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of 7 September 2000

**drawing up a list of third countries from which Member States authorise imports of rabbit meat and certain wild and farmed game meat, and laying down the animal and public health and the veterinary certification conditions for such imports ◀**

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**(Text with EEA relevance)**

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(2000/585/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/494/EEC of 26 June 1991 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in and imports from third countries of fresh poultry meat <sup>(1)</sup>, as amended by Directive 1999/89/EC <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Articles 11, 12 and 14 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 to in Annex A, Chapter I, to Directive 89/662/EEC and, as regards pathogens, to Directive 90/425/EEC <sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC <sup>(4)</sup>, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/45/EEC of 16 June 1992 on public health and animal health problems relating to the killing of wild game and the placing on the market of wild game meat <sup>(5)</sup>, as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC, and particular Article 16(2)(c) and (3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 97/217/EC <sup>(6)</sup> as last amended by Decision 2000/161/EC <sup>(7)</sup>, establishes groups of third countries which are able to utilise the veterinary certification for imports of wild game meat, farmed game meat and rabbit meat from third countries.
- (2) Commission Decision 97/218/EC <sup>(8)</sup> lays down animal and public health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of wild game meat (excluding meat of wild swine) from third countries.
- (3) Commission Decision 97/219/EC <sup>(9)</sup> as last amended by Decision 2000/162/EC <sup>(10)</sup> lays down animal and public health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of farmed game meat and rabbit meat from third countries.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 35.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 300, 23.11.1999, p. 17.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 49.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 268, 14.9.1992, p. 35.

<sup>(6)</sup> OJ L 88, 3.4.1997, p. 20.

<sup>(7)</sup> OJ L 51, 24.2.2000, p. 38.

<sup>(8)</sup> OJ L 88, 3.4.1997, p. 25.

<sup>(9)</sup> OJ L 88, 3.4.1997, p. 45.

<sup>(10)</sup> OJ L 51, 24.2.2000, p. 37.

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- (4) Commission Decision 97/220/EC<sup>(1)</sup> lays down animal and public health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of meat of wild swine from third countries.
- (5) In order to facilitate the consultation and the transparency of the European Union legislation and to update the animal and public health conditions and veterinary certification for import of wild and farmed game meat and rabbit meat from third countries, it is considered necessary to create a single decision; therefore, Commission Decisions 97/217/EC, 97/218/EC, 97/219/EC and 97/220/EC must be repealed.
- (6) Considering that a new certification regime must be implemented for the exporting countries concerned, a period of time should be provided for its implementation.
- (7) This Decision shall be reviewed in the light of developments in the animal health status of the territories of origin and, in particular, in the frame of the application of agreements between the Community and third countries concerning the matters covered by this Decision, notably as concerns Article 5 of the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of Canada on sanitary measures to protect public and animal health in respect of trade in live animals and animal products and Article 6 of the Agreement between the European Community and the United States of America on sanitary measures to protect public and animal health in trade in live animals and animal products.
- (8) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

For the purpose of this Decision ‘farmed game birds’ means quail, pigeons, pheasants, partridges and any other game birds. It excludes fowl, turkeys, guinea fowls, ducks, geese and ratites.

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*Article 2*

Member States shall only authorise imports of the following meat:

- meat of wild game birds that do not contain offal, except in the case of unplucked and uneviscerated game birds,
- meat of farmed game birds,
- meat of wild leporidae, defined as rabbits and hares, that do not contain offal, except in the case of unskinned and uneviscerated leporidae,
- meat of farmed rabbits,
- meat of wild land mammals, other than ungulates and leporidae, that do not contain offal.

Such meat shall come from third countries or parts of third countries listed in Annex I, and it shall comply with the conditions laid down in the veterinary certificate established in accordance with the relevant model health certificate set out in Annex III, as provided for in Annex II.

The specific requirements referred to in Annex II and set out in Annex IV must be fulfilled by the exporting third country and so certified by completing Section V of each health certificate in accordance with the model set out in Annex III.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 88, 3.4.1997, p. 70.

**▼B***Article 3*

This Decision shall come into effect 60 days after its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

*Article 4*

1. Commission Decisions 97/217/EC, 97/218/EC, 97/219/EC and 97/220/EC are repealed on the same date the present Decision will come into force, as mentioned in Article 3.

