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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 12 May 1978

concerning the signing and the deposit of a declaration of provisional application of the Protocols for the fourth extension of the Wheat Trading Convention and the Food Aid Convention constituting the International Wheat Agreement, 1971

(78/690/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the Commission,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The President of the Council is hereby authorized to designate the person empowered to sign the declaration of provisional application of the Protocols (1) for the fourth extension of the Wheat Trading Convention and the Food Aid Convention constituting the International Wheat Agreement, 1971, annexed hereto, and to deposit it with the Government of the United States of America.

Done at Brussels, 12 May 1978.

For the Council The President P. DALSAGER

⁽¹⁾ The text of these Protocols will be found in an addendum to this document.

ANNEX

Declaration of provisional application of the Protocols for the fourth extension of the Wheat Trading Convention and the Food Aid Convention constituting the International Wheat Agreement, 1971, the texts of which were drawn up by the Conference held for that purpose in Geneva on 23 March 1978

It will not be possible for the European Economic Community to complete by 23 June 1978 the institutional procedures provided for in Article 6 of the Protocol for the fourth extension of the Wheat Trading Convention, 1971, and in Article VI of the Protocol for the fourth extension of the Food Aid Convention, 1971.

Therefore, in accordance with Articles 8 and VIII of the said Protocols, the Community makes this declaration of provisional application of the Protocols. By lodging such a declaration, the Community considers itself to be provisionally a party to the Protocols, with all the rights and obligations which result therefrom, until such time as the Council of the European Communities shall have taken a final decision on the matter.

On behalf of the Council of the European Communities

ADDENDUM

PROTOCOLS OF 1978 FOR THE FOURTH EXTENSION OF THE WHEAT TRADING CONVENTION AND THE FOOD AID CONVENTION OF 1971

1978 PROTOCOL FOR THE FOURTH EXTENSION OF THE WHEAT TRADING CONVENTION, 1971

THE GOVERNMENTS PARTY TO THIS PROTOCOL,

Considering that the Wheat Trading Convention, 1971 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Convention'), of the International Wheat Agreement, 1971, which was further extended by the 1976 Protocol, expires on 30 June 1978,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Extension, expiry and termination of the Convention

Subject to the provisions of Article 2 of this Protocol, the Convention shall continue in force between the parties to this Protocol until 30 June 1979 provided that, if a new International Agreement covering wheat enters into force before 30 June 1979 this Protocol shall remain in force only until the date of entry into force of the new Agreement.

Article 2

Inoperative provisions of the Convention

The following provisions of the Convention shall be deemed to be inoperative with effect from 1 July 1978:

- (a) Article 19 (4);
- (b) Articles 22 to 26 inclusive;
- (c) Article 27 (1);
- (d) Articles 29 to 31 inclusive.

Article 3

Definition

Any reference in this Protocol to a 'government' or 'governments' shall be construed as including a

reference to the European Economic Community (hereinafter referred to as 'the Community'). Accordingly, any reference in this Protocol to 'signature' or to the 'deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or conclusion' or 'an instrument of accession' or 'a declaration of provisional application' by a government shall, in the case of the Community, be construed as including signature or declaration of provisional application on behalf of the Community by its competent authority and the deposit of the instrument required by the institutional procedures of the Community to be deposited for the conclusion of an International Agreement.

Article 4

Finance

The initial contribution of any exporting or importing member acceding to this Protocol under Article 7 (1) (b) thereof, shall be assessed by the Council on the basis of the votes to be distributed to it and the period remaining in the current crop year, but the assessments made upon other exporting and importing members for the current crop year shall not be altered.

Article 5

Signature

This Protocol shall be open for signature in Washington from 26 April 1978 until and including 17 May 1978 by governments of countries party to the Convention as further extended by the 1976 Protocol, or which are provisionally regarded as party to the Convention as further extended by the 1976 Protocol, on 23 March 1978, or which are members of the United Nations, of its specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency, and are listed in Annex A or B to the Convention.

Article 6

Ratification, acceptance, approval or conclusion

This Protocol shall be subject to ratification, acceptance, approval or conclusion by each signatory government in accordance with its respective constitutional or institutional procedures. Instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or conclusion shall be deposited with the Government of the United States of America not later than 23 June 1978, except that the Council may grant one or more extensions of time to any signatory government that has not deposited its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or conclusion by that date.

Article 7

Accession

- 1. This Protocol shall be open for accession:
- (a) until 23 June 1978 by the government of any member listed in Annex A or B to the Convention as of that date, except that the Council may grant one or more extensions of time to any government that has not desposited its instrument by that date; and
- (b) after 23 June 1978 by the government of any member of the United Nations, of its specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency, upon such conditions as the Council considers appropriate by not less than two thirds of the votes cast by exporting members and two thirds of the votes cast by importing members.
- 2. Accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of accession with the Government of the United States of America.
- 3. Where, for the purposes of the operation of the Convention and this Protocol, reference is made to members listed in Annex A or B to the Convention, any member the government of which has acceded to the Convention on conditions prescribed by the Council, or to this Protocol in accordance with paragraph 1 (b) of this Article, shall be deemed to be listed in the appropriate Annex.

Article 8

Provisional application

Any signatory government may deposit with the Government of the United States of America a

declaration of provisional application of this Protocol. Any other government eligible to sign this Protocol or whose application for accession is approved by the Council may also deposit with the Government of the United States of America a declaration of provisional application. Any government depositing such a declaration shall provisionally apply this Protocol and be provisionally regarded as a party thereto.

Article 9

Entry into force

- 1. This Protocol shall enter into force among those governments which have deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval, conclusion or accession, or declarations of provisional application, in accordance with Articles 6, 7 and 8 of this Protocol by 23 June 1978 as follows:
- (a) on 24 June 1978 with respect to all provisions of the Convention other than Articles 3 to 9 inclusive, and Article 21; and
- (b) on 1 July 1978 with respect to Articles 3 to 9 inclusive, and Article 21 of the Convention,
- if such instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval, conclusion or accession, or declarations of provisional application have been deposited not later than 23 June 1978 on behalf of governments representing exporting members which held at least 60 % of the votes set out in Annex A and representing importing members which held at least 50 % of the votes set out in Annex B, or would have held such votes respectively if they had been parties to the Convention on that date.
- 2. This Protocol shall enter into force for any government that deposits an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval, conclusion or accession after 23 June 1978 in accordance with the relevant provisions of this Protocol, on the date of such deposit except that no part of it shall enter into force for such a government until that part enters into force for other governments under paragraph 1 or 3 of this Article.
- 3. If this Protocol does not enter into force in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article, the governments which have deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval, conclusion or accession, or declarations of provisional application, may decide by mutual consent that it shall enter into

force among those governments that have deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval, conclusion or accession, or declarations of provisional application.

Article 10

Notification by depositary government

The Government of the United States of America as the depositary government shall notify all signatory and acceding governments of each signature, ratification, acceptance, approval, conclusion, provisional application of, and accession to, this Protocol as well as of each notification and notice received under Article 27 of the Convention and each declaration and notification received under Article 28 of the Convention.

