

COMMISSION DECISION**of 22 December 2006****approving contingency plans for the control of avian influenza and Newcastle disease***(notified under document number C(2006) 6806)***(Text with EEA relevance)****(2007/24/EC)**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Treaty of Accession of Bulgaria and Romania, and in particular Article 4(3) thereof,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Bulgaria and Romania, and in particular Article 56 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/40/EEC of 19 May 1992 introducing Community measures for the control of avian influenza ⁽¹⁾, and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 17(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/66/EEC of 14 July 1992 introducing Community measures for the control of Newcastle disease ⁽²⁾, and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 21(4) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Directives 92/40/EEC and 92/66/EEC set out the control measures to be applied in the event of an outbreak of avian influenza and Newcastle disease respectively, as well as certain preventive measures aimed at increasing the awareness and preparedness of the competent authorities and the farming community concerning those diseases. Pursuant to these Directives the contingency plans of the Member States for the control of avian influenza and Newcastle disease are to be approved by the Commission.

(2) Commission Decision 2004/402/EC of 26 April 2004 approving contingency plans for the control of avian influenza and of Newcastle disease ⁽³⁾ approves those contingency plans for the present Member States. The Annex to that Decision lists the Member States whose plans have been approved.

(3) Bulgaria and Romania are due to accede to the Community on 1 January 2007. Accordingly, Bulgaria

and Romania have submitted their contingency plans for the control of avian influenza and Newcastle disease to the Commission for approval.

(4) Those contingency plans as amended by Bulgaria and Romania following the suggestions made during their evaluation, fulfil the criteria laid down in Directives 92/40/EEC and 92/66/EEC and, subject to a regular update and an effective implementation, permit the desired objectives of those Directives to be attained and should therefore be approved.

(5) For the sake of clarity of Community legislation, Decision 2004/402/EC should be repealed and replaced by this Decision.

(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

The contingency plans submitted by Bulgaria to the Commission on 7 November 2006 for the control of avian influenza and Newcastle disease are approved.

Article 2

The contingency plans submitted by Romania to the Commission on 9 November 2006 for the control of avian influenza and Newcastle disease are approved.

Article 3

The Annex sets out the list of Member States having approved contingency plans for the control of avian influenza and Newcastle disease.

Article 4

Decision 2004/402/EC is repealed.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 167, 22.6.1992, p. 1. Directive as last amended by the 2004 Act of Accession (OJ L 236, 23.9.2004, p. 33).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 260, 5.9.1992, p. 1. Directive as last amended by the 2004 Act of Accession.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 123, 27.4.2004, p. 111.

Article 5

This Decision shall apply subject to and from the date of the entry into force of the Treaty of Accession of Bulgaria and Romania.

Article 6

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2006.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

List of Member States referred to in Article 3

Code	Country
AT	Austria
BE	Belgium
BG	Bulgaria
CY	Cyprus
CZ	Czech Republic
DE	Germany
DK	Denmark
EE	Estonia
EL	Greece
ES	Spain
FI	Finland
FR	France
HU	Hungary
IE	Ireland
IT	Italy
LV	Latvia
LT	Lithuania
LU	Luxembourg
MT	Malta
NL	Netherlands
PL	Poland
PT	Portugal
RO	Romania
SE	Sweden
SI	Slovenia
SK	Slovakia
UK	United Kingdom