole custom territory (****)	BOV, OVI, EQU		
XS — Serbia (**)	XS-0	Whole custom territory (****)	BOV, OVI, EQU		
UY — Uruguay	UY-0	Whole country	EQU		
			BOV	A	1 and 2
			OVI	A	1 and 2
ZA — South Africa	ZA-0	Whole country	EQU, EQW		
	ZA-1	The whole country except: — the part of the foot-and-mouth disease control area situated in the veterinary regions of Mpumalanga and Northern provinces, in the district of Ingwavuma of the veterinary region of Natal and in the border area with Botswana east of longitude 28°, and — the district of Camperdown, in the province of KwaZuluNatal	BOV, OVI, RUF, RUW	F	2
ZW — Zimbabwe	ZW-0	Whole country	—		

(*) Without prejudice to specific certification requirements provided for by Community agreements with third countries.
(**) Not including Kosovo as defined by United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999.
(***) The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; provisional code that does not prejudge in any way the definitive nomenclature for this country, which will be agreed following the conclusion of negotiations currently taking place on this subjet in the United Nations.
(****) Serbia and Montenegro are Republics with individual customs territory forming a State Union and therefore have to be listed separately.
— = No certificate laid down and fresh meat imports are prohibited (except for those species where indicated in the line for the whole country).
[a] = Only applicable until this Acceding State becomes a Member States of the European Union.

Specific conditions referred to in column 6

"1": Geographic and timing restrictions:

Code of Territory	Veterinary certificate		Time period/dates for which importation into the Community is authorised or not authorised in relation to dates of slaughter/killing of animals from which the meat was obtained	
	Model	SG		
AR-1	BOV	A	Before and including 31 January 2002	Not authorised
			After and including 1 February 2002	Authorised
AR-2	BOV	A	Before and including 8 March 2002	Not authorised
			After and including 9 March 2002	Authorised
AR-4	BOV, OVI, RUW, RUF	—	Before and including 28 February 2002	Not authorised
			After and including 1 March 2002	Authorised
AR-5	BOV	A	From 1 February 2002 to 10 July 2003 (inclusive)	Authorised
			After and including 11 July 2003	Not Authorised
AR-6	BOV	A	From 1 February 2002 to 4 September 2003 (inclusive)	Authorised
			After and including 5 September 2003	Not Authorised
AR-7	BOV	A	From 1 February 2002 to 7 October 2003 (inclusive)	Authorised
			After and including 8 October 2003	Not Authorised
AR-8	BOV	A	Before and including 17 March 2005	see AR-5, AR-6 and AR-7 for periods when the specific territories within the area referred to in AR-8 were not authorised
			After and including 18 March 2005	Authorised
AR-10	BOV	A	Before and including 3 January 2006	Authorised
			After and including 4 January 2006 except for consignments already on their way before the 4 February to the Community certified between 4 January and 4 February 2006.	Not authorised
BR-1	BOV	A+H	After 1 December 2001	Authorised
BR-2	BOV	A+H	Before and including 30 November 2001	Not authorised
			After and including 1 December 2001	Authorised
BR-3	BOV	A+H	Before and including 31 October 2002	Authorised
			After and including 1 November 2002	Not authorised
BR-4	BOV	A+H	After and including 1 December 2001 until and including 29 September 2005	Authorised

Code of Territory	Veterinary certificate		Time period/dates for which importation into the Community is authorised or not authorised in relation to dates of slaughter/killing of animals from which the meat was obtained	
	Model	SG		
BR 5	BOV		After and including 30 September 2005	Not authorised
BR-6	BOV	A	After 1 December 2001	Authorised
BW-1	BOV, OVI, RUW, RUF	A	Before and including 7 July 2002	Not authorised
			After and including 8 July to 22 December 2002	Authorised
			After and including 23 December 2002 to 6 June 2003	Not authorised
			After and including 7 June 2003	Authorised
BW-2	BOV, OVI, RUW, RUF	A	Before and including 6 March 2002	Not authorised
			After and including 7 March 2002	Authorised
PY-1	BOV	A	Before and including 31 August 2002	Not authorised
			After and including 1 September 2002 to 19 February 2003	Authorised
			After and including 20 February 2003	Not authorised
SZ-2	BOV, RUF, RUW	A	Before and including 3 August 2003	Not authorised
			After and including 4 August 2003	Authorised
UY-0	BOV, OVI	A	Before and including 31 October 2001	Not authorised
			After and including 1 November 2001	Authorised

"2": Category restrictions:

No offal authorised (except, in the case of bovine species, diaphragm and masseter muscles).