Article 11

Certified copy of the Protocol

As soon as possible after the definitive entry into force of this Protocol, the depositary government shall send a certified copy of this Protocol in the English, French, Russian and Spanish languages to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for registration in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations. Any amendments to this Protocol shall likewise be communicated.

Article 12

Relationship of the preamble to Protocol

This Protocol includes the preamble to the 1978 Protocols for the fourth extension of the International Wheat Agreement, 1971.

In witness whereof the undersigned, having been duly authorized to this effect by their respective governments or authorities, have signed this Protocol on the dates appearing opposite their signatures.

The texts of this Protocol in the English, French, Russian and Spanish languages shall be equally authentic. The originals shall be deposited with the Government of the United States of America, which shall transmit certified copies thereof to each signatory and acceding party and to the Executive Secretary of the Council.

1978 PROTOCOL FOR THE FOURTH EXTENSION OF THE FOOD AID CONVENTION, 1971

THE PARTIES TO THIS PROTOCOL,

Considering that the Food Aid Convention, 1971 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Convention'), of the International Wheat Agreement, 1971, which was further extended by the 1976 Protocol, expires on 30 June 1978,

parties to this Protocol until 30 June 1979 provided that, if a new Agreement covering food aid enters into force before 30 June 1979 this Protocol shall remain in force only until the date of entry into force of the new Agreement.

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Extension, expiry and termination of the Convention

Subject to the provisions of Article II of this Protocol, the Convention shall continue in force between the

Article II

Inoperative provisions of the Convention

The provisions of Article II (1), (2) and (3), of Article III (1) and of Articles VI to XIV inclusive, of the Convention, shall be deemed to be inoperative with effect from 1 July 1978.

Article III

International food aid

- 1. The parties to this Protocol agree to contribute as food aid to the developing countries, wheat, coarse grains or products derived therefrom, suitable for human consumption and of an acceptable type and quality, or the cash equivalent thereof, in the minimum annual amounts specified in paragraph 2 below:
- 2. The minimum annual contribution of each party to this Protocol is fixed as follows:

	(tonnes)
States	Quantities
Argentina	23 000
Australia	225 000
Canada	495 000
European Economic Community	1 287 000
Finland	14 000
Japan	225 000
Sweden	35 000
Switzerland	32 000
United States of America	1 890 000
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3. For the purpose of the operation of this Protocol, any party which has signed this Protocol pursuant to Article V (2) thereof, or which has acceded to this Protocol pursuant to Article VII (2) or (3) thereof, shall be deemed to be listed in Article III (2) of this Protocol together with the minimum contribution of such party as determined in accordance with the relevant provisions of Article V or VII of this Protocol.

Article IV

Food Aid Committee

There shall be established a Food Aid Committee whose membership shall consist of the parties listed in Article III (2) of this Protocol and of those others that become parties to this Protocol. The Committee shall appoint a chairman and a vice-chairman.

Article V

Signature

1. This Protocol shall be open for signature in Washington from 26 April 1978 until and including

- 17 May 1978 by the Governments of Argentina, Australia, Canada, Finland, Japan, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States of America, and by the European Economic Community and its Member States, provided that they sign both this Protocol and the 1978 Protocol for the fourth extension of the Wheat Trading Convention, 1971.
- 2. This Protocol shall also be open for signature, on the same conditions, to any party to the Food Aid Convention, 1967, which is not enumerated in paragraph 1 of this Article, provided that its contribution is at least equal to that which it agreed to make in the Food Aid Convention, 1967.

Article VI

Ratification, acceptance, approval or conclusion

This Protocol shall be subject to ratification, acceptance, approval or conclusion by each signatory in accordance with its constitutional or institutional procedures, provided that it also ratifies, accepts, approves or concludes the 1978 Protocol for the fourth extension of the Wheat Trading Convention, 1971. Instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or conclusion shall be deposited with the Government of the United States of America not later than 23 June 1978, except that the Food Aid Committee may grant one or more extensions of time to any signatory that has not deposited its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or conclusion by that date.

Article VII

Accession

- 1. This Protocol shall be open for accession by any party referred to in Article V of this Protocol, provided it also accedes to the 1978 Protocol for the fourth extension of the Wheat Trading Convention, 1971, and provided further that in the case of any party referred to in Article V (2) its contribution is at least equal to that which it agreed to make in the Food Aid Convention, 1967. Instruments of accession under this paragraph shall be deposited not later than 23 June 1978, except that the Food Aid Committee may grant one or more extensions of time to any party 'that has not deposited its instrument of accession by that date.
- 2. The Food Aid Committee may approve accession to this Protocol, as a donor, by the

government of any member of the United Nations, of its specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency, on such conditions as the Food Aid Committee considers appropriate, provided that the government also accedes at the same time to the 1978 Protocol for the fourth extension of the Wheat Trading Convention, 1971, if not already a party to it.

3. Accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of accession with the Government of the United States of America.

Article VIII

Provisional application

Any party referred to in Article V of this Protocol may deposit with the Government of the United States of America a declaration of provisional application of this Protocol, provided it also deposits a declaration of provisional application of the 1978 Protocol for the fourth extension of the Wheat Trading Convention, 1971. Any other party whose application for accession is approved may also deposit with the Government of the United States of America a declaration of provisional application, provided that the party also deposits a declaration of provisional application of the 1978 Protocol for the fourth extension of the Wheat Trading Convention, 1971, unless it is already a party to that Protocol or has already deposited a declaration of provisional application of that Protocol. Any such party depositing such a declaration shall provisionally apply this Protocol and be provisionally regarded as a party thereto.

Article IX

Entry into force

- 1. This Protocol shall enter into force for those parties that have deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval, conclusion or accession:
- (a) on 24 June 1978 with respect to all provisions other than Article II of the Convention and Article III of the Protocol, and
- (b) on 1 July 1978 with respect to Article II of the Convention and Article III of the Protocol,

provided that all parties listed in Article V (1) of this Protocol have deposited such instruments or a declaration of provisional application by 23 June 1978 and that the 1978 Protocol for the fourth

extension of the Wheat Trading Convention, 1971, is in force. For any other party that deposits an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval, conclusion or accession after the entry into force of the Protocol, this Protocol shall enter into force on the date of such deposit.

2. If this Protocol does not enter into force in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Article, the parties which by 24 June 1978 have deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval, conclusion or accession, or declarations of provisional application may decide by mutual consent that it shall enter into force among those parties that have deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval, conclusion or accession, or declarations of provisional application, provided that the 1978 Protocol for the fourth extension of the Wheat Trading Convention, 1971, is in force, or they may take whatever other action they consider the situation requires.

Article X

Notification by depositary government

The Government of the United States of America as the depositary government shall notify all signatory and acceding parties of each signature, ratification, acceptance, approval, conclusion, provisional application of, and accession to this Protocol.

Article XI

Certified copy of the Protocol

As soon as possible after the definitive entry into force of this Protocol, the depositary government shall send a certified copy of this Protocol in the English, French, Russian and Spanish languages to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for registration in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations. Any amendments to this Protocol shall likewise be communicated.

