

COMMISSION DECISION**of 19 October 1981****concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for the
importation of fresh meat from Costa Rica**

(81/887/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 the visit of a Community veteri-
nary mission, it appears that the animal health situa-
tion in Costa Rica is excellent, stable and completely
controlled by well-structured and organized veterinary
services, particularly as regards diseases transmissible
through meat;

Whereas, in addition, the responsible veterinary
authorities of Costa Rica have confirmed that Costa
Rica has for at least 12 months been free from
rinderpest and foot and mouth disease and that no
vaccinations have been carried out against those
diseases during that time;

Whereas the responsible veterinary authorities of
Costa Rica have undertaken to notify the Commission
and the Member States, by telex or telegram, within
24 hours, of the confirmation of the occurrence of any
of the abovementioned diseases or the adoption of
vaccination against any of them;

Whereas animal health conditions and veterinary certi-
fication must be adopted according to the animal
health situation of the non-member country con-
cerned;

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
from Costa Rica of fresh meat of domestic animals of
the bovine species and of 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.

2. Member States shall not authorize the importa-
tion of categories of fresh meat from Costa Rica other
than those mentioned in paragraph 1.

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
1982.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 19 October 1981.

For the Commission

Poul DALSA GER

Member of the Commission

⁽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 domestic animals of the bovine species and of domestic solipeds intended for consignment to the European Economic Community

Country of destination :

Reference to public health certificate ⁽²⁾ :

Exporting country : Costa Rica

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 :

⁽¹⁾ Fresh meat means all parts of domestic animals of the bovine 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.

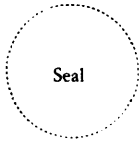
⁽²⁾ Optional when the country of destination authorizes the importation of fresh meat for uses other than human consumption in application of Article 19 (a) of Directive 72/462/EEC.

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

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



Done at, on

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(Signature of official veterinarian)