Part 2

MODELS OF VETERINARY CERTIFICATES

Model(s):

"BOV": Model of veterinary certificate for fresh meat of domestic bovine animals (Bos taurus, Bison bison, Bubalus bubalis and their cross-breeds).

"POR": Model of veterinary certificate for fresh meat of domestic porcine animals (Sus scrofa).

"OVI": Model of veterinary certificate for fresh meat of domestic sheep (Ovis aries) and goats (Capra hircus).

"EQU": Model of veterinary certificate for fresh meat of domestic equine animals (Equus caballus, Equus asinus and their cross-breeds).

"RUF": Model of veterinary certificate for fresh meat of farmed non-domestic animals other than suidae and solipeds.

"RUW": Model of veterinary certificate for fresh meat of wild non-domestic animals other than suidae and solipeds.

"SUF": Model of veterinary certificate for fresh meat of farmed non-domestic suidae.

"SUW": Model of veterinary certificate for fresh meat of wild non-domestic suidae.

"EQW": Model of veterinary certificate for fresh meat of wild non-domestic solipeds.

SG (Supplementary guarantees)

"A": guarantees regarding the maturation, pH measurement and boning of fresh meat, excluding offal, certified according to the models of certificates BOV (point 10.6), OVI (point 10.6), RUF (point 10.7) and RUW (point 10.4).

"B": guarantees regarding matured trimmed offal as described in the model of certificate BOV (point 10.6).

"C": guarantees regarding laboratory test for classical-swine-fever in the carcases from which fresh meat certified according to the model of certificate SUW (point 10.3 bis) was obtained.

"D": guarantees regarding swill feed on holding(s) of animals from which fresh meat certified according to models of certificate POR (point 10.3 d)) was obtained.

"E": guarantees regarding tuberculosis test in the animals from where fresh meat certified according to the model of certificate BOV (point 10.4 d)) was obtained.

"F": guarantees regarding the maturation and de-boning of fresh meat, excluding offal, certified according to the models of certificates BOV (point 10.6), OVI (point 10.6), RUF (point 10.7) and RUW (point 10.4).

"G": guarantees regarding 1, exclusion of offals and spinal cord; and 2, testing and origin of cervid animals in relation to chronic wasting disease as referred to in the models of certificates RUF (point 9.2.1) and RUW (point 9.3.1).

"H": supplementary guarantees required for Brazil concerning animal contacts, vaccination programmes and surveillance. However as the State of Santa Catarina in Brazil does not vaccinate against foot and mouth disease the reference to a vaccination programme is not applicable for meat coming from animals originating and slaughtered in that State.

Notes

(a) Veterinary certificates shall be produced by the exporting country, based on the models appearing in Part 2 of Annex II, according to the layout of the model that corresponds to the meats concerned. They shall contain, in the numbered order that appears in the model, the attestations that are required for any third country and, as the case may be, those supplementary guarantees that are required for the exporting third country or part thereof.

(b) A separate and unique certificate must be provided for meat that is exported from a single territory appearing in columns 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Annex II which is consigned to the same destination and transported in the same railway wagon, lorry, aircraft or ship.

(c) The original of each certificate shall consist of a single page, both sides, or, where more text is required, it shall be in such a form that all pages needed are part of an integrated whole and indivisible.

(d) It shall be drawn up in at least one of the official languages of the EU Member State in which the inspection at the border post shall be carried out and of the EU Member State of destination. However, these Member States may allow other languages, if necessary, accompanied by an official translation.

(e) If for reasons of identification of the items of the consignment (schedule in point 8.3 of the model of certificate), additional pages are attached to the certificate, these pages shall also be considered as forming part of the original of the certificate by the application of the signature and stamp of the certifying official veterinarian, in each of the pages.

(f) When the certificate, including additional schedules referred to in (e), comprises more than one page, each page shall be numbered — (page number) of (total number of pages) — at the bottom and shall bear the code number of the certificate that has been designated by the competent authority at the top.

