

COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 December 1994

concerning the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from the Czech Republic

(Text with EEA relevance)

(94/845/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Jihlava, Jindřichuv, Hradec, Pelhřimov, Písek, Tábor, Třebíč and Zďár nad Sazavou ;

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine, ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat or meat products from third countries⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1601/92⁽²⁾, and in particular Articles 14 and 16 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/118/EEC of 17 December 1992 laying down animal health and public health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of products not subject to the said requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred in Annex A (1) to Directive 89/662/EEC and, as regards pathogens, to Directive 90/425/EEC⁽³⁾, as last amended by Commission Decision 94/723/EC⁽⁴⁾, and in particular point (c) of Article 10 (2) in conjunction with Chapter 10 of Annex I,

Whereas Commission Decision 82/425/EEC⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by Decision 92/453/EEC⁽⁶⁾, lays down the animal health conditions and veterinary certification of imports of fresh meat from Czechoslovakia ;

Whereas, following the partition of this country, it is necessary to lay down the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from the Czech Republic and to revoke Decision 82/425/EEC ;

Whereas, following a Community veterinary mission, it appears that the animal health situation in the Czech Republic compares favourably with that in Member States particularly as regards diseases transmissible through meat ; whereas, however, the Czech authorities have submitted a plan to control classical swine fever in the districts of Benesov, Ceske Budejovice, Havlickuv Brod,

Whereas, in addition, the responsible veterinary authorities of the Czech Republic have confirmed that the Czech Republic has for at least 12 months been free from rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, African swine fever, swine vesicular disease, porcine enteroviral encephalomyelitis (Teschen disease) ; whereas vaccinations against the above diseases and classical swine fever have not taken place for at least 12 months ; whereas outbreaks of classical swine fever have occurred in parts of the country and therefore imports of fresh meat of the porcine species should be authorized for human consumption only from those districts which are free of this disease and which are not included in the classical swine fever control area ;

Whereas other health conditions must be established for meat not intended for human consumption in accordance with the provisions of Directive 92/118/EEC and Commission Decision 89/18/EEC of 22 December 1988⁽⁷⁾, concerning importation from third countries of fresh meat for purposes other than human consumption ;

Whereas the responsible authorities of the Czech Republic have undertaken to notify the Commission and the Member States within 24 hours, by fax, telex or telegram of the confirmation of the occurrence of any of the above-mentioned diseases or an alteration in the vaccination policy against them ; whereas the authorities have also undertaken to notify the Commission every six months with updated information on the classical swine fever control plan ;

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

Whereas considering that a new certification regime is hereby established, a period of time should be provided for its implementation ;

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

(1) OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.

(2) OJ No L 173, 27. 6. 1992, p. 13.

(3) OJ No L 62, 15. 3. 1993, p. 49.

(4) OJ No L 288, 9. 11. 1994, p. 48.

(5) OJ No L 186, 30. 6. 1982, p. 48.

(6) OJ No L 250, 29. 8. 1992, p. 46.

(7) OJ No L 8, 11. 1. 1989, p. 17.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

1. Member States shall authorize the importation of the following categories of fresh meat from the Czech Republic :

- (a) fresh meat of domestic animals of the bovine, ovine or caprine species, conforming to the guarantees laid down in the animal health certificate in accordance with Annex A, 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, which must accompany the consignment ;
- (c) fresh meat of domestic animals of the porcine species for human consumption, conforming to the guarantees laid down in the animal health certificate in accordance with Annex C, which must accompany the consignment.

2. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, Member States shall authorize the importation of fresh pigmeat from the Czech Republic for purposes other than human consumption. Member States shall ensure that such imports meet the conditions of Decision 89/18/EEC and Directive 92/118/EEC and conform to the guarantees laid down in the animal health certificate in accordance with Annex D, which must accompany each consignment.

After arriving in the territory of the Community and during manufacture, the raw material shall be sterilized in hermetically-sealed containers in such a way as to achieve a minimum Fc value of 3 ; a veterinary check shall be made to ensure that the finished product has actually achieved that value.

