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## COMMISSION

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 16 February 1996

laying down animal health conditions and veterinary certificates for the  
importation of fresh poultrymeat from Switzerland

(Text with EEA relevance)

(96/181/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/494/EEC of 26 June 1991 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in and imports from third countries of fresh poultrymeat<sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Directive 93/121/EC<sup>(2)</sup> and in particular Article 10 (1) b, Article 11 and Article 12 thereof,

Whereas Commission Decision 94/85/EC<sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Decision 96/2/EC<sup>(4)</sup>, established a list of third countries, including Switzerland, from which the importation of fresh poultrymeat is authorized;

Whereas Switzerland is no longer free from Newcastle disease; whereas, however, Switzerland applies measures to control Newcastle disease which are at least equivalent to those laid down in Council Directive 92/66/EEC<sup>(5)</sup>, as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Sweden and Finland;

Whereas it is appropriate on this basis to allow the importation of fresh poultrymeat from Switzerland; Whereas therefore the animal health conditions and the veterinary certificates must be laid down;

Whereas it is appropriate to restrict the scope of this Decision to poultry species covered by Council Directive 71/118/EEC<sup>(6)</sup>, as amended and updated by Directive 92/116/EEC<sup>(7)</sup>, and, if necessary, to lay down the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for other poultry species in a separate Decision;

Whereas this Decision applies without prejudice to measures taken for poultrymeat imported for other purposes than human consumption;

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

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 268, 24. 9. 1991, p. 35.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 340, 31. 12. 1993, p. 39.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 44, 17. 2. 1994, p. 31.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 1, 3. 1. 1996, p. 6.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ No L 260, 5. 9. 1992, p. 1.

<sup>(6)</sup> OJ No L 55, 8. 3. 1971, p. 23.

<sup>(7)</sup> OJ No L 62, 15. 3. 1993, p. 1.

HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

*Article 1*

Member States shall authorize the import of fresh poultry-meat from Switzerland, provided that it meets the requirements of the animal health certificate set out in the Annex and that it is accompanied by such a certificate, duly completed and signed.

Done at Brussels, 16 February 1996.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

## ANNEX

**HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR FRESH POULTRYMEAT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION <sup>(1)</sup>**

*Note for the importer: This certificate is only for veterinary purposes and the original has to accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection post.*

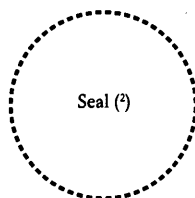
1. Consignor (name and address in full):	<b>2. HEALTH CERTIFICATE</b> No <span style="float: right;">ORIGINAL</span>  2.1. No of relevant public health certificate:
4. Consignee (name and address in full):	3.1. Country of origin:  3.2. Region of origin <sup>(2)</sup> :
	5. COMPETENT AUTHORITY:
8. Place of loading:	6. COMPETENT AUTHORITY (LOCAL LEVEL):
9.1. Means of transport <sup>(3)</sup> :  9.2. Number of the seal <sup>(4)</sup> :	7. Address of establishment(s):  7.1. Slaughterhouse:  7.2. Cutting plant <sup>(5)</sup> :  7.3. Cold store <sup>(5)</sup> :
10.1. Member State of destination:	
10.2. Final destination:	
12. Poultry species:	11. Approval number(s) of the establishment(s):  11.1. Slaughterhouse:  11.2. Cutting plant <sup>(5)</sup> :  11.3. Cold store <sup>(5)</sup> :
13. Nature of cuttings:	
14. Consignment identification details:	
<i>Notes:</i> <i>A separate certificate must be provided for each consignment of fresh poultrymeat.</i>	15. Quantity: 15.1. Net weight (kgs): 15.2. No of packages:
<p><sup>(1)</sup> Fresh poultrymeat means any parts of domestic fowl, turkeys, guinea fowl, geese and ducks, which have not undergone any treatment other than cold treatment to ensure its preservation; vacuum wrapped meat or meat wrapped in a controlled atmosphere must also be accompanied by a certificate according to this model.</p> <p><sup>(2)</sup> Only to be completed if the authorization to export to the Community is restricted to certain regions of the third country concerned.</p> <p><sup>(3)</sup> Indicate means of transport and registration marks or registered name, as appropriate.</p> <p><sup>(4)</sup> Optional.</p> <p><sup>(5)</sup> Delete if not applicable.</p>	

**16. Health attestation:**

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify, in accordance with the provisions of Directive 91/494/EEC:

1. that Switzerland, region .....<sup>(1)</sup> is free from avian influenza as defined in the International Animal Health Code of OIE;
2. that the meat described above is obtained from poultry which:
  - (a) have been held in the territory of Switzerland, region .....<sup>(1)</sup> since hatching or have been imported as day-old chicks;
  - (b) came from holdings:
    - which have not been placed under animal health restrictions in connection with a poultry disease,
    - around which, within a radius of 10 km, there have been no outbreaks of avian influenza or Newcastle disease for at least 30 days;
  - (c) have not been slaughtered in the context of any animal health scheme for the control or eradication of poultry diseases;
  - (d) have not been vaccinated against Newcastle disease using a live vaccine during the 30 days preceding slaughter;
  - (e) during transport to the slaughterhouse did not come into contact with poultry suffering from avian influenza or Newcastle disease;
3. that the meat described above:
  - (a) comes from slaughterhouses which, at the time of slaughter, are not under restrictions due to a suspect or actual outbreak of avian influenza or Newcastle disease and around which, within a radius of 10 km, there have been no outbreaks of avian influenza or Newcastle disease for at least 30 days;
  - (b) has not been in contact, at any time of slaughter, cutting, storage or transport with meat which does not fulfil the requirements of Directive 91/494/EEC.

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



.....  
(signature of official veterinarian) <sup>(2)</sup>

.....  
(name in capital letters, qualifications and title)

<sup>(1)</sup> Only to be completed if the authorization to export to the Community is restricted to certain regions of the third country concerned.  
<sup>(2)</sup> Stamp and signature in a colour different to that of the printing.