Article XII

Relationship of the preamble to Protocol

This Protocol includes the preamble to the 1978 Protocols for the fourth extension of the International Wheat Agreement, 1971.

In witness whereof the undersigned, having been duly authorized to this effect by their respective governments or authorities, have signed this Protocol on the dates appearing opposite their signatures.

The texts of this Protocol in the English, French, Russian and Spanish languages shall all be equally authentic. The originals shall be deposited with the Government of the United States of America which shall transmit certified copies thereof to each signatory and acceding party.

Information regarding the deposit of a declaration of provisional application by the Community of the Protocols for the fourth extension of the International Wheat Agreement, 1971, and the entry into force of the said Protocols

In accordance with the Council Decision of 12 May 1978 (1) the European Economic Community deposited the instrument of notification of provisional application of the Protocols for the fourth extension of the International Wheat Agreement, 1971, with the Government of the United States which is the depositary of the International Wheat Agreement, 1971.

In view of the number of States having ratified or accepted them or deposited a declaraction of provisional application, these Protocols entered into force on 1 July 1978.

⁽¹⁾ See page 1 of this Official Journal.

THIRD COUNCIL DECISION

of 25 July 1978

on the equivalence of seed potatoes produced in third countries

(78/691/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/403/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of seed potatoes (1), as last amended by Directive 77/648/EEC (2), and in particular Article 15 (1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, by Decisions 72/294/EEC (3) and 75/370/EEC (4), the Council has declared that seed potatoes harvested and officially controlled in Austria, Switzerland and Poland afford the same assurances as seed potatoes harvested and controlled within the Community;

Whereas the validity of this equivalence expires on 30 June 1978; whereas, however, such equivalence should be retained for a further three years since the conditions on which the Community findings were based at the outset are still fulfilled;

Whereas this Decision does not prevent Community findings from being revoked or the period of their validity from not being extended if it becomes apparent that the conditions on which such findings are based are not or are no longer fulfilled;

Whereas, therefore, further practical information on seed potatoes produced in the abovementioned countries should be obtained by growing and checking samples of such seed within the framework of comparative Community tests; Whereas this Decision does not affect requirements which Member States will establish under Council Directive 77/93/EEC of 21 December 1976 on protective measures against the introduction into the Member States of organisms harmful to plants or plant products (5),

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

It is hereby declared that, where the special conditions laid down in the Annex hereto are satisfied, the seed potatoes which are harvested in the countries specified in the Annex and officially controlled by the authorities listed therein and which belong to the categories specified therein are equivalent to seed potatoes of corresponding categories harvested within the Community and comply with Directive 66/403/EEC.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 1 July 1978 to 30 June 1981.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 25 July 1978.

For the Council
The President
H. J. ROHR

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 125, 11. 7. 1966, p. 2320/66.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 261, 14. 10. 1977, p. 21.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 186, 16. 8. 1972, p. 43.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 164, 27. 6. 1975, p. 43.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 20.

ANNEX

Order	Country	Service	Cate	gories	Special
No		Screec	In the country concerned	In the Community	conditions
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Austria	 Burgenländische Landwirtschaftskammer, Eisenstadt Landwirtschaftskammer für Kärnten, Klagenfurt Niederösterreichische LandesLandwirtschaftskammer, Wien Landwirtschaftskammer für Oberösterreich, Linz/O.Ö. Landeskammer für Land- und Forst- 	Elite Original	Basic seed potatoes Certified seed	1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3,
		wirtschaft Steiermark, Graz — Landeskammer für Tirol, Innsbruck — Kammer für Land- und Forstwirtschaft in Salzburg, Salzburg — Landwirtschaftskammer für Vorarlberg, Bregenz — Wiener Landwirtschaftskammer, Wien	— Klasse A — Klasse B	potatoes	·
2	Poland	Inspekcja Nasienna Okregowy Inspektorat (Seed Inspection Service) (Regional Inspectorates) — Bialystoku (Białystok) — Bydgoszczy (Bydgoszcz) — Gdansku (Gdańsk) — Katowicach (Katowice)			
		— Kielcach (Kielce)— Koszalinie (Koszalin)— Krakowie (Kraków)	— Super Elite — Elite	Basic seed potatoes	1, 2, 3
	,	 — Lublinie (Lublin) — Lodzi (Łódź) — Olsztynie (Olsztyn) — Opolu (Opole) — Poznaniu (Poznań) 	Original — Class A — Class B	Certified seed potatoes	1, 2, 3
		 Rzeszowie (Rzeszów) Szczecinie (Szczecin) Warszawie (Warszawa) Wrocławiu (Wrocław) Zielonej Gorze (Zielona Góra) 			
3	Switzerland	- Station fédérale de recherches agro- nomiques, Nyon	Plants certifiés — Classe A — Classe B	Certified seed potatoes	1, 2, 3
		Eidgenössische Landwirtschaftliche Forschungsanstalt, Zürich	Anerkanntes Pflanzgut - Klasse A - Klasse B		

Special conditions

- 1. Seed potatoes shall be officially certified and their containers officially marked and sealed in accordance with national provisions. Seed potatoes and the details on the label shall meet at least the requirements of Community rules and conform to the European standard for seed potatoes recommended by the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Foodstuffs of the Economic Commission for Europe.
- 2. Field inspection shall be carried out by State authorities or by any legal person whether governed by public or by private law, acting under the responsibility of such authorities, provided that such person derives no private gain from the result of the inspection.
- 3. Any chemical treatment of the seed potatoes shall be noted either on the official label or on a special label and on the container or inside it.
- 4. The colour of the label shall be:
 - white for basic seed potatoes,
 - blue for certified seed potatoes.

All particulars shall be provided in at least one of the official languages of the European Communities.

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 25 July 1978

amending Directives 66/400/EEC, 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 66/403/EEC, 68/193/EEC, 69/208/EEC and 70/458/EEC on the marketing of beet seed, fodder plant seed, cereal seed, seed potatoes, material for the vegetative propagation of the vine, seed of oil and fibre plants and vegetable seed

(78/692/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 43 and 100 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (1),

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee (2),

Whereas, for the reasons given below, certain Directives on the marketing of seeds and propagating material should be amended;

Whereas the present provisions of the Directives relating to the sealing and marking of seeds and propagating material do not take into account technical progress in the sphere of packaging materials, sealing systems and labelling methods; whereas they should therefore be brought up to date;

Whereas, in the case of seed potatoes also, samples for the examination of the tubers for certification should be taken officially in accordance with appropriate methods,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Council Directive 66/400/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of beet seed (3), as last amended by Directive 78/55/EEC (4), shall be amended as follows:

- 1. Article 10 (1) shall be replaced by the following:
 - '1. The Member States shall require that packages of basic seed and certified seed, except where seed of the latter category takes the form of small EEC packages, be sealed officially or under official supervision in such a manner that they cannot be opened without damaging the sealing system or leaving evidence of tampering on either the official label provided for in Article 11 (1) or the package.

In order to ensure sealing, the sealing system shall comprise at least either the abovementioned label or the affixing of an official seal.

The measures provided for in the second subparagraph shall not be necessary where a non-reusable sealing system is used.

