

COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 March 1992

concerning the requirements as regards animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from Argentina

(92/215/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine, ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat or meat products from third countries⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 91/688/EEC⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 16 thereof,

Whereas the requirements as regards animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from Argentina are laid down in Commission Decision 86/194/EEC⁽³⁾, as amended by Decision 91/143/EEC⁽⁴⁾, adopting additional health protection measures as a result of a deterioration of the situation with regard to the control of foot-and-mouth disease in Argentina;

Whereas during the last Community on-the-spot inspection in July 1991, there appeared to be a clear improvement in the general situation with regard to the control of foot-and-mouth disease in Argentina, which is now equivalent to the situation in other foot-and-mouth disease affected countries in the region;

Whereas it is therefore appropriate to adopt new health requirements in respect of imports of fresh meat from Argentina, which would correspond to the conditions required for imports of fresh meat from all the countries in that region; whereas it is therefore appropriate to repeal the animal health conditions in force under Decision 86/194/EEC;

Whereas Member States and the Commission continue to monitor the development of the situation with regard to foot-and-mouth disease in Argentina as well as in all the other countries in that region; whereas new additional measures can be adopted, if necessary, and more particularly within the framework of a health policy established for that region;

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 377, 31. 12. 1991, p. 18.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 142, 28. 5. 1986, p. 38.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 72, 19. 3. 1991, p. 33.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. Member States shall authorize the import of fresh meat from Argentina as follows:

- (a) de-boned fresh meat of bovine animals, sheep and goats, excluding offal, from which has been removed the major accessible lymphatic glands, which presents the guarantees laid down in the accompanying animal health certificate corresponding with the specimen in Annex A;
- (b) fresh meat, with or without bone, of bovine animals, sheep and goats born, reared and slaughtered in those regions of Argentina south of the 42nd parallel, which presents the guarantees laid down in the accompanying animal health certificate corresponding with the specimen in Annex B;
- (c) fresh meat of domestic solipeds which presents the guarantees laid down in the accompanying animal health certificate corresponding with the specimen in Annex C;
- (d) in addition to the offal which may be imported under point (b), the following offal of bovine animals:
 - completely trimmed hearts,
 - completely trimmed diaphragmatic muscles,
 - completely trimmed tongues with epithelium and without bone, cartilage or tonsils,
 which presents the guarantees laid down in the accompanying animal health certificate corresponding with the specimen in Annex D.

2. Member States shall prohibit the import of categories of fresh meat from Argentina other than those mentioned in paragraph 1.

3. Member States shall ensure that bone-in meat, other than meat of domestic solipeds, originating in those regions south of the 42nd parallel, shall not enter the importing Member State's territory for at least 21 days from the date of slaughter.

Article 2

1. Notwithstanding Article 1 (2), Member States may also authorize the import of certain kinds of offal of bovine animals:

- completely trimmed livers,
- completely trimmed masseter muscles,

- trimmed lungs,
- other trimmed offal without bone or cartilage,

presenting at least the guarantees laid down in the accompanying animal health certificate corresponding with the specimen in Annex E. Masseter muscles may be used either for human consumption or in the manufacture of pet food. Lungs, livers and other offal are to be used in the manufacture of pet food.

2. The authorization provided for in paragraph 1 shall be given only to establishments especially approved for this purpose by Member States. Member States shall immediately inform the Commission of the approval and the conditions of approval of such establishments.

In any case, the authorization shall only be granted to a processing establishment approved by the national authorities and under continuous veterinary supervision and on condition that a guarantee is provided that the raw material will be used only for the specified purpose without risk of contact with any product which remains unsterilized, and that it will not leave the establishment in its original state, except in case of necessity where it is consigned to an animal carcass destruction plant under the control of an official veterinarian. In addition the following minimum conditions shall be met :

- (a) on dispatch to Community territory, the raw material shall be enclosed in leak-proof and sealed containers.

In case masseter muscles are used for human consumption, the cartons, the containers and the accompanying documents must be marked: 'Use restricted to the manufacture of cooked meat-based products'.

Where livers, masseter muscles, lungs or other offal are to be used in the manufacture of pet food, the cartons, the containers and the accompanying documents must be marked: 'Use restricted to the manufacture of pet food'.