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

Decision 82/425/EEC is hereby repealed.

Article 4

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 1995.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 December 1994.

For the Commission

René STEICHEN

Member of the Commission

ANNEX A

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for fresh meat ⁽¹⁾ of domestic animals of the bovine, ovine and caprine species, intended for consignment to the European Community

Note to the importer : This certificate is for veterinary purposes only and must accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection point.

Country of destination :

Reference number of the public health certificate ⁽²⁾ :

Exporting country : CZECH REPUBLIC

Ministry :

Department :

Reference :

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 the approved slaughterhouse(s) :

Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) ⁽²⁾ of the approved cutting plant(s) :

Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) ⁽²⁾ of the approved cold stores :

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 :

⁽¹⁾ Fresh meat means all parts fit for human consumption from domestic animals of the bovine, ovine and caprine species which have not undergone any preserving process ; however, chilled and frozen meat shall be 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 Council Directive 72/462/EEC.

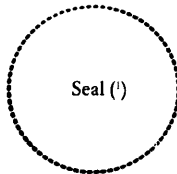
⁽³⁾ For railway wagons or lorries, the registration number should be given, for bulk containers the number of the container, and the number of the seal of the container.

IV. Attestation of health

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that :

1. the Czech Republic has been free for 12 months from rinderpest and foot-and-mouth disease ;
2. the fresh meat described above is obtained from :
 - animals which have remained in the territory of the Czech Republic for at least three months before being slaughtered or since birth in the case of animals less than three months old,
 - animals which come from holdings in which there has been no outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in the previous 30 days, and around which within a radius of 10 km there has been no case of foot-and-mouth disease for 30 days,
 - animals which have been transported from their holdings of origin to the approved slaughterhouse concerned 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, that the latter has been cleaned and disinfected before loading,
 - animals which have passed the ante-mortem health inspection referred to in Council Directive 72/462/EEC at the slaughterhouse during the 24 hours before slaughter and have 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 ;
3. the fresh meat described above 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 Community has been authorized only 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.

Done at , on
(place) (date)



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(signature of official veterinarian) (!)

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(name in capital letters, qualification and title)

(!) The signature and the seal must be in a colour different to that of the printing.

ANNEX B

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for fresh meat ⁽¹⁾ of domestic solipeds intended for consignment to the European Community

Note to the importer: This certificate is for veterinary purposes only and must accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection point.

Country of destination :

Reference number of the public health certificate ⁽²⁾ :

Exporting country : CZECH REPUBLIC

Ministry :

Department :

Reference :

I. Identification 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) ⁽²⁾ of the approved slaughterhouse(s) :

Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) ⁽²⁾ of the approved cutting plant(s) :

Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) ⁽²⁾ of the approved cold stores :

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 :

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

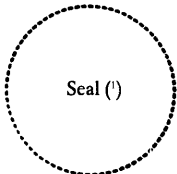
⁽²⁾ Optional when the country of destination authorizes the importation of fresh meat for uses other than human consumption in application of Article 19 (a) of Directive 72/462/EEC.

⁽³⁾ For railway wagons or lorries, the registration number should be given, for bulk containers the number of the container, and the number of the seal of the container.

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

Done at , on
(place) (date)



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(signature of official veterinarian) (1)

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(name in capital letters, qualification and title)

(1) The signature and the seal must be in a colour different to that of the printing.

ANNEX C

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for fresh meat for human consumption of domestic animals of the porcine species intended for consignment to the European Community

Note to the importer: This certificate is for veterinary purposes only and must accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection post.

Country of destination :

Reference number of the public health certificate :

Exporting country : CZECH REPUBLIC (1)

Ministry :

Department :

Reference :

I. Identification of meat

Meat of domestic animals of the porcine 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) :

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Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved cutting plant(s) :

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Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved cold stores :

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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 (2) :

Name and address of consignor :

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Name and address of consignee :

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(1) Excluding the districts of Benesov, Ceske Budejovice, Havlickuv Brod, Jihlava, Jindrichuv Hradec, Pelhrimov, Pisek, Tábor, Trebic and Zdar nad Sazavou.

