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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 89/556/EEC of 25 September 1989 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in and importation from third countries of embryos of domestic animals of the bovine species (¹), as amended by Directive 90/425/EEC (²), and in particular Articles 9 and 10 thereof,

Whereas the list of third countries from which Member States are permitted to import bovine embryos has been established by Commission Decision 91/270/EEC (3);

Whereas Commission Decision 92/452/EEC (4) establishes the list of embryo collection teams for certain third countries; whereas Decision 92/452/EEC will be completed in due course with new information for other third countries;

Whereas it is necessary to lay down the animal health conditions and veterinary certification required for imports of bovine embryos from third countries;

Whereas the competent authorities of the third country in which the embryos intended for export to the Community were collected have undertaken to ensure that such embryos have been collected and processed by approved and supervised embryo collection teams, that they have been obtained from animals of satisfactory health status, that they have been stored and transported in accordance with the rules which preserve their health status and are accompanied during transport by an animal health certificate in order to ensure that this obligation has been fulfilled;

Whereas the competent veterinary authorities of the third countries on the list have undertaken to notify the Commission and the Member States by telex or telefax within 24 hours of the confirmation of the occurrence of any of the following diseases: rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, bluetongue, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, Rift Valley fever and contagious vesicular stomatitis or the adoption of vaccination against them;

Whereas the animal health situation in the third countries on the list is satisfactory from the point of view of import of bovine embryos; whereas the veterinary services in these countries are well-structured and organized;

Whereas the animal health certificate is adapted to cater for the animal health situation in individual third countries;

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 302, 19. 10. 1989, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 224, 18. 8. 1990, p. 29.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 134, 29. 5. 1991, p. 56.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 250, 29. 8. 1992, p. 40.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

- 1. Member States shall authorize the importation of bovine embryos conforming to the guarantees laid down in the animal health certificate in accordance with Annex A, Part I. This certificate must accompany consignments of embryos coming from third countries or parts of third countries listed in Annex A, Part II.
- 2. Member States shall authorize the importation of bovine embryos conforming to the guarantees laid down in the animal health certificate in accordance with Annex B, Part I. This certificate must accompany consignments of embryos coming from third countries or parts of third countries listed in Annex B, Part II.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

ANNEX A

PART I

1. Consignor (name and full address)		ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE			
		No	ORIGINAL		
		2. Third country o	f collection		
3. Consignee (name and full address)		4. COMPETENT AL	UTHORITY		
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(¹) Delete as appropriate.
(²) The signature and the stamp must be in a colour different to that of printing.

Note: This certificate must:

(a) be drawn up in at least the official language of the Member State of destination and the Member State where the embryos will enter Community territory;

Name and qualification (in block letters):

- (b) be made out to a single consignee;
- (c) accompany the embryos in the original.

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PART II

List of countries approved to use the model animal health certificate at Part I of Annex A