In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 21, it may be established whether a particular sealing system fulfils the provisions of this paragraph.'

- 2. In the first sentence of Article 10 (2), the words 'or under official supervision' shall be inserted after 'officially'.
- 3. Article 10 (3) shall be replaced by the following:
 - '3. The Member States shall require that small EEC packages be sealed in such a manner that they cannot be opened without damaging the sealing system or leaving evidence of tampering on the label or package. In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 21, it may be established whether a particular sealing system complies with the provisions of this paragraph. Packages shall not be resealed on one or more occasions except under official supervision.'

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 183, 1. 8. 1977, p. 64.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 180, 28. 7. 1977, p. 29.

⁽³⁾ OJ No 125, 11, 7. 1966, p. 2290/66.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 16, 20. 1. 1978, p. 23.

- 4. In Article 14 (3) (c), the following particulars shall be added after the indent 'lot reference number':
 - '- month and year of sealing,

or

- month and year of the last official sampling for the purposes of certification.'
- 5. In Annex III (A) (I), the following shall be added:
 - '3. (a) month and year of sealing expressed thus: "sealed..." (month and year),

or

month and year of the last official sampling for the purposes of certification expressed thus: "sampled..." (month and year).'

Article 2

Council Directive 66/401/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of fodder plant seed (1), as last amended by Directive 78/386/EEC (2), shall be amended as follows:

- 1. Article 9 (1) shall be replaced by the following:
 - '1. Member States shall require that packages of basic seed, certified seed and commercial seed, except where seed of the two latter categories takes the form of small EEC B packages, be sealed officially or under official supervision in such a manner that they cannot be opened without damaging the sealing system or leaving evidence of tampering on either the official label provided for in Article 10 (1) or the package.

In order to ensure sealing, the sealing system shall comprise at least either the abovementioned label or the affixing of an official seal.

The measures provided for in the second subparagraph shall not be necessary where a non-reusable sealing system is used.

In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 21, it may be established whether a particular sealing system complies with the provisions of this paragraph.'

- 2. In the first sentence of Article 9 (2), the words 'or under official supervision' shall be inserted after 'officially'.
- 3. Article 9 (3) shall be replaced by the following:
 - '3. The Member States shall require that small EEC B packages be sealed in such a manner that they cannot be opened without damaging the sealing system or leaving evidence of tampering on the label or package. In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 21, it may be established whether a particular sealing system complies with the provisions of this paragraph. Packages shall not be resealed on one or more occasions except under official supervision.'
- 4. In Article 14 (3) (c), the following particulars shall be added after the indent 'lot reference number':
 - '- month and year of sealing,

or

- month and year of the last official sampling for the purposes of certification.'
- 5. In Annex IV (A) (I), the following shall be added under (a):
 - '3. (a) month and year of sealing expressed thus: "sealed..." (month and year),

or

month and year of the last official sampling for the purposes of certification expressed thus: "sampled..." (month and year).'

- 6. In Annex IV (A) (I), the following shall be added under (b):
 - '4a. month and year of sealing expressed thus: "sealed . . ." (month and year),

or

month and year of the last official sampling for the purposes of certification expressed thus: "sampled ..." (month and year)."

- 7. In Annex IV (A) (I), the following shall be added under (c):
 - '3. (a) month and year of sealing expressed thus: "sealed..." (month and year),

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 125, 11. 7. 1966, p. 2298/66.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 113, 25. 5. 1978, p. 1.

Article 3

Council Directive 66/402/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of cereal seed (1), as last amended by Directive 78/387/EEC (2), shall be amended as follows:

- 1. Article 9 (1) shall be replaced by the following:
 - '1. The Member States shall require that packages of basic seed and certified seed of all categories be sealed officially or under official supervision in such a manner that they cannot be opened without damaging the sealing system or without leaving evidence of tampering on either the official label provided for in Article 10 (1) or the package.

In order to ensure sealing, the sealing system shall comprise at least either the abovementioned label or the affixing of an official seal.

The measures provided for in the second subparagraph above shall not be necessary where a non-reusable sealing system is used.

In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 21, it may be established whether a particular sealing system complies with the provisions of this paragraph.'

- 2. In the first sentence of Article 9 (2), the words 'or under official supervision' shall be inserted after 'officially'.
- 3. In Article 14 (3) (c), the following shall be added after the indent 'lot reference number':
 - '- month and year of sealing,

or

- month and year of the last official sampling for the purposes of certification.'
- 4. In Annex IV (A), the following shall be added under (a):
 - "sealed..." (month and year),

or

month and year of the last official sampling for the purposes of certification expressed thus: "sampled..." (month and year).'

- 5. In Annex IV (A), the following is added under (b):
 - '3a. month and year of sealing expressed thus: "sealed..." (year and month).'

Article 4

Council Directive 66/403/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of seed potatoes (3), as last amended by Directive 77/648/EEC (4), shall be amended as follows:

1. The following Article shall be added:

'Article 5

The Member States shall require that, for the examination of seed potato tubers for certification, samples are taken officially in accordance with appropriate methods.'

- 2. Article 9 (1) shall be replaced by the following:
 - '1. Member States shall require that packages and containers of basic seed potatoes and certified potatoes be sealed officially or under official supervision in such a manner that they cannot be opened without damaging the system of closing or leaving evidence of tampering on either the official label provided for in Article 10 (1) or the package.

In order to ensure closure, the sealing system shall comprise at least either the abovementioned label or the affixing of an official seal.

The measures provided for in the second subparagraph above shall not be necessary where a non-reusable sealing system is used.

In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 19 it may be established whether a particular sealing system complies with the provisions of this paragraph.'

- 3. In the first sentence of Article 9 (2), the words 'or under official supervision' shall be inserted after 'officially'.
- 4. Article 10 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 10

1. Member States shall require that packages and containers of basic seed potatoes and certified seed potatoes:

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 125, 11. 7. 1966, p. 2309/66.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 113, 25. 4. 1978, p. 13.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No 125, 11. 7. 1966, p. 2320/66.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 261, 14. 10. 1977, p. 21.

- (a) be labelled on the outside with an official label which has not previously been used, which fulfils the conditions laid down in Annex III and the particulars of which are provided in one of the official languages of the Community. The colour of the label shall be white for basic seed potatoes and blue for certified seed potatoes. When a label with a string-hole is used, its attachment shall be ensured in all cases with an official seal. The use of official adhesive labels shall be authorized. In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 19, the indelible printing of the prescribed particulars on the package in accordance with the label model may be authorized under official supervision;
- (b) contain an official document, in the same colour as the label, providing at least the label particulars required under Annex III (A) (3), (4) and (6). This document shall be drawn up in such a manner that it cannot be confused with the official label referred to under (a).

This document shall not be necessary if the particulars are printed indelibly on the package or if, in accordance with the provisions under (a), an adhesive label or a label of tear resistant material is used.