2. Member States shall authorise the importation of fresh meat covered by the present Decision, produced and certified according to the requirements of Commission Decisions 97/217/EC, 97/218/EC, 97/219/EC and 97/220/EC during the 35 days following the date mentioned in Article 3.

*Article 5*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

▼ **M11***ANNEX I***Description of territories of third countries authorised to export to the Community**

Country	Code of territory	Version	Description of the territory
Brazil	BR-1	—	As described in Annex I to Commission Decision 94/984/EC <sup>(1)</sup> (as last amended)
Any country appearing in the first column of Annex II	ISO code as indicated in the first column of Annex II		The whole country

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 378, 31.12.1994, p. 11.

## ANNEX II

## Animal and public health conditions appearing in the model of veterinary certificate to be requested

Country	Code of territory	Game birds				Leporidae (rabbit and hare)				Wild land mammals other than leporidae and ungulates	
		Wild		Farmed		Wild		Domestic rabbit		BM (*)	BB (†)
		MC (*)	SC (‡)	MC (*)	SC (‡)	MC (*)	SC (‡)	MC (*)	SC (‡)		
AR	AR	D	8	I		C		H		—	
AU	AU	—		—		C		H		E	
BG	BG	D		I		C		H		—	
BR	BR	—		—		C		H		—	
	BR-1	D	8	I		C		H		—	
CA	CA	D	8	I		C		H		E	
CH	CH	D		I		C		H		—	
CL	CL	D	8	I		C		H		—	
CY	CY	D	8	I		C		H		—	
CZ	CZ	D		I		C		H		—	
EE	EE	—		—		C		H		E	
GL	GR	D		—		C		H		E	
HR	HR	D		I		C		H		—	
HU	HU	D		I		C		H		—	
IL	IL	D	8	I		C		H		—	
LT	LT	D		I		C		H		E	

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Country	Code of territory	Game birds				Leporidae (rabbit and hare)				Wild land mammals other than leporidae and ungulates	
		Wild		Farmed		Wild		Domestic rabbit		BM (1)	BB (2)
		MC (1)	SC (2)	MC (1)	SC (2)	MC (1)	SC (2)	MC (1)	SC (2)		
LV	LV	—	—	—	—	C		H		E	
NZ	NZ	D	8	I		C		H		E	
PL	PL	D		I		C		H		—	
RO	RO	D		I		C		H		E	
RU	RU	—		—		C		H		E	
SI	SI	D		I		C		H		—	
SK	SK	D		I		C		H		—	
TH	TH	D	8	I		C		H		—	
TN	TN	D	8	I		C		H		—	
US	US	D	8	I		C		H		—	
Any other third country appearing in the list drawn up in Part 1 of Annex II to Decision 79/542/EEC, as last amended.		—		—		C		H		—	

(1) MC: model of certificate to be completed. The letters (C, H, E) appearing in the table refer to the model of certificate, as described in Annex III to this Decision, to be used for each category of meat. A dash '—' indicates that imports of the meat are not authorised.

(2) SC: specific conditions. The numbers appearing in the table refer to the specific conditions to be provided by the exporting country, as described in Annex IV to this Decision. They must be inserted by the exporting country in Section V of the relevant model of certificate set down in Annex III to this Decision.

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## ANNEX III

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MODEL C

## ANIMAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH CERTIFICATE

Wild *leporidae* (rabbit and hare) meat <sup>(1)</sup> intended for consignment to the European Community

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

Code No <sup>(2)</sup>

Country of destination: .....

Exporting country <sup>(3)</sup>: ..... Code of territory: .....

Ministry: .....

Competent issuing authority: .....

## I. Identification of meat

Lot No	Species	Nature of meat <sup>(4)</sup>	Nature of cuts	Nature of packaging	Number of cuts or packages	Net weight	Origin identification mark for unskinned and unviscerated <i>leporidae</i> <sup>(5)</sup>
		Fresh meat <sup>(4)</sup>					
		Skinned and eviscerated <i>leporidae</i> <sup>(4)</sup>					
		Unskinned and unviscerated <i>leporidae</i> <sup>(4)</sup>					

## II. Origin of meat

Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved wild game processing house(s): .....

.....