In both cases, the containers and the accompanying documents shall bear the name and address of the consignee ;

- (b) the raw material shall be transported from the point of arrival in Community territory in containers or means of transport which are leak-proof, duly sealed, to the processing establishment approved by the national authorities and under continuous veterinary supervision.

However, in case of necessity, the raw material may be consigned temporarily to a cold store which is approved for the purpose and is under continuous veterinary supervision provided the above conditions are met ;

- (c) on arrival in the territory of the Member State of destination and before dispatch of the raw material to the approved processing establishment, notification of intending dispatch shall be made by the quickest means possible to the local official veterinarian ;
- (d) the raw material, during manufacture, shall be sterilized in tins in such a way as to achieve a minimum

Fc value of 3 and a veterinary inspection shall be made to ensure that the finished product has actually achieved that value ;

- (e) the vehicles and containers or any other means of transport referred to in (b) and all equipment and utensils which come into contact with the raw material before sterilization shall be cleansed and disinfected and packagings shall be destroyed in an incinerator.

3. The authorization mentioned in paragraph 1 shall be notified to the competent authorities of Member States through which the raw material will pass.

Article 3

While continuing to prohibit routine vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease in their territories, Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom may, in respect of the de-boned fresh meat of bovine animals, sheep and goats referred to in Article 1 (1) (a), of the fresh meat of bovine animals, sheep and goats referred to in Article 1 (1) (b) and of the offal referred to in Article 1 (1) (d) retain the arrangements which they were applying to the import of this meat.

Article 4

This Decision shall not apply to imports of glands and organs authorized by the country of destination for pharmaceutical manufacturing purposes.

Article 5

The certificates currently used, amended if necessary in accordance with the provisions of this Decision, may be used until 1 June 1992.

Article 6

This Decision shall be reviewed in the light of the evolution of foot-and-mouth disease in the Community and in the event of any changes in the control measures taken for this disease.

Article 7

Decision 86/194/EEC is hereby repealed.

Article 8

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 March 1992.

For the Commission

Ray MAC SHARRY

Member of the Commission

ANNEX A

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for de-boned fresh meat ⁽¹⁾ of bovine animals, sheep and goats, intended for consignment to the European Economic Community

Country of destination :

Reference no of the public health certificate ⁽²⁾ :

Exporting country : Argentina (excluding the provinces of Chaco and Formosa)

Ministry :

Department :

References :

(Optional)

I. Identification of meat

Meat of :

(Animal species)

Nature of cuts ⁽³⁾ :

Type of packaging :

Number of cuts or packages :

Net weight :

II. Origin of meat

Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved slaughterhouse(s) :

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Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved cutting plant(s) :

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III. Destination of meat

The meat will be sent from :

(Place of loading)

to :

(Country and place of destination)

by the following means of transport ⁽⁴⁾ :

Name and address of consignor :

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Name and address of consignee :

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⁽¹⁾ Fresh meat means all parts fit for human consumption from domestic bovine animals, sheep and goats which have not undergone any preserving process ; however, chilled and frozen meat shall be considered as fresh meat.

⁽²⁾ Optional.

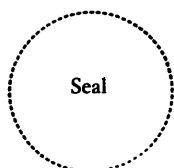
⁽³⁾ Only de-boned fresh meat from bovine animals, sheep and goats from which all bones and the major accessible lymphatic glands have been removed is authorized for importation.

⁽⁴⁾ For containers the registration number should be given, for aircraft the flight number and for ships the name.