(g) The original of the certificate must be completed and signed by an official veterinarian. In doing so, the competent authorities of the exporting country shall ensure that the principles of certification equivalent to those laid down in Council Directive 96/93/EC are followed. The colour of the signature shall be different to that of the printing. The same rule applies to stamps other than those embossed or watermarked.

(h) The original of the certificate must accompany the consignment at the EU border inspection post.

Model BOV

1. **Consignor** (name and address in full)	**VETERINARY CERTIFICATE** **for fresh meat of domestic bovines (1), consigned to the European Community** No (2) ORIGINAL
2. **Consignee** (name and address in full)	3. **Origin of the meat** (3) 3.1 Country: ..... 3.2 Code of territory: ..... 4. **Competent Authority** 4.1 Ministry: ..... 4.2 Service: .... 4.3 Local/Regional level: ....
5. **Intended destination of the meat** 5.1 EU Member State: ..... 5.2 Establishment Name, and address ..... Approval or registration number (where applicable)	6. **Place of loading for exportation** ....
7. **Means of transport and consignment identification** (4) 7.1 (Lorry, Rail-wagon, Ship, or Aircraft) (5) 7.2 Registration number(s), ship name or flight number:	7.3 Consignment identification details (6): ....

8. **Identification of the meat**

8.1 Meat from: ..... *(animal species).*

8.2 Temperature conditions of the meat included in this consignment: chilled/frozen (5)

8.3 Individual identification of the meat included in this consignment:

Nature of cuts (7)	Approval number of the establishments			Number of packages/pieces	Net weight (kg)
	Slaughterhouse	Cutting/Manufacturing	Cold store		
			Total		

9. **Public Health attestation**

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify, that:

9.1 the fresh meat has been obtained, prepared, handled and stored under the health conditions governing production and control laid down in European Community legislation (8) and it is, therefore, considered as such to be fit for human consumption;

(5) [and the minced meat was produced and deep-frozen in manufacturing establishments, in accordance with the requirements laid down in European Community legislation (8);]

9.2 the fresh meat, or the packages of meat, bear an official health mark to the effect that the meat has been wholly dressed and inspected in the establishments indicated under point 8.3 that are approved for exportation to the European Community;

9.3 the means of transport and the loading conditions of this consignment meet the hygiene requirements laid down in European Community legislation (8);

9.4 with regard to bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), [8]

([5])([9]) *either* [the fresh meat does not contain bovine material other than those derived from animals born, continuously reared and slaughtered in the territory described under point 3, and/or from animals born and continuously reared in the territory of ..... ([3]) ([9]), and imported and slaughtered in the territory described under point 3.]

([5])([10]) *or* [(insert the relevant text of European Parliament and Council Regulation 999/2001 (as last amended))
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.....]

10. **Animal Health attestation**

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify, that the fresh meat described above:

10.1 has been obtained in the territory with code: ..... ([3]) which, at the date of issuing this certificate:

(a) has been free for 12 months from rinderpest, and during the same period no vaccination against this disease has taken place, and

([5]) *either* [(b) has been free for 12 months from foot-and-mouth disease, and during the same period no vaccination against this disease has taken place;]

([5]) *or* [(b) has been considered free from foot-and-mouth disease since ..... *(date)*, without having had cases/outbreaks afterwards, and authorised to export this meat by Commission Decision 2006/259/EC, of 27 March 2006;]

([5])([11]) *or* [(b) vaccination programmes against foot-and-mouth disease are being officially carried out and controlled in domestic bovine animals;]

([5])([18]) *or* [(b) has a systematic vaccination programme against foot-and-mouth disease and from herds where the efficacy of this vaccination programme is controlled by the competent veterinary authority through a regular serological surveillance indicating adequate antibody levels and which also demonstrates the absence of foot-and-mouth virus circulation;]

([5])([18]) *or* [(b) has been free for 12 months from foot-and-mouth disease, and during the same period no vaccination against this disease has taken place and is controlled by the competent veterinary authority through a regular surveillance demonstrating the absence of foot-and-mouth infection;]

10.2 has been obtained from animals that:

([5]) [have remained in the territory described under point 10.1 since birth, or for at least the last three months before slaughter;]