- 2. The Member States may provide for derogations from paragraph 1 in the case of small packages where they are marked: "Passed for marketing in . . ." (Member State concerned) only.'
- 5. In Article 13 (1), the words 'marked and sealed officially or under official supervision' shall replace 'officially marked and sealed'.
- 6. In Article 13 (4) (c), the following shall be added after the indent 'lot reference number':
 - '-- month and year of sealing.'
- 7. In Annex III (A), the following shall be added:
 - '3a. month and year of sealing.'
- 8. In Annex III (A), point 9 shall be deleted.

Article 5

Article 9 of Council Directive 68/193/EEC of 9 April 1968 on the marketing of material for the vegetative propagation of the vine (1), as last amended by Directive 78/55/EEC shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 9

The Member States shall require that packages and bundles of propagation material be sealed in such a manner that they cannot be opened without damaging the sealing system or leaving evidence of tampering on either the label provided for in Article 10 (1) or — in the case of packages — on the package. They shall also bear a lead or equivalent sealing device attached by the person responsible for attaching the labels. In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 17 it may be established whether a particular sealing system complies with the provisions of this Article. Packages shall not be resealed on one or more occasions except under official supervision.'

Article 6

Council Directive 69/208/EEC of 30 June 1969 on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants (2), as last amended by Directive 78/388/EEC (3), shall be amended as follows:

- 1. Article 9 (1) shall be replaced by:
 - '1. The Member States shall require that packages of basic seed, certified seed of all categories and commercial seed, be sealed officially or under official supervision in such a manner that they cannot be opened without damaging the sealing system or leaving evidence of tampering on either the official label provided for in Article 10 (1) or the package.

In order to ensure sealing, the sealing system shall comprise at least either the abovementioned label or the affixing of an official seal.

The measures provided for in the second subparagraph above shall not be necessary where a non-reusable sealing system is used.

In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 20, it may be established whether a particular sealing system complies with the provisions of this paragraph.'

- 2. In the first sentence of Article 9 (2), the words 'or under official supervision' shall be inserted after 'officially'.
- 3. In Article 13 (3) (c), the following shall be added after the indent 'lot reference number':

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 93, 17. 4. 1968, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 169, 10. 7. 1969, p. 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 113, 25. 4. 1978, p. 20.

'- month and year of sampling,

or

- month and year of the last official sampling for the purposes of certification.'
- 4. In Annex IV (A) under (a), the text of item 3 shall be replaced by the following:
 - "-- month and year of sealing expressed thus: "sealed..." (month and year),

or

- month and year of the last official sampling for the purposes of certification expressed thus: "sampled . . . " (month and year)."
- 5. In Annex IV (A) under (b), the text of item 4 shall be replaced by the following:
 - '— month and year of sealing expressed thus: "sealed..." (month and year).'

Article 7

Council Directive 70/458/EEC of 29 September 1970 on the marketing of vegetable seed (1), as last amended by Directive 78/55/EEC, shall be amended as follows:

- 1. The following shall be substituted for Article 25 (1):
 - '1. The Member States shall require that packages of basic and certified seed, not made up in the form of EEC small packages, be sealed officially or under official supervision in such a manner that they cannot be opened without damaging the sealing system or leaving evidence of tampering on either the official label provided for in Article 26 (1) or the package.

In order to ensure sealing, the sealing system shall comprise at least either the abovementioned label or the affixing of an official seal.

The measures provided for in the second subparagraph shall not be necessary where a non-reusable sealing system is used.

(1) OJ No L 225, 12. 10. 1970, p. 7.

In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 40 it may be established whether a particular sealing system complies with the provisions of this paragraph.'

- 2. In the first sentence of Article 25 (2), the words 'or under official supervision' shall be inserted after 'officially'.
- 3. Article 25 (3) shall be replaced by the following:
 - The Member States shall require that packages of standard seed and small packages of seeds of the category certified seed be closed in such a manner that they cannot be opened without damaging the system of closing or without leaving evidence of tampering on the label provided for in Article 26 (3) or the package. Except in the case of small packages, they shall also bear a lead or an equivalent sealing device attached by the person responsible for attaching labels. In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 40, it may be established whether a particular system of closing complies with the provisions of this paragraph. In the case of small packages of the category certified seed, packages shall not be sealed on one or more occasions except under official supervision.'
- 4. The following paragraph shall be added to Article 25:
 - '4. The Member States may provide for derogations from paragraphs 1 and 2 in the case of small packages of basic seed.'
- 5. In Article 30 (3) (c), the following particulars shall be added after the indent 'lot reference number':
 - '— month and year of sealing,

or

- month and year of the last official sampling for the purposes of certification.'
- 6. Annex IV (A) (a) shall be replaced by the following:
 - '1. EEC rules and standards.
 - 2. Certification authority and Member State or their initials.
 - 3. Month and year of sealing expressed thus: "sealed..." (month and year),

or

month and year of the last official sampling for the purposes of certification expressed thus: "sampled..." (month and year).

- 4. Reference number of lot.
- 5. Species.
- 6. Variety.
- 7. Category.
- 8. Country of production.
- 9. Declared net or gross weight or declared number of seeds.
- 10. Where weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additive and also the approximate ratio between the weight of clusters or pure seeds and total weight.
- 11. Where at least germination has been retested, the words "retested..." (month and year) may be indicated."
- 7. Annex IV (B) (a) shall be replaced by the following:
 - '1. EEC rules and standards.
 - 2. Name and address of the person responsible for affixing the labels or his identification mark.
 - 3. Marketing year of the sealing or of the last examination of germination. The end of the marketing year may be indicated.
 - 4. Species.
 - 5. Variety.
 - 6. Category: in the case of small packages, certified seed may be marked with the letter "C" or "Z" and standard seed with the letters "ST".

- 7. Reference number given by the person responsible for affixing the labels in the case of standard seed.
- 8. Reference number enabling the certified lot to be indentified in the case certified seed.
- 9. Declared net or gross weight or declared number of seeds, except for small packages of up to 500 grams.
- 10. Where weight is indicated and granulated pesticides, pelleting substances or other solid additives are used, the nature of the additive and also the approximate ratio between the weight of clusters or pure seeds and the total weight.'

Article 8

The Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary for them to comply with:

- Articles 1 to 4, 6 and 7 on or before 1 July 1977, and
- all the other provisions of this Directive on or before 1 July 1979.

Article 9

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 25 July 1978.