IV. Attestation of health

I. the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that :

1. The de-boned fresh meat described above is obtained from :
 - animals which have remained in the territory of Argentina (excluding the provinces of Chaco and Formosa) for at least three months before being slaughtered or since birth in the case of animals less than three months old,
 - in the case of bovine animals,
 - (i) animals having spent this period in a region in which foot-and-mouth disease vaccination of bovine animals is regularly carried out and officially controlled ⁽¹⁾; or
 - (ii) animals which have been born, reared and slaughtered south of the Barrancas/Colorado rivers boundary ⁽¹⁾,
 - animals which come from holdings in which there has been no outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in the previous 60 days, and around which within a radius of 25 km there has been no case of foot-and-mouth disease for 30 days,
 - animals which have been transported direct from their holding of origin to the approved slaughterhouse concerned without passing through a market, without contact with animals which do not comply with the conditions required for export of their meat to the Community, and if conveyed in a means of transport, the latter has been cleaned and disinfected before loading,
 - animals which have passed the ante-mortem health inspection, referred to in Chapter VI of Annex I to Directive 64/433/EEC as amended, at the slaughterhouse during the 24 hours before slaughter and have in particular been subject to examination of the mouth and feet and showed no evidence of foot-and-mouth disease,
 - in the case of fresh meat from sheep and goats, animals which have not come from a holding which for health reasons is subject to prohibition as a result of an outbreak of ovine or caprine brucellosis during the previous six weeks.
2. The de-boned fresh meat is obtained from an establishment or establishments in which, after a case of foot-and-mouth disease has been diagnosed, further preparation of meat for export to the European Community has only been authorized after slaughter of all animals present, removal of all meat, and the total cleaning and disinfection of the establishment(s) under the control of an official veterinarian.
3. The de-boned fresh meat described above originates from carcasses :
 - which have matured at a room temperature of more than + 2° C for at least 24 hours before the bones were removed, and
 - in which, after maturation and before the bones were removed, the pH value measured electronically in the middle of the longissimus dorsi muscle has been recorded as less than 6,0 in each case.
4. ⁽²⁾.



Done at, on

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(Signature of official veterinarian)

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(Name in capital letters, title and qualifications of signatory)

⁽¹⁾ Delete as appropriate.
⁽²⁾ Possible additional conditions.

ANNEX B

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for fresh meat ⁽¹⁾, originating in those regions of Argentina south of the 42nd parallel, of bovine animals, sheep and goats, intended for consignment to the European Economic Community

Country of destination :

Reference No of the public health certificate ⁽²⁾ :

Exporting country : Argentina (south of the 42nd parallel)

Ministry :

Department :

References :

(Optional)

I. Identification of meat

Meat of ⁽³⁾ : (Animal species)

Nature of cuts :

Type of packaging :

Number of cuts or packages :

Net weight :

II. Origin of meat

Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) ⁽²⁾ of the approved slaughterhouse(s) :

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Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) ⁽²⁾ of the approved cutting plant(s) :

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III. Destination of meat

The meat will be sent from :

(Place of loading)

to :

(Country and place of destination)

by the following means of transport ⁽⁴⁾ :

Name and address of consignor :

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Name and address of consignee :

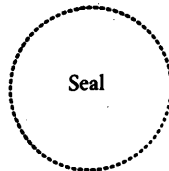
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⁽¹⁾ Fresh meat : means all parts fit for human consumption from domestic bovine animals, sheep and goats which have not undergone any preserving process ; however, chilled and frozen meat shall be considered as fresh meat.
⁽²⁾ Optional when the country of destination authorizes the importation of fresh meat for uses other than human consumption in implementation of Article 19 (a) of Directive 72/462/EEC.
⁽³⁾ Importation of fresh meat of bovine animals, sheep and goats is only authorized when originating from animals born, reared and slaughtered south of the 42nd parallel of Argentina.
⁽⁴⁾ For containers the registration number should be given, for aircraft the flight number and for ships the name.

IV. Attestation of health

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that :

- 1. The de-boned fresh meat described above is obtained from :
 - animals born, reared and slaughtered in regions of Argentina situated south of the 42nd parallel,
 - animals which come from holdings in which there has been no outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in the previous 60 days, and around which within a radius of 25 km there has been no case of foot-and-mouth disease for 30 days,
 - animals which have been transported direct from their holding of origin to the approved slaughterhouse concerned without passing through a market, without contact with animals which do not comply with the conditions required for export of their meat to the Community, and if conveyed in a means of transport, the latter has been cleaned and disinfected before loading,
 - animals which have passed the ante-mortem health inspection, referred to in Chapter VI of Annex I to Directive 64/433/EEC as amended, at the slaughterhouse during the 24 hours before slaughter and have in particular been subject to examination of the mouth and feet and showed no evidence of foot-and-mouth disease,
 - in the case of fresh meat from sheep and goats, animals which have not come from a holding which for health reasons is subject to prohibition as a result of an outbreak of ovine or caprine brucellosis during the previous six weeks.
- 2. The fresh meat is obtained from an establishment or establishments in which, after a case of foot-and-mouth disease has been diagnosed, further preparation of meat for export to the European Community has only been authorized after slaughter of all animals present, removal of all meat, and the total cleaning and disinfection of the establishment(s) under the control of an official veterinarian.
- 3. The fresh meat described above is obtained from animals which were slaughtered between and (dates of slaughter).
- 4)



