

COMMISSION DECISION
of 28 December 2001
amending Decision 98/371/EC as regards the animal health certificate for certain imports of fresh meat

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2002/7/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European 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 and meat products from third countries ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1452/2001 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 22(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The animal health conditions and veterinary certification for the importation of fresh meat from certain European countries were established by Commission Decision 98/371/EC ⁽³⁾ concerning the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from certain European countries, as last amended by Decision 2001/774/EC ⁽⁴⁾.
- (2) Article 14(1) of Directive 72/462/EEC provides that meat intended for export to the Community must come from animals which have stayed for a three-month period prior to their slaughter in one of the countries or territories thereof that are approved for imports to the Community.
- (3) It is appropriate, in the case of equine animals, to consider that requirement to be met if the animals have stayed for three months at least either in the country of

slaughter or in another country approved for the same purpose provided that appropriate certification is given.

- (4) The relevant model certificate annexed to Decision 98/371/EC must therefore be amended accordingly.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex III to Decision 98/371/EC is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 2002.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 28 December 2001.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 198, 21.7.2001, p. 11.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 170, 16.6.1998, p. 16.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 291, 8.11.2001, p. 48.

ANNEX

In Annex III to Decision 98/371/EC, animal health certificate Model D is replaced by the following:

'ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE MODEL D

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

Coded number ⁽²⁾

Note to the importer: This certificate is for veterinary purposes only and must accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection point.

Country of destination:

Reference number of the public health certificate:

Exporting country: Code of territory:

Ministry:

Department:

Reference:
(optional)

I. Identification and origin of meat

Lot No	Species	Nature of cuts	Nature of packaging	Net weight (Kg)	Approval No of the slaughterhouse	Approval No of the cutting plant	Approval No of the cold store

II. Origin of meat

Address(es) of place(s) of loading:
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Name and address of consignor:
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III. Destination of meat

Name and address of consignee:
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The meat will be sent to (country and place of destination):
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by the following means of transport ⁽³⁾:

Railway wagon	Lorry	Aircraft	Ship

⁽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⁾ Issued by the competent authority.
⁽³⁾ For railway wagons or lorries, the registration number should be given where known, for bulk containers the number of the container. The number of the seal must be indicated.

IV. Attestation of health

Coded number

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that the fresh meat described above is obtained from animals which either have remained in the territory described in Annex I to Commission Decision 98/371/EC with code ..., version No ... for at least three months before being slaughtered or since birth in the case of animals less than three months old, or have been introduced from another territory listed in Annex II to Commission Decision 98/371/EC under at least the same conditions as laid down in Commission Decision 93/196/EC.

V. Supplementary guaranties

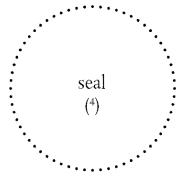
(Supplementary guaranties when required in Annex II and described in Annex IV to Commission Decision 98/371/EC) (delete if not required)

VI. Attestation on protection of animals

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby declare that:

- 1. I have read and understood Council Directive 93/119/EC;
- 2. the meat is derived 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 Directive 93/119/EC.

Done at , on
(place) (date)



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(signature of official veterinarian) (4)

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(name in capital letters, qualification and title)

(4) The signature and the seal must be in a colour different to that of the printing.