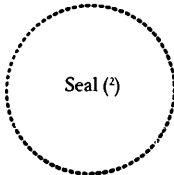
(2) For railway wagons or lorries, the registration number should be given, for aircraft the flight number and for ships the name, and the number of the seal of the container.

IV. Attestation of health

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that :

1. the Czech Republic ⁽¹⁾ has during the last 12 months been free from classical swine fever, foot-and-mouth disease, African swine fever, swine vesicular disease, and porcine enteroviral encephalomyelitis in domestic pigs and during the same period, no vaccinations against these diseases have taken place ;
2. the fresh meat described above is obtained from :
 - animals which have remained in the territory of the Czech Republic for at least three months before being slaughtered or since birth in the case of animals less than three months old,
 - animals which come from holdings in which there has been no outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease or swine vesicular disease in the previous 30 days or swine fever in the previous 40 days and around which within a radius of 10 km there has been no case of these diseases for 30 days,
 - animals which have been transported from their holding of origin to the approved slaughterhouse concerned 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, that the latter has been cleaned and disinfected before loading,
 - animals which have passed the ante-mortem health inspection referred to in Council Directive 72/462/EEC at the slaughterhouse during the 24 hours before slaughter and have showed no evidence of foot-and-mouth disease,
 - animals which have not come from a holding which for health reasons is subject to prohibition as a result of an outbreak of porcine brucellosis during the previous six weeks ;
3. the fresh meat described above 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 Community has been authorized only 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.

Done at on
(place) (date)



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 (signature of official veterinarian) ⁽²⁾

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 (name in capital letters, qualification and title)

⁽¹⁾ Excluding the districts of Benesov, Ceske Budejovice, Havlickuv Brod, Jihlava, Jindrichuv Hradec, Pelhrimov, Pisek, Tábor, Trebic and Zdar nad Sazavou.
⁽²⁾ The signature and the seal must be in a colour different to that of the printing.

ANNEX D

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for fresh meat of domestic animals of the porcine species intended for purposes other than human consumption as referred to in Article 2 of Commission Decision 94/845/EC, and intended for consignment to the European Community

Note to the importer : This certificate is for veterinary purposes and must accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection post.

Country of destination :

Reference number of the public health certificate (1) :

Exporting country : CZECH REPUBLIC

Ministry :

Department :

Reference :

I. Identification of meat

Meat of domestic animals of the porcine 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) (1) of the approved slaughterhouse(s) :

Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) (1) of the approved cutting plant(s) :

Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) (1) of the approved cold stores :

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 (2) :

Name and address of consignor :

Name and address of consignee :

(1) 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 and Chapter 10 of Annex I to Council Directive 92/118/EEC.

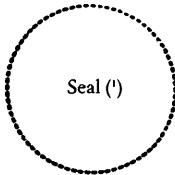
(2) For railway wagons or lorries, the registration number should be given, for aircraft the flight number and for ships the name, and the number of the seal of the container.

IV. Attestation of health

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, certify that :

1. the fresh pigmeat described above is obtained from :
 - animals which have remained in the territory of the Czech Republic for at least three months before being slaughtered or since birth in the case of animals less than three months old,
 - animals which come from holdings in which there has been no outbreak of foot-at-mouth disease or swine vesicular disease in the previous 30 days or swine fever in the previous 40 days and around which within a radius of 10 km there has been no case of these diseases for 30 days,
 - animals which have been transported from their holding of origin to the approved slaughterhouse concerned 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, that the latter has been cleaned and disinfected before loading,
 - animals which have passed the ante-mortem health inspection referred to in Council Directive 72/462/EEC at the slaughterhouse during the 24 hours before slaughter and have showed no evidence of foot-and-mouth disease,
 - animals which have not come from a holding which for health reasons is subject to prohibition as a result of an outbreak of porcine brucellosis during the previous six weeks ;
2. the fresh meat described above 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 Community has been authorized only 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.

Done at , on
(place) (date)



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