([5]) *and/or* [have been introduced on ..... *(date)* into the territory described under point 10.1, from the territory with code ..... ([3]) that at that date was authorised to export such animals to the European Community;]

([5]) *and/or* [have been introduced on ..... *(date)* into the territory described under point 10.1, from the EU Member State ..... ;]

10.3 has been obtained from animals coming from holdings in which:

(a) none of the animals present therein have been vaccinated against [foot-and-mouth disease or] ([12]) rinderpest, and

([5]) *either* [(b) in these holdings, and in the holdings situated in their vicinity within 10 km, there has been no case/outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease or rinderpest during the previous 30 days,]

([5])([13]) *or* [(b) there is no official restriction for health reasons and where, in these holdings and in the holdings situated in their vicinity within 25 km, there has been no case/outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease or rinderpest during the previous 60 days, and,

(c) they have remained for at least 40 days before direct dispatch to the slaughterhouse;]

([5])([18]) [(d) animals have not been introduced from non-approved EC areas during the last 3 months;]

([5])([14]) *or* [(b) there is no official restriction for health reasons and where, in these holdings and in the holdings situated in their vicinity within 10 km, there has been no case/outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease or rinderpest during the previous 12 months, and

(c) they have remained for at least 40 days before direct dispatch to the slaughterhouse;]

10.4 has been obtained from animals which:

(a) have been transported from their holdings in vehicles, cleaned and disinfected before loading, to an approved slaughterhouse without contact with other animals which did not comply with the conditions mentioned above,

(b) at the slaughterhouse, have passed ante-mortem health inspection during the 24 hours before slaughter and, in particular, have shown no evidence of the diseases mentioned under point 10.1 above,

(c) have been slaughtered on or between ..... ([15])

([5])([16]) [(d) have reacted negatively to an official intra-dermal tuberculosis test carried out within 3 months before slaughter;]

([5])([18]) [(e) at the slaughterhouse have been kept prior to slaughter completely separate from animals the meat of which is not intended for the European Community]

10.5 has been obtained in an establishment around which, within a radius of 10 km, there has been no case/outbreak of the diseases mentioned under point 10.1 above during the previous 30 days or, in the event of a case of disease, the preparation of meat for exportation to the European Community has been authorised only after slaughter of all animals present, removal of all meat, and the total cleaning and disinfection of the establishment under the control of an official veterinarian;

10.6

([5]) *either* [has been obtained and prepared without contact with other meats not complying with the conditions required above;]

([5])([13]) *or* [contains [boneless meat] [and] [minced meat] ([5]), obtained only from de-boned meat other than offal that was obtained from carcasses in which the main accessible lymphatic glands have been removed, which have been submitted to maturation at a temperature above + 2 °C for at least 24 hours before the bones were removed and in which the pH value of the meat was below 6.0 when tested electronically in the middle of the longissimus-dorsi muscle after maturation and before de-boning, and

has been kept strictly separate from meat not conforming to the requirements mentioned above during all stages of its production, de-boning and storage until it has been packed in boxes or cartons for further storage in dedicated areas.]

([5])([17]) *or* [contains [boneless meat], [and] [minced meat] ([5]), obtained only from de-boned meat other than offal that was obtained from carcasses in which the main accessible lymphatic glands have been removed, which have been submitted to maturation at a temperature above + 2 °C for at least 24 hours before the bones were removed, and

has been kept strictly separate from meat not conforming to the requirements mentioned above during all stages of its production, de-boning and storage until it has been packed in boxes or cartons for further storage in dedicated areas.]

([5])([14]) *or* [(a) contains only trimmed-offal which have matured at an ambient temperature of more than + 2 °C for at least three hours, or, in the case of diaphragm and masseter muscles, for at least 24 hours;

(b) has been kept strictly separate from meat not conforming to the requirements mentioned above during all stages of its production, trimming and storage until it has been packed in boxes or cartons for further storage in dedicated areas; and

(c) has been packed in leak-proof and sealed boxes/containers which bear labels indicating "MEAT-OFFAL FOR HEAT-TREATMENT", the name and the address of the EU processing establishment of destination.]

11. **Animal welfare attestation**

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify, that the fresh meat described above derives from animals which have been treated in the slaughterhouse before and at the time of slaughter or killing in accordance with the relevant provisions of European Community legislation ([8]).