For the Council
The President
H. J. ROHR

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 28 July 1978

concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from Argentina

(78/693/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 animals and swine and fresh meat from third countries (1), and in particular Articles 16 and 28,

Whereas the situation regarding foot-and-mouth disease in Argentina may constitute a serious danger for Community livestock because of the trade with that country; whereas certain Member States have already adopted protective measures in this respect;

Whereas the necessary steps should therefore be taken at Community level to reduce the risk of introduction of disease by ensuring that imports from Argentina of fresh meat fulfil conditions which will ensure the protection of Community livestock;

Whereas it is necessary to lay down health requirements for imports of fresh meat from Argentina; whereas it is necessary to take account of the situation in Argentina regarding foot-and-mouth disease and particularly of the situation in various parts there at present;

Whereas the measures adopted by Member States must be adapted to the particular health situation of

each third country; whereas they must be modified in the light of any developments therein;

Whereas special conditions may be laid down for certain Member States because of their special animal health situations until common Community measures are adopted for the control and eradication of foot-and-mouth disease; whereas these conditions must be at least as strict as those which the same Member States apply in intra-Community trade;

Whereas specific measures of animal health protection should be adopted on a Community basis as provided for by the Directive;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

- 1. Member States shall authorize the importation of fresh meat from Argentina as follows:
- (a) deboned fresh meat of bovine animals, sheep and goats, excluding offals, from which have been removed the major accessible lymphatic glands, conforming to the guarantees laid down in the animal health certificate in accordance with Annex A and which must accompany the consignment;
- (b) fresh meat, with or without bone, of bovine animals, sheep and goats born, reared and

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.

slaughtered in those regions of Argentina south of the 42nd parallel, conforming to the guarantees laid down in the animal health certificate in accordance with Annex B and which must accompany the consignment;

- (c) fresh meat of domestic solipeds, conforming to the guarantees laid down in the animal health certificate in accordance with Annex C and which must accompany the consignment;
- (d) in addition to the offals which may be imported under point (b), the following offals of bovine animals:
 - completely trimmed hearts,
 - completely trimmed livers,
 - completely trimmed tongues without bone, cartilage or tonsils,

conforming to the guarantees laid down in the animal health certificate in accordance with Annex D and which must accompany the consignment.

2. Member States shall not authorize the import of categories of fresh meat from Argentina other than those mentioned in paragraph 1.

Article 2

- 1. Until the adoption by the Council of Regulations concerning the control and eradication of foot-and-mouth disease within the Community and until 31 December 1982 at the latest, and while continuing to prohibit vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease:
- (a) Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland may, in respect of the deboned fresh meat of bovine animals, sheep and goats referred to under Article 1 (1) (a), the fresh meat of bovine animals, sheep and goats referred to under (b) thereof and the offals referred to under (d) thereof, continue to refuse to authorize such imports;
- (b) the United Kingdom may, in respect of the deboned fresh meat of sheep and goats referred to under Article 1 (1) (a), the fresh meat of

bovine animals, sheep and goats referred to under (b) thereof and the offals referred to under (d) thereof, continue to require additional conditions currently in force which must be at least as strict as those which apply in intra-Community trade.

2. The United Kingdom shall immediately inform the Commission of the additional conditions currently in force.

Article 3

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

Article 4

This Decision shall be examined with a view to adaptation to Council Regulations concerning the control and eradication of foot-and-mouth disease within the Community, and in any case before 1 July 1982.

Article 5

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 October 1978. However, the certificates currently used, amended if necessary in accordance with the provisions of this Decision, may be used until 31 March 1979.

Article 6

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 28 July 1978.

For the Commission
Finn GUNDELACH
Vice-President

ANNEX A

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for deboned fresh meat (1) of bovine animals, sheep and goats, excluding offals, intended for consignment to the European Economic Community

Country of destination				
Reference to the public health certificate				
Exporting country, Argentina.				
Ministry				
Department				
References(Optional)				
I. Identification of meat				
Meat (2) of(Animal species)				
Nature of cuts (3)				
Nature 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)				
Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved cutting plant(s)				
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				
Name and address of consignee				

IV. Attestation of health

- I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that:
- 1. the deboned 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,

- 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 (5); or
 - (ii) animals which have been born, reared and slaughtered south of the Barrancas/Colorado rivers boundary (5),
- animals which come from holdings in which there has been no outbreak of footand-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 V of the Annex to Directive 72/462/EEC 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 deboned 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 establishments under the control of an official veterinarian;
- 3. the deboned fresh meat described above originates from carcases which have matured at a room temperature of more than + 2°C for at least 24 hours before the bones were removed;

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⁽¹⁾ Fresh meat: means all parts fit for 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⁾ Only deboned fresh meat from bovine animals, sheep and goats from which the major accessible lymphatic glands have been removed is authorized for importation.

⁽³⁾ Fresh meat is only authorized for importation when all bones have been removed.

⁽⁴⁾ For railway wagons or lorries the registration number should be given, for aircraft the flight number and for ships the name.

⁽⁵⁾ Delete as appropriate.

⁽⁶⁾ Additional conditions required by the United Kingdom.

ANNEX B

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

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

Country of destination
Reference to the public health certificate
Exporting country, Argentina.
Ministry
Department
References (Optional)
I. Identification of meat
Meat (2) of
(Animal species)
Nature of cuts
Nature 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)
Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved cutting (plant(s)
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
Name and address of consignee
IV Attactation of health

IV. Attestation of health

- I, the undersigned, official veterination, certify that:
- 1. the 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 V of the Annex to Directive 72/462/EEC 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 of 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 under the control of an official veterinarian;

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⁽¹⁾ Fresh meat: means all parts fit for 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⁾ Importation of carcase 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.

⁽³⁾ For railway wagons or lorries the registration number should be given, for aircraft the flight number and for ships the name.

⁽⁴⁾ Additional conditions required by the United Kingdom.

ANNEX C

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for fresh meat (1) of domestic solipeds intended for consignment to the European Economic Community Country of destination Reference to the public health certificate Exporting country, Argentina. Ministry Department References (Optional) I. Indentification of meat Meat of domestic solipeds. Nature of cuts Nature 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) Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved cutting plant(s) III. Destination of meat The meat will be sent from: (Place of loading) (Country and place of destination) by the following means of transport (2)

Name and address of consignor

Name and address of consignee

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.

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

⁽²⁾ For railway wagons or lorries the registration number should be given, for aircraft the flight number and for ships the

ANNEX D

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

or offal (1) of bovine animals intended for consignment to the European Economic Commi	ınity
Country of destination	
Reference to the public health certificate	••••••
Exporting country, Argentina.	
Ministry	
Department	
References	
(Optional)	
I. Identification of offal	
Offal of bovine animals.	
Nature of offals	•••••
Nature of packaging	······
Number of packages	•••••••
Net weight	
II. Origin of offal	
Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved slaughterhouse(s)	*************
Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved cutting plant(s)	
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 (2)	
Name and address of consignor	
Name and address of consignee	
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 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 (3); or
 - (ii) which have been born, reared and slaughtered south of the Barrancas/Colorado rivers boundary (3),
- 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 V of the Annex to Directive 72/462/EEC 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 establishments 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;

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⁽¹⁾ Only hearts and livers from which lymphatic glands, adhering connective tissue and fat have been completely removed and tongues without bone, cartilage and tonsils of bovine animals are authorized for importation.

⁽²⁾ For railway wagons or lorries the registration number should be given, for aircraft the flight number and for ships the name.

⁽³⁾ Delete as appropriate.

⁽⁴⁾ Additional conditions required by the United Kingdom.