Done at, on

.....
(Signature of official veterinarian)

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(Name in capital letters, title and qualifications of signatory)

(¹) Possible additional conditions.

ANNEX C

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for fresh meat⁽¹⁾ of domestic solipeds intended for consignment to the European Economic Community

Country of destination :

Reference No of the public health certificate⁽²⁾ :

Exporting country : Argentina

Ministry :

Department :

References :

(Optional)

I. Identification of meat

Meat of domestic solipeds

Nature of cuts :

Type of packaging :

Number of cuts or packages :

Net weight :

II. Origin of meat

Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s)⁽²⁾ of the approved slaughterhouse(s) :

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Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s)⁽²⁾ of the approved cutting plant(s) :

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III. Destination of meat

The meat will be sent from :

(Place of loading)

to :

(Country and place of destination)

by the following means of transport⁽³⁾ :

Name and address of consignor :

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Name and address of consignee :

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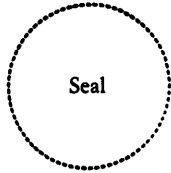
⁽¹⁾ Fresh meat : means all parts fit for human consumption from domestic solipeds which have not undergone any preserving process ; however, chilled and frozen meat shall be considered as fresh meat.

⁽²⁾ Optional when the country of destination authorizes the importation of fresh meat for uses other than human consumption in implementation of Article 19 (a) of Directive 72/462/EEC.

⁽³⁾ For containers the registration number should be given, for aircraft the flight number and for ships the name.

IV. Attestation of health

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that the fresh meat described above is obtained from animals which have remained in the territory of Argentina for at least three months before being slaughtered or since birth in the case of animals less than three months old.



Done at, on

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(Signature of official veterinarian)

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(Name in capital letters, title and qualifications of signatory)

ANNEX D

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for offal (1) of bovine animals as authorized by Article 1 (1) (d) of Decision 92/215/EEC (hearts, diaphragmatic muscles and tongues) intended for consignment to the European Economic Community

Country of destination :

Reference No of the public health certificate (2) :

Exporting country : Argentina (excluding the provinces of Chaco and Formosa)

Ministry :

Department :

References :

(Optional)

I. Identification of offal (1)

Offal of bovine animals

Nature of offal (hearts, diaphragmatic muscles, tongues):

Type of packaging :

Number of packages :

Net weight :

II. Origin of offal

Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved slaughterhouse(s) :

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Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved cutting plant(s) :

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III. Destination of offal

The offal will be sent from :

(Place of loading)

to :

(Country and place of destination)

by the following means of transport (3) :

Name and address of consignor :

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Name and address of consignee :

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(1) Under the conditions laid down in Article 1 (1) (d), only the following offal of bovine animals is authorized for importation hearts and diaphragmatic muscles from which lymphatic glands, adhering connective tissue and fat have been completely removed, and tongues with epithelium and without bone, cartilage and tonsils.

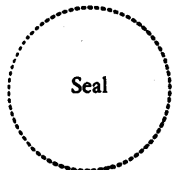
(2) Optional.

(3) For containers the registration number should be given, for aircraft the flight number and for ships the name.