Austria

Bosnia-Herzegovina

Canada

Croatia

Czech Republic

Finland

Hungary

Israel

New Zealand

Norway

Poland

Romania

Slovak Republik

Slovenia

Sweden

Switzerland

United States of America

Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

$\mathit{ANNEX}\;\mathit{B}$

PART I

1. Consignor (name and full address)		ANIMAL	HEALTH CERTIFICATE
		No	ORIGINAL
		2. Third country of	f collection
3. Consignee (name and full address)		4. COMPETENT A	UTHORITY
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NOTES (a) A separate certificate must be issued for each	consignment of embryos	5. COMPETENT LO	DCAL AUTHORITY
(b) The original of this certificate must accompa	•		
6. Place and date of loading			
8. Means of transport		7. Name and add embryo product	ress of embryo collection team or
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13. I, the undersigned official veterinarian of the	e Government of		,
certify that:			porting country)
1. the embryo collection/production team ide	entified above:		
 is approved in accordance with Chapter I of Annex A to Directive 89/556/EEC, carried out the collection, processing, or production and storing and transport of the embryos described above in accordance with Chapter II of Annex A to Directive 89/556/EEC, 			
is subjected at least twice per year to		terinarian ;	
2. according to official findingshas:		e of exporting country)	
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		been free during 12 months immediately prior to collection of the embryos to be exported from rinderpest;
	(U)	either (¹): (i) has been free from foot-and-mouth disease during the 12 months immediately prior to collection of the embryos to be exported and does not practise vaccination against it
		or (ii) has not been free from foot-and-mouth disease for the 12 months immediately prior to the collection of the embryos and/or practises vaccination against it and
		 the donor females and the donors of ovaries, oocytes or other tissues used in the production of embryos come from a holding in which no animal has been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease during the 30 days prior to collection, and
		 the embryos have been stored in approved conditions for a minimum period of 30 days immediately after collection;
	(c)	either (¹):
		(i) been free from bluetongue and epizootic haemorrhagic disease (EHD) for the 12 months immediately prior to collection of the embryos to be exported and does not practise vaccination against them or
		(ii) has not been free from bluetongue and epizootic haemorrhagic disease (EHD) for the 12 months immediately prior to collection of the embryos to be exported and/or practises vaccination against them and
		 the embryos have been stored in approved conditions for a minimum period of 30 days immediately after collection, and the donor females and the donors of ovaries, occytes or other tissues used in the production of embryos were subjected with negative results to an agar gel immuno diffusion test and a serum neutralization test for epizootic haemorrhagic disease antibodies on a blood sample taken not less than 21 days following collection;
3.	(a)	the premises on which the embryos to be exported or the ovaries, occytes or other tissues in the production of embryos to be exported were collected and processed was at the time of collection situated in the centre of an area of 20 km diameter in which according to official findings there had been no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease, bluetongue, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, contagious vesicular stomatitis, Rift Valley fever or contagious bovine pleuropneumonia for 30 days immediately prior to collection and in the case of embryos certified under 2 (b) (ii) and (c) (ii) for 30 days after collection;
	(b)	between the time of collection or production of the embryos to be exported and their dispatch, they were stored continuously in approved premises which were situated in the centre of an area of 20 km in diameter in which according to official findings there was no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease, contagious vesicular stomatitis or Rift Valley fever;
4.	the	donor females and the donors of ovaries, oocytes or other tissues used in production of embryos:
	(a)	during the 30 days immediately prior to collection of the embryos to be exported, were located in premises situated in the centre of an area of 20 km in diameter in which according to official findings there was no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease, blue tongue, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, contagious vesicular stomatitis, Rift Valley fever or contagious bovine pleuropneumonia;
		showed no clinical sign of disease on the day of collection;
	(c)	have spent the six months immediately prior to collection in the territory of in a maximum of two herds which are:
		(name of exporting country)
		— according to official findings free from tuberculosis,
		— according to official findings free from brucellosis,
		— free from enzootic bovine leukosis or a herd or herds which has/have shown no clinical signs of enzootic bovine leukosis
		 during the previous three years, a herd or herds which has/have shown no clinical sign of infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/infectious pustular vulvo-vaginitis during the previous 12 months;
	(d)	were subjected to a serum neutralization test for Akabane on a blood sample taken not less than 21 days following collection.
5.	sire	embryos to be exported were conceived as a result of artificial insemination or <i>in vitro</i> fertilization with semen from a donor standing at a semen collection centre approved by the competent authority for the collection, processing and storage of the or with semen imported from the European Community.
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	Signature (²)
Stamp (²)	Name and qualification (in block letters):

- (1) Delete as appropriate.
- (2) The signature and the stamp must be in a colour different to that of printing.

Note: This certificate must:

- (a) be drawn up in at least the official language of the Member State of destination and the Member State where the embryos will enter Community
- (b) be made out to a single consignee;(c) accompany the embryos in the original.

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PART II

List of countries approved to use the model animal health certificate at Part I of Annex B

Australia