COMMISSION DECISION

of 28 July 1978

concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from Brazil

(78/694/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 animals and swine and fresh meat from third countries (1), and in particular Articles 16 and 28 thereof,

Whereas the situation regarding foot-and-mouth disease in Brazil may constitute a serious danger for Community livestock because of the trade with that country; whereas certain Member States have already adopted protective measures in this respect;

Whereas the necessary steps should therefore be taken at Community level to reduce the risk of introduction of disease by ensuring that imports from Brazil of fresh meat fulfil conditions which will ensure the protection of Community livestock;

Whereas it is necessary to lay down health requirements for imports of fresh meat from Brazil; whereas it is necessary to take account of the situation in Brazil regarding foot-and-mouth disease and particularly of the situation at present;

Whereas the measures adopted by Member States must be adapted to the particular health situation of each third country; whereas they must be modified in the light of any developments therein;

Whereas special conditions may be laid down for certain Member States because of their special animal health situations until common Community measures are adopted for the control and eradication of foot-and-mouth disease; whereas these conditions must be at least as strict as those which the same Member States apply in intra-Community trade;

Whereas specific measures of animals health protection should be adopted on a Community basis as provided for by the Directive;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

- 1. Member States shall authorize the importation of fresh meat from Brazil as follows:
- (a) deboned fresh meat of bovine animals, excluding offals, from the States of Rio Grande do Sul, Minas Gerais, Santa Catarina, Parana, Sao Paulo, Bahia and Espirito Santo, from which have been removed the major accessible lymphatic glands, conforming to the guarantees laid down in the animal health certificate in accordance with Annex A and which must accompany the consignment;
- (b) fresh meat of domestic solipeds, conforming to the guarantees laid down in the animal health certificate in accordance with Annex B and which must accompany the consignment;
- (c) the following offals of bovine animals, from the States of Rio Grande do Sul, Minas Gerais, Santa Catarina, Parana Sao Paulo, Bahia and Espirito Santo:
 - completely trimmed hearts,
 - completely trimmed livers,
 - completely trimmed tongues without bone, cartilage or tonsils,

conforming to the guarantees laid down in the animal health certificate in accordance with Annex C and which must accompany the consignment.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.

2. Member States shall not authorize the import of categories of fresh meat from Brazil other than those mentioned in paragraph 1.

Article 2

- 1. Until the adoption by the Council of Regulations concerning the control and eradication of foot-and-mouth disease within the Community and until 31 December 1982 at the latest, and while continuing to prohibit vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease:
- (a) Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland may, in respect of the deboned fresh meat of bovine animals referred to under point (a) of Article 1 (1) and the offals referred to under point (c) thereof, continue to refuse to authorize such imports;
- (b) the United Kingdom may, in respect of the offals referred to under point (c) of Article 1 (1), continue to require additional conditions currently in force which must be at least as strict as those which apply in intra-Community trade.
- 2. The United Kingdom shall immediately inform the Commission of the additional conditions currently in force.

Article 3

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

Article 4

This Decision shall be examined with a view to adaptation to Council Regulations concerning the control and eradication of foot-and-mouth disease within the Community, and in any case before 1 July 1982.

Article 5

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 October 1978. However, the certificates currently used, amended if necessary in accordance with the provisions of this Decision, may be used until 31 March 1979.

Article 6

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 28 July 1978.

For the Commission
Finn GUNDELACH
Vice-President

ANNEX A

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for deboned fresh meat (1) of bovine animals, excluding offals, intended for consignment to the European Economic Community

Çoı	antry of destination
Ref	erence to the public health certificate
	porting country, Brazil (Rio Grande do Sul, Minas Gerais, Santa Catarina, Parana, Sao Paulo, nia, Espirito Santo).
Mi	nistry
Dej	partment
Ref	erences (Optional)
I.	Identification of meat
	Meat (2) of
	(Animal species)
	Nature of cuts (3)
	Nature 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)
	Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved cutting plant(s)
	,
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
	Name and address of consignee

IV. Attestation of health

- I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that:
- 1. the deboned fresh meat described above is obtained from:
 - bovine animals which have remained in the territory of Brazil (States of Rio Grande do Sul, Minas Gerais, Santa Catarina, Parana, Sao Paulo, Bahia, Espirito Santo) for at least three months before being slaughtered or since birth in the case of animals less than three months old,

- bovine animals which have spend this period in a region in which fooot-and-mouth disease vaccination of bovine animals is regularly carried out and officially controlled,
- 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 V of the Annex to Directive 72/462/EEC at the slaughterhouse during the 24 hours before the 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 deboned 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 establishments under the control of an official veterinarian;

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(Signature of official veterinarian)

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

⁽²⁾ Only deboned fresh meat from bovine animals, from which the major accessible lymphatic glands have been removed is authorized for importation.

⁽³⁾ Fresh meat is only authorized for importation when all bones have been removed.

⁽⁴⁾ For railway wagons or lorries the registration number should be given, for aircraft the flight number and for ships the name.

⁽⁵⁾ Additional conditions required by the United Kingdom.

ANNEX B

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for fresh meat (1) of domestic solipeds intended for consignment to the European Economic Community Country of destination Reference to the public health certificate Exporting country, Brazil. Ministry Department (Optional) I. Identification of meat Meat of domestic solipeds. Nature of cuts Nature of packaging Number of cuts of packages Net weight II. Origin of meat Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved slaughterhouse(s) Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved cutting plant(s) III. Destination of meat The meat will be sent from: (Place of loading) (Country and place of destination) by the following means of transport (2) Name and address of consignor

Name and address of consignee

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 Brazil for at least three months before being slaughtered or since birth in the case of animals less than three months old.

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	(Signature of official veterinarian)	

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

⁽²⁾ For railway wagons or lorries the registration number should be given, for aircraft the flight number and for ships the name.

ANNEX C

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

Count	ry of destination
Refere	ence to the public health certificate
	rting country, Brazil (Rio Grande do Sul, Minas Gerais, Santa Catarina, Parana, Sao Paulo, , Espirito Santo).
Minis	try _.
Depar	tment
Refere	ences
	(Optional)
I. Id	entification of offal
0	ffal of bovine animals.
N	ature of offals
N	ature of packaging
N	Jumber of packages
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II. C	Prigin of offal
A	ddress(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved slaughterhouse(s)
A	ddress(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved cutting plant(s)
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	'he offal will be sent from:
•	(Place of loading)
	to:
h	y the following means of transport (2)
	Name and address of consignor
	Name and address of consignee
IV. A	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 Brazil (States of Rio Grande do Sul, Minas Gerais, Santa Catarina, Parana, Sao Paulo, Bahia, Espirito Santo) for at least three months before being slaughtered or since birth in the case of animals less

than three months old,

- bovine animals which have 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 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 V of the Annex to Directive 72/462/EEC 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 establishments under the control of an official veterinarian;

3. the offal describ at least three ho		red at a room temperatu	re of more than + 2°C fo	r
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⁽¹⁾ Only hearts and livers from which lymphatic glands, adhering connective tissue and fat have been completely removed and tongues without bone, cartilage and tonsils of bovine animals are authorized for importation.

⁽²⁾ For railway wagons or lorries the registration number should be given, for aircraft the flight number and for ships the name.

⁽³⁾ Additional conditions required by the United Kingdom.

