

COMMISSION DECISION

of 25 July 1980

**concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for the
importation of fresh meat from Australia**

(80/801/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⁾, as last
amended by Directive 77/98/EEC⁽²⁾, and in particular
Article 16 thereof,

Whereas following a Community veterinary mission it
appears that the animal health situation in Australia is
excellent, stable and completely controlled by well-
structured and organized veterinary services, particu-
larly as regards diseases transmissible through meat;

Whereas, in addition, by letter of 26 June 1980 the
responsible veterinary authorities of Australia have
confirmed that Australia has for at least 12 months
been free from rinderpest, foot and mouth disease,
African swine fever, classical swine fever, contagious
porcine paralysis (Teschen disease) and swine vesicular
disease and that no vaccinations have been carried out
against those diseases during that time;

Whereas the responsible veterinary authorities of
Australia have undertaken to notify the Commission
of the European Communities and the Member States,
by telex or telegram, within 24 hours at the latest, of
the confirmation of the occurrence of any of the
abovementioned diseases or the adoption of vaccina-
tion against any of them;

Whereas animal health conditions and veterinary
certification must be adopted according to the
animal health situation of the non-member country
concerned;

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

Member States shall authorize the importation from
Australia of fresh meat of bovine animals, swine,
sheep, goats and domestic solipeds conforming to the
guarantees laid down in an animal health certificate
which accords with the Annex hereto and which must
accompany the consignment.

Article 2

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

Article 3

This Decision shall apply with effect from 1 January
1981.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 25 July 1980.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 81.

ANNEX

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

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

Country of destination :

Reference to public health certificate ⁽²⁾ :

Exporting country : AUSTRALIA

Ministry :

Department :

References :
(Optional)

I. Identification of meat :

Meat 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) ⁽²⁾ of approved slaughterhouse(s) :
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Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) ⁽²⁾ of approved cutting plant(s) :
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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 :
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Name and address of consignee :
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IV. Attestation of health

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that the fresh meat described above has been obtained from :

- animals which have remained in the territory of Australia 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 swine, animals which come from holdings in which there has been no outbreak of porcine brucellosis during the previous six weeks ;
- in the case of sheep and goats, animals which come from holdings in which there has been no outbreak of ovine or caprine brucellosis during the previous six weeks.

Done at, on

Seal

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(Signature of official veterinarian)

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- (1) Fresh meat means all parts of domestic animals of the bovine, porcine, ovine and caprine species and of domestic solipeds which are fit for human consumption and which have not undergone any preserving process, chilled and frozen meat being considered as fresh meat.
- (2) Optional when the country of destination authorizes the importation of fresh meat for uses other than human consumption in application of Article 19 (a) of Directive 72/462/EEC.
- (3) For railway wagons or lorries the registration number should be given, for aircraft the flight number and for ships the name.