IV. Attestation of health

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that :

- 1. The offal described above is obtained from :
 - bovine animals which have remained in the territory of Argentina (excluding the provinces of Chaco and Formosa) for at least three months before being slaughtered or since birth in the case of animals less than three months old,
 - bovine animals :
 - (i) having spent this period in a region in which foot-and-mouth disease vaccination of bovine animals is regularly carried out and officially controlled⁽¹⁾, or
 - (ii) which have been born, reared and slaughtered south of the Barrancas/Colorado rivers boundary⁽¹⁾,
 - bovine animals which come from holdings in which there has been no outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in the previous 60 days, and around which within a radius of 25 km there has been no case of foot-and-mouth disease for 30 days,
 - bovine animals which have been transported direct from their holding of origin to the approved slaughterhouse concerned without passing through a market, without contact with animals which do not comply with the conditions required for export of their meat to the Community, and if conveyed in a means of transport, the latter has been cleaned and disinfected before loading,
 - bovine animals which have passed the ante-mortem health inspection, referred to in Chapter VI of the Annex I to Directive 64/433/EEC as amended, at the slaughterhouse during the 24 hours before slaughter and have in particular been subject to examination of the mouth and feet and showed no evidence of foot-and-mouth disease.
- 2. The offal is obtained from an establishment or establishments in which, after a case of foot-and-mouth disease has been diagnosed, further preparation of meat for export to the European Community has only been authorized after slaughter of all animals present, removal of all meat, and the total cleaning and disinfection of the establishment(s) under the control of an official veterinarian.
- 3. The offal described above has matured at a room temperature of more than + 2° C for at least three hours, or, in the case of masseter muscles, for at least 24 hours.
- 4.⁽²⁾



Done at, on

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(Signature of official veterinarian)

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(Name in capital letters, title and qualifications of signatory)

⁽¹⁾ Delete as appropriate.
⁽²⁾ Possible additional conditions.

ANNEX E

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for offal⁽¹⁾ of bovine animals intended for consignment to the European Economic Community for processing as authorized by Article 2 of Commission Decision 92/215/EEC

Country of destination :

Reference No of the public health certificate⁽²⁾ :

Exporting country: Argentina (excluding the provinces of Chaco and Formosa)

Ministry :

Department :

References :

(Optional)

I. Identification of offal⁽¹⁾ :

Offal of bovine animals

Nature of offal :

Type of packaging :

Number of packages :

Net weight :

II. Origin of offal :

Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved slaughterhouse(s) :

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Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved cutting plant(s) :

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III. Destination of offal :

The offal will be sent from :

(Place of loading)

to :

(Country and place of destination)

by the following means of transport⁽³⁾ :

Name and address of consignor :

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Name and address of consignee (approved processing establishment for meat for: human consumption⁽⁴⁾/pet food⁽⁴⁾) :

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⁽¹⁾ Under the conditions laid down in Article 2 only the following offal of bovine animals is authorized for importation : livers from which lymphatic glands, adhering connective tissue and fat have been completely removed and, in accordance with Article 18 (2) of Directive 72/462/EEC, whole masseter muscles, incised in accordance with paragraph 41 (A) of Chapter VIII of Annex I to Directive 64/433/EEC, from which lymphatic glands, adhering connective tissue and fat have been completely removed ; trimmed lungs of bovine animals intended exclusively for the manufacture of pet food from which tracheae, and main bronchi and the mediastinal and bronchial lymphatic glands have been removed and other offal without bone or cartilage from which lymphatic glands, adhering connective tissue, fat and mucus have been completely removed.

⁽²⁾ Optional.

⁽³⁾ For containers the registration number should be given, for aircraft the flight number and for ships the name.

⁽⁴⁾ Delete as appropriate.

IV. Attestation of health

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that :

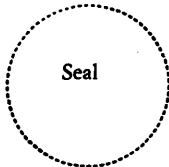
1. The offal described above is obtained from :

- bovine animals which have remained in the territory of Argentina (excluding the provinces of Chaco and Formosa) for at least three months before being slaughtered or since birth in the case of animals less than three months old,
- bovine animals :
 - (i) which spent this period in a region in which foot-and-mouth disease vaccination of bovine animals is regularly carried out and officially controlled (1), or
 - (ii) which have been born, reared and slaughtered south of the Barrancas/Colorado rivers boundary (1),
- bovine animals which come from holdings in which there has been no outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in the previous 60 days, and around which within a radius of 25 km there has been no case of foot-and-mouth disease for 30 days,
- bovine animals which have been transported direct from their holding of origin to the approved slaughterhouse concerned without passing through a market, without contact with animals which do not comply with the conditions required for export of their meat to the Community, and if conveyed in a means of transport, the latter has been cleaned and disinfected before loading,
- bovine animals which have passed the ante-mortem health inspection, referred to in Chapter VI of Annex I to Directive 64/433/EEC as amended, at the slaughterhouse during the 24 hours before slaughter and have in particular been subject to examination of the mouth and feet and showed no evidence of foot-and-mouth disease ;