COMMISSION DECISION

of 28 July 1978

concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from Uruguay

(78/695/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 animals and swine and fresh meat from third countries (1), and in particular Articles 16 and 28 thereof,

Whereas although the situation in Uruguay regarding foot-and-mouth disease has recently improved the epizootiological situation in Uruguay concerning foot-and-mouth disease may constitute a danger for Community livestock because of trade with that country; whereas certain Member States have already adopted protective measures in this respect;

Whereas the necessary steps should therefore be taken at Community level to reduce the risk of introduction of disease by ensuring that imports from Uruguay of fresh meat fulfil conditions which will ensure the protection of Community livestock;

Whereas it is necessary to lay down health requirements for imports of fresh meat from Uruguay; whereas it is necessary to take account of the situation in Uruguay regarding foot-and-mouth disease and particularly the situation at present;

Whereas the measures adopted by Member States must be adapted to the particular health situation of each third country; whereas they must be modified in the light of any developments therein;

Whereas special conditions may be laid down for certain Member States because of their special animal health situations until common Community measures are adopted for the control and eradication of foot-and-mouth disease; whereas these conditions must be at least as strict as those which the same Member States apply in intra-Community trade;

Whereas specific measures of animal health protection should be adopted on a Community basis as provided for by the Directive;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

- 1. Member States shall authorize the importation of fresh meat from Uruguay as follows:
- (a) deboned fresh meat of bovine animals, sheep and goats, excluding offals, from which have been removed the major accessible lymphatic glands, conforming to the guarantees laid down in the animal health certificate in accordance with Annex A and which must accompany the consignment;
- (b) fresh meat of domestic solipeds, conforming to the guarantees laid down in the animal health certificate in accordance with Annex B and which must accompany the consignment;
- (c) the following offals of bovine animals:
 - completely trimmed hearts,
 - completely trimmed livers,
 - completely trimmed tongues without bone, cartilage or tonsils, conforming to the guarantees laid down in the animal health certificate in accordance with Annex C and which must accompany the consignment.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.

2. Member States shall not authorize the import of categories of fresh meat from Uruguay other than those mentioned in paragraph 1.

Article 2

- 1. Until the adoption by the Council of Regulations concerning the control and eradication of foot-and-mouth disease within the Community and until 31 December 1982 at the latest, and while continuing to prohibit vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease:
- (a) Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland may, in respect of the deboned fresh meat of bovine animals, sheep and goats referred to under point (a) of Article 1 (1) and the offals referred to under point (c) thereof, continue to refuse to authorize such imports;
- (b) the United Kingdom may, in respect of the deboned fresh meat of sheep and goats referred to under point (a) of Article 1 (1) and the offals referred to under point (c) thereof, continue to require additional conditions currently in force which must be at least as strict as those which apply in intra-Community trade.
- 2. The United Kingdom shall immediately inform the Commission of the additional conditions currently in force.

Article 3

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

Article 4

This Decision shall be examined with a view to adaptation to Council Regulations concerning the control and eradication of foot-and-mouth disease within the Community, and in any case before 1 July 1982.

Article 5

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 October 1978. However, the certificates currently used, amended if necessary in accordance with the provisions of this Decision, may be used until 31 March 1979.

Article 6

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 28 July 1978.

For the Commission
Finn GUNDELACH
Vice-President

ANNEX A

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for deboned fresh meat (1) of bovine animals, sheep and goats, excluding offals, intended for consignment to the European Economic Community

Country of destination	
Reference to the public health certificate	
Exporting country, Uruguay.	
Ministry	
Department	
References	
(Optional)	
I. Identification of meat	
Meat (2) of	
(Animal species) Nature of cuts (3)	•
Nature of packaging	
Number of cuts or packages	-
Net weight	
II. Origin of meat	
Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved slaugh	nterhouse(s)
Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved cuttin	g plant(s)
III. Destination of meat	
The meat will be sent from:	
(Place of loading)	
to:(Country and place of load	
by the following means of transport (4)	
Name and address of consignor	
Name and address of consignee	
IV. Attestation of health	

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

- in the case of bovine animals this period has been spent in a region in which footand-mouth disease vaccination of bovine animals is regularly carried out and officially controlled,
- 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 V of the Annex to Directive 72/462/EEC 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 deboned 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 establishments under the control of an official veterinarian;

3.	the deboned	fresh	meat c	lescribed	l above	origin	ates	from	carca	ses wh	ich hav	e ma	atured
	at a room	temper	ature o	f more	than +	- 2°C	for	at le	ast 24	hours	before	the	bones
	were remove	ed;											

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⁽¹⁾ Fresh meat: means all parts fit for 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⁾ Only deboned fresh meat from bovine animals, sheep and goats from which the major accessible lymphatic glands have been removed is authorized for importation.

⁽³⁾ Fresh meat is only authorized for importation when all bones have been removed.

⁽⁴⁾ For railway wagons or lorries the registration number should be given, for aircraft the flight number and for ships the name.

⁽⁵⁾ Additional conditions required by the United Kingdom.

ANNEX B

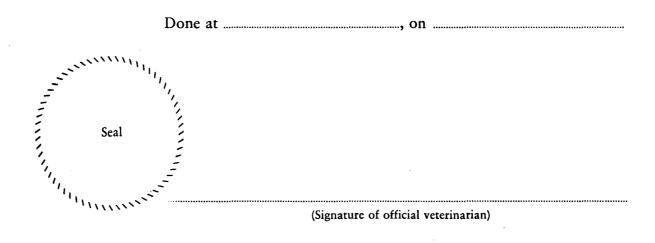
ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

Country	of destination
Referenc	e to the public health certificate
	g country, Uruguay.
Departn	ent
Reference	(Optional)
I Ider	tification of meat
	t of domestic solipeds.
Nat	ure of cuts
Na	rure of packaging
Nu	nber of cuts of packages
Net	weight
II. Ori	gin of meat
Ad	dress(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved slaughterhouse(s)
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Ad	dress(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved cutting plant(s)
III. De	stination of meat
Th	e meat will be sent from:
	(Place of loading)
	to: (Country and place of destination)
by	the following means of transport (2)

Name and address of consignee

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 Uruguay for at least three months before being slaughtered or since birth in the case of animals less than three months old.



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

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ANNEX C

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

Country	y of destination
Referen	ce to the public health certificate
Exporti	ing country, Uruguay.
Ministr	ry
Depart	ment
Referei	nces
	(Optional)
I. Ide	entification of offal
	fal of bovine animals.
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Na	ature of packaging
Nι	ımber of packaging
	et weight
II. Or	rigin of offal
Āc	ddress(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved slaughterhouse(s)
 A 	ddress(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved cutting plant(s)
III. De	estination of offal
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ĵ.	(Place of loading)
	to: (Country and place of destination)
by	y the following means of transport (2)
	ame and address of consignor

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

- bovine animals which have 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 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 V of the Annex to Directive 72/462/EEC 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 establishments under the control of an official veterinarian;

3. the offal describ at least three ho	ped above has matured at a room tempe urs;	erature of more than $+ 2^{\circ}C$ for
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Seal		
	(Signature of offici	al veterinarian)

⁽¹⁾ Only hearts and livers from which lymphatic glands, adhering connective tissue and fat have been completely removed and tongues without bone, cartilage and tonsils of bovine animals are authorized for importation.

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⁽⁸⁾ Additional conditions required by the United Kingdom.