Official stamp and signature

Done at ....., on .....

(stamp)

(signature of official veterinarian)

(name in capital letters, qualifications and title)

Notes

(1) Fresh meat means all parts, whether fresh, chilled or frozen, fit for human consumption of domestic cattle (Bos taurus, Bison bison, Bubalus bubalis and their cross-breeds), including deep-frozen minced meat.
In the case of trimmed-offal fulfilling the supplementary guarantees mentioned under (14) below, after importation, it must be conveyed without delay to the processing establishment of destination.

(2) Issued by the competent authority.

(3) Country and code of territory as appearing in Part 1 of Annex II to Council Decision 79/542/EEC (as last amended).

(4) The registration number(s) of rail-wagon or lorry and the name of the ship should be given as appropriate. If known, the flight number of the aircraft.
In case of transport in containers or boxes, the total number, their registration and seal numbers, if present, should be indicated under point 7.3.

(5) Keep as appropriate.

(6) Complete if appropriate.

(7) If appropriate, indicate "matured" and/or "minced". If frozen, indicate the date of freezing (mm/yy) of the cuts/pieces.
Trimmed offal of domestic bovines must be exclusively those offal from which the bones, cartilage, trachea and main bronchi, lymphatic glands adhering connective tissue, fat and mucus have been completely removed. Whole masseter muscles, incised in accordance with paragraph 41, A (a) of Chapter VIII of Annex I to Council Directive 64/433/EEC (as last amended), are also permitted.
Minced meat is meat which has been minced into fragments or passed through a spiral-screw mincer and that must have been prepared exclusively from striated muscle (including the adjoining fatty tissues) except heart muscle.

(8) Regarding fresh meat, the provisions of Council Directive 72/462/EEC (as last amended) shall apply. From 8 June 2003, fresh meat shall come from establishments implementing checks on general hygiene, in accordance with Commission Decision 2001/471/EC (as last amended). For minced meat, those of Council Directive 94/65/EC are also applicable as last amended. Regarding welfare at slaughter, the provisions of Council Directive 93/119/EC (as last amended) shall apply. Regarding BSE, in accordance with the provisions of European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, (as last amended).

(9) Only countries listed in Annex XI, Chapter A point 15(b) to European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 (as last amended).

(10) Insert the exact wording as laid down in Annex XI, Chapter A point 15(b) to the European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 (as last amended).

(11) Only matured de-boned meat fulfilling the supplementary guarantees mentioned under (13) below, or in the case of trimmed-offal fulfilling the supplementary guarantees mentioned under (14) below.

(12) Delete when the exporting country carries out vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease with serotypes A, O or C, and this country is allowed for export to the European Community matured de-boned meat or trimmed-offal, which fulfils the supplementary guarantees described under, respectively, (13) or (14) below.

(13) Supplementary guarantees regarding matured de-boned meat to be provided when required in column 5 "SG" of Part 1 of Annex II to Council Decision 79/542/EEC (as last amended), with the entry "**A**".

(14) Supplementary guarantees regarding matured trimmed offal to be provided when required in column 5 "SG" of Part 1 of Annex II to Council Decision 79/542/EEC (as last amended), with the entry "**B**".

(15) Date or dates of slaughter. Imports of this meat shall not be allowed when obtained from animals slaughtered either prior to the date of authorisation for exportation to the European Community of the territory mentioned under (3), or during a period where restrictive measures have been adopted by the European Community against imports of this meat from this territory.

(16) Supplementary guarantees concerning tuberculosis test, to be provided when required in column 5 "SG" of Part 1 of Annex II to Council Decision 79/542/EEC (as last amended), with the entry "**E**". Intra-dermal tuberculosis test to be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Annex B to Council Directive 64/432/EEC (as last amended).

(17) Supplementary guarantees regarding matured de-boned meat to be provided when required in column 5 "SG" of Part 1 of Annex II to Council Decision 79/542/EEC (as last amended), with the entry "**F**". The matured de-boned meat shall not be allowed for importation into the European Community until 21 days after the date of slaughter of the animals.

(18) Supplementary guarantees regarding import of matured de-boned meat to be provided when required in column 5 "SG" of Part 1 of Annex II to Council Decision 79/542/EEC (as last amended)with the entry "**H**".