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

.....

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

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<sup>(1)</sup> Excluding offal except for unskinned and unviscerated *leporidae*.

<sup>(2)</sup> Issued by the competent authority.

<sup>(3)</sup> Name of the country of origin which must be the same as the country of export.

<sup>(4)</sup> Delete as appropriate.

<sup>(5)</sup> In the game processing house of destination in a Member State the meat must be skinned and undergo a post-mortem inspection. It cannot bear the health mark unless it has been declared fit for human consumption.



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Address(es) of place(s) of loading: .....

.....

Name and address of consignor: .....

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**III. Destination of meat**

Name and address of consignee: .....

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The meat will be sent to: (country and place of destination) .....

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by the following means of transport <sup>(6)</sup>: .....

.....

Railway wagon	Lorry	Aircraft	Ship

Name and address of game processing house of destination <sup>(7)</sup>: .....

.....

**IV. Health information**

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that:

1. The wild *leporidae* meat described above:

- (a) was obtained from animals which were killed in the territory described in Annex I to Commission Decision 2000/585/EC with code ... version No ... <sup>(8)</sup> and in a hunting area where during the last 40 days no animal health restrictions for viral haemorrhagic disease, tularaemia and myxomatosis have been applied;
- (b) was obtained from animals which were transported within 12 hours of killing to a collection centre and/or approved wild game processing house for chilling;
- (c) was handled in a collection centre and/or an approved wild game processing house situated in an area not subject to animal health restrictions for list A diseases of the 'Office International des Epizooties' to which the animals are susceptible;
- (d) has during all stages of its production, been handled, stored and transported in accordance with the public health requirements of Directive 92/45/EEC and strictly separated from meat:
  - not conforming to the requirements laid down in Directive 92/45/EEC,
  - not conforming to the requirements laid down in Decision 2000/585/EC.

<sup>(6)</sup> For railway wagons or lorries, the registration number should be given, where known. For bulk containers indicate the number of the container. The number of the seal must also be indicated.

<sup>(7)</sup> Where the meat has to undergo a post-mortem inspection after skinning, the name and address of the game processing house of destination in the Member State must be inserted.

<sup>(8)</sup> When there is a cross-reference in Annex I to Decision 2000/585/EC, then the version No referred to in the relevant and current Decision for fresh meat of the corresponding susceptible domestic species must be included.

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2. In the case of fresh meat or skinned and eviscerated wild *leporidae* the meat has undergone a post-mortem inspection at the wild game processing house in accordance with the requirements of Directive 92/45/EEC, has been passed as fit for human consumption, and an equivalent health mark as laid down in Directive 92/45 EEC has been applied to the meat and packaging <sup>(4)</sup>.
3. In the case of unskinned and uneviscerated wild *leporidae* <sup>(4)</sup>,
  - (a) the meat has been chilled to or below +4 °C for a maximum time of 15 days prior to the intended time of import, but has not been frozen or deep-frozen;
  - (b) an official veterinary health inspection on a representative sample of the carcasses has been carried out, and
    - no abnormalities were detected other than injuries associated with hunting and minor localised malformations and anomalies with no public health significance,
    - or
    - signs of disease or other abnormalities, as detailed in Annex I, Chapter V, to Council Directive 92/45/EEC, which rendered the carcasses unfit for human consumption were detected, as a result of which the remainder of the consignment has been inspected and all affected carcasses excluded from export;
  - (c) the meat has been identified by the fixation of an official mark of origin, the details of which are recorded in paragraph I above.
4. The meat has been produced in accordance with the provisions of Directive 92/45/EEC, Annex I, as they apply to meat of wild *leporidae*.
5. The transport vehicles or containers and loading conditions of this consignment meet the hygiene requirements laid down in Directive 92/45/EEC.
6. The meat was obtained from wild *leporidae* which were hunted between ... and ... (dates of hunting).

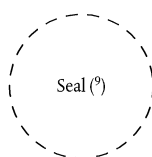
**V. Specific conditions**

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that: .....

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(Specific conditions when required in Annex II and described in Annex IV to Commission Decision 2000/585/EC) <sup>(4)</sup>

Done at ..... (place), ..... (date)



.....  
 (signature of official veterinarian) <sup>(9)</sup>  
 .....

