

COMMISSION DECISION

of 27 April 1984

concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for the import of fresh meat from Malta

(84/294/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 83/91/EEC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 16 thereof,

Whereas following a Community veterinary mission it appears that the animal health situation in Malta 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 Malta have confirmed that Malta has for at least 12 months been free from rinderpest, exotic and classical foot-and-mouth disease, African swine fever, classical swine fever, swine vesicular disease and Brucella suis infection and that no vaccinations have been carried out against those diseases during that time with the exception of classical foot-and-mouth disease; whereas animals vaccinated against classical foot-and-mouth disease are present in Malta;

Whereas the responsible veterinary authorities of Malta 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 an alteration in vaccination policy against them;

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

Whereas certain Member States, because of their particular animal health situations concerning foot-and-mouth disease, benefit from special provisions in intra-Community trade and should therefore also be authorized to apply special provisions in respect of

imports from third countries; whereas these provisions must be at least as strict as those which the same Member States apply in intra-Community trade;

Whereas it will be necessary to re-examine this Decision with a view to its adaptation to Community rules concerning the control and eradication of foot-and-mouth disease within the Community;

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 Malta of fresh meat of bovine animals, swine 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.
2. Member States shall not authorize imports of categories of fresh meat from Malta other than those referred to in paragraph 1.

Article 2

Until the adoption by the Council of rules concerning the control and eradication of foot-and-mouth disease within the Community, and while continuing to prohibit vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease, Ireland and the United Kingdom in respect of Northern Ireland may, in respect of fresh meat of bovine animals and swine, referred to under Article 1, retain their national animal health rules relating to protection against foot-and-mouth disease.

Article 3

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 59, 5. 3. 1983, p. 34.

Article 4

This Decision shall be re-examined with a view to its adaptation to Community rules concerning the control and eradication of foot-and-mouth disease within the Community.

Article 5

This Decision shall apply from 1 May 1984.

Article 6

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27 April 1984.

For the Commission

Poul DALSGER

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

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

Country of destination:

Reference to public health certificate ⁽²⁾:

Exporting country: MALTA

Ministry:

Department:

Reference:
(Optional)

I. Identification of meat

Meat of:
(Animal species)

Nature of cuts:

Type 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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⁽¹⁾ Fresh meat means all parts of domestic animals of the bovine and porcine 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 aircraft the flight number should be given 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 Malta 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)


