

**COMMISSION DECISION**  
**of 10 April 2002**  
**amending Decision 2001/393/EC as regards the certification for the import of specified pathogen-free eggs from third countries**

*(notified under document number C(2002) 1374)*

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2002/278/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/539/EEC of 15 October 1990 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in, and imports from third countries of, poultry and hatching eggs<sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Commission Decision 2001/867/EC<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 23(2), Article 24(2) and Article 27a thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 2001/393/EC<sup>(3)</sup> lays down animal health conditions and veterinary certification for the import of specified pathogen-free eggs from third countries and draws up a list of third countries from which Member States authorise imports of such eggs.
- (2) The validity period of the animal health certificate has been fixed at five days.
- (3) Transport and logistical difficulties have caused problems in delivering pathogen-free eggs to Member States prior to the date of expiry of the validity of the animal health certificate.
- (4) There is a low risk of contamination of this product during transport when packaged and transported in accordance with the requirements of Decision 2001/393/EC. An extension of the validity period of the certifi-

cate to 15 days would not jeopardise the health status of such a product.

- (5) Decision 2001/393/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (6) 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*

Annex II to Decision 2001/393/EC is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 10 April 2002.

*For the Commission*

David BYRNE

*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 303, 31.10.1990, p. 6.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 323, 7.12.2001, p. 29.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 138, 22.5.2001, p. 31.

## ANNEX

## ANNEX II

**ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE****for specified pathogen-free (SPF) eggs intended for consignment to the European Community**

After the import control this consignment must be transported directly to its final destination.

1. Consignor (name and address in full):	2. <b>Health certificate</b>  No ORIGINAL
3. Consignee (name and address in full):	4. Country of origin:
5. COMPETENT AUTHORITY: 5.1. Ministry: 5.2. Service:	6. Place of loading:
7. ISSUING COMPETENT AUTHORITY (LOCAL LEVEL):	8. Means of transport <sup>(1)</sup> :
9. Address of breeding establishment of origin:	10.1. Member State of destination: 10.2. Final destination (name and address in full):
11. Approval number(s) of the breeding establishment(s) of origin:	12. Consignment identification details (including any container seal numbers):
13. Egg marks (including establishment number and ISO code of the country of origin):	14. Quantity (in words and figures): 14.1. Number of eggs: 14.2. Number of boxes: 14.3. Net weight:
Notes:  (a) A separate certificate must be provided for each consignment of hatching eggs transported in the same railway wagon, lorry, aircraft or ship and consigned to the same destination.	(b) The original of the certificate must accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection post.  (c) It must be completed on the day of loading and all time limits referred to relate to that date.

<sup>(1)</sup> Indicate means of transport and registration marks or registered name, as appropriate.

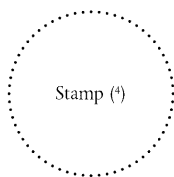
15. I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify, in accordance with the provisions of Directive 90/539/EEC:

**Health information**

- 1. that the SPF eggs described in this certificate come from chicken flocks which meet the following requirements:
  - (a) they are free from specified pathogens as described in the European Pharmacopoeia <sup>(2)</sup> and all tests and clinical examinations required for this specific status have given favourable results including negative testing results for avian influenza and Newcastle disease carried out within the last 30 days preceding dispatch;
  - (b) they have been clinically examined at least once a week as described in the European Pharmacopoeia <sup>(2)</sup> and no clinical signs or suspicion of disease were detected;
  - (c) they have been held for more than six weeks in the following establishment(s) officially approved in accordance with requirements which are at least equivalent to those laid down in Annex II to Directive 90/539/EEC: ..... <sup>(3)</sup>:
    - for which the approval is not suspended or withdrawn,
    - which is (are) not subject to any animal health restriction;
  - (d) they have during the period mentioned in (c) had no contact with poultry not meeting the requirements laid down in this certificate or with wild birds;
- 2. that the eggs have been marked as indicated in point 13 of the certificate using coloured ink;
- 3. that the eggs have been collected from ..... to ..... (dates);
- 4. that the eggs are transported in disposable boxes used for the first time:
  - (a) which contain only eggs coming from the same establishment;
  - (b) which are clearly marked indicating the following:
    - the name of the country of origin,
    - SPF eggs for diagnostic, research or pharmaceutical use only,
    - the number of eggs,
    - the name, address and approval number of the production establishment,
    - the Member State of destination;
  - (c) which are closed in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority in such a way as to avoid any possibility of substitution of the contents and which shall be leakproof;
- 5. that the containers and vehicles in which the boxes mentioned in point 4 have been cleansed and disinfected before loading in accordance with the instructions of the competent authorities.

16. This certificate is valid for 15 days.

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



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(Signature of official veterinarian) <sup>(4)</sup>

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(Name in capital letters, qualifications and title)

<sup>(2)</sup> Third edition, Council of Europe, 1997.  
<sup>(3)</sup> Approval number(s) of approved establishment(s) of origin.  
<sup>(4)</sup> Stamp and signature in a colour different to that of the printing.