2. The offal is obtained from an establishment or establishments in which, after a case of foot-and-mouth disease has been diagnosed, further preparation of meat for export to the European Community has only been authorized after slaughter of all animals present, removal of all meat, and the total cleaning and disinfection of the establishment(s) under the control of an official veterinarian ;

3. The offal described above has matured at a room temperature of more than + 2° C for at least three hours, or, in the case of masseter muscles, for at least 24 hours.

4. (2)



Done at, on

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(Signature of official veterinarian)

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(Name in capital letters, title and qualifications of signatory)

(1) Delete as appropriate.
(2) Possible additional conditions.

ANNEX F

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for offal⁽¹⁾ of bovine animals intended for consignment to the European Economic Community for processing as authorized by Article 2 of Commission Decision 92/215/EEC

Country of destination :

Reference No of the public health certificate⁽²⁾ :

Exporting country : Argentina (excluding the provinces of Chaco and Formosa)

Ministry :

Department :

References :

(Optional)

I. Identification of offal⁽¹⁾

Offal of bovine animals

Nature of offal :

Nature of packaging :

Number of packages :

Net weight :

II. Origin of offal

Address(es) of the establishment(s) controlled by the responsible veterinary authorities :

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III. Destination of offal

The offal will be sent from :

(Place of loading)

to :

(Country and place of destination)

by the following means of transport⁽³⁾ :

Name and address of consignor :

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Name and address of consignee (approved processing establishment for meat for pet food) :

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⁽¹⁾ Under the conditions laid down in Article 2 only the following offal of bovine animals intended exclusively for the manufacture of pet food is authorized for importation : livers from which lymphatic glands, adhering connective tissue and fat have been completely removed and, in accordance with Article 18 (2) of Directive 72/462/EEC, whole masseter muscles, incised in accordance with paragraph 41 (A) of Chapter VIII of Annex I to Directive 64/433/EEC, from which lymphatic glands, adhering connective tissue and fat have been completely removed, trimmed lungs from which trachea and main bronchi and the mediastinal and bronchial lymphatic glands have been removed and other offal without bone or cartilage from which lymphatic glands, adhering connective tissue, fat and mucus have been completely removed.

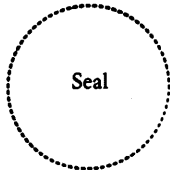
⁽²⁾ Optional.

⁽³⁾ For containers the registration number should be given, for aircraft the flight number and for ships the name.

IV. Attestation of health

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that :

1. The offal described above is obtained from :
 - bovine animals which have remained in the territory of Argentina (excluding the provinces of Chaco and Formosa) for at least three months before being slaughtered or since birth in the case of animals less than three months old,
 - bovine animals : which spent this period in a region in which foot-and-mouth disease vaccination of bovine animals is regularly carried out and officially controlled,
 - bovine animals which come from holdings in which there has been no outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in the previous 60 days, and around which within a radius of 25 km there has been no case of foot-and-mouth disease for 30 days,
 - bovine animals which have passed the ante-mortem health inspection, referred to in Chapter V of the Annex I to Directive 64/433/EEC as amended, at the slaughterhouse during the 24 hours before slaughter and have in particular been subject to examination of the mouth and feet and showed no evidence of foot-and-mouth disease.
2. The offal is obtained from an establishment or establishments in which, after a case of foot-and-mouth disease has been diagnosed, further preparation of meat for export to the European Community has only been authorized after slaughter of all animals present, removal of all meat, and the total cleaning and disinfection of the establishment(s) under the control of an official veterinarian.
3. The offal described above has matured at a room temperature of more than + 2° C for at least three hours, or, in the case of masseter muscles, for at least 24 hours.
4. (1)



Done at, on

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(Signature of official veterinarian)

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(Name in capital letters, title and qualifications of signatory)

(1) Possible additional conditions.