(name in capital letters, title and qualification of signatory)

<sup>(9)</sup> The signature and the seal must be in a different colour from that of the printing.

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MODEL D

**ANIMAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH CERTIFICATE****Wild game bird meat <sup>(1)</sup> intended for consignment to the European Community**

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

Code No <sup>(2)</sup>

Country of destination: .....

Exporting country <sup>(3)</sup>: ..... Code of territory: .....

Ministry: .....

Competent issuing authority: .....

**I. Identification of meat**

Lot No	Species	Nature of meat	Nature of cuts	Nature of packaging	Number of cuts or packages	Net weight	Origin identification mark for unplucked and uneviscerated wild game birds
		Fresh meat <sup>(4)</sup>					
		Plucked and eviscerated game birds <sup>(4)</sup>					
		Unplucked and uneviscerated game birds <sup>(4)</sup>					

**II. Origin of meat**

Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved wild game processing house(s): .....

.....

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 store(s): .....

.....

<sup>(1)</sup> Excluding offal except for unplucked and uneviscerated game birds.<sup>(2)</sup> Issued by the competent authority.<sup>(3)</sup> Name of the country of origin which must be the same as the country of export.<sup>(4)</sup> Delete as appropriate.

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Address(es) of place(s) of loading: .....

.....

Name and address of consignor: .....

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**III. Destination of meat**

Name and address of consignee: .....

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The meat will be sent to (country and place of destination): .....

.....

by the following means of transport <sup>(5)</sup>: .....

.....

Railway wagon	Lorry	Aircraft	Ship

**IV. Health information**

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that:

## 1. The wild game bird meat described above:

- (a) was obtained from wild game birds that were killed in the territory described in Annex I to Commission Decision 2000/585/EC with code ... version No ... <sup>(6)</sup> where, during the last 30 days, there have been no animal health restrictions because of outbreaks of avian influenza or Newcastle disease;
- (b) is obtained from animals, which after killing, were transported within 12 hours to a collection centre and/or an approved wild game processing house for chilling;
- (c) comes from a collection centre and/or an approved wild game processing house, which at the time of dressing, is/are not under restrictions due to a suspected or actual outbreak of avian influenza or Newcastle disease;
- (d) has, during all stages of its production, been handled, stored and transported in accordance with the health requirements of Council Directive 92/45/EEC and strictly separated from meat:
  - not conforming to the requirements laid down in Directive 92/45/EEC,
  - not conforming to the requirements laid down in Decision 2000/585/EC.

2. In the case of fresh meat or plucked and eviscerated wild game birds the meat has undergone a post-mortem inspection at the wild game processing house in accordance with the requirements of Directive 92/45/EEC, has been passed as fit for human consumption and an equivalent health mark to the one laid down according to Chapter VII of Annex I to Directive 92/45/EEC has been applied to the meat and packaging <sup>(4)</sup>.

<sup>(5)</sup> For railway wagons or lorries, the registration number should be given, where known. For bulk containers indicate the number of the container. The number of the seal must also be indicated.

<sup>(6)</sup> When there is a cross-reference in Annex I of Commission Decision 2000/585/EC, then the Version No referred to in the relevant and current Decision for fresh meat of the corresponding susceptible domestic species must be included.

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3. In the case of unplucked and uneviscerated wild game birds <sup>(4)</sup>:
  - (a) the meat has been chilled to +4 °C or below for a maximum time of 15 days prior to the intended time of import, but has not been frozen or deep-frozen <sup>(4)</sup>;
  - (b) an official veterinary health inspection on a representative sample of the carcasses has been carried out, and
    - no abnormalities were detected other than injuries associated with hunting and minor localised malformations and anomalies with no public health significance,
    - or
    - signs of disease or other abnormalities, as detailed in Annex I, Chapter V, to Council Directive 92/45/EEC, which rendered the carcasses unfit for human consumption were detected, as a result of which the remainder of the consignment has been inspected and all affected carcasses excluded from export;
  - (c) the meat has been identified by the fixation of an official mark of origin, the details of which are recorded in paragraph I above.
4. The transport vehicles or containers and loading conditions of this consignment meet the hygiene requirements laid down in Directive 92/34/EEC.
5. The meat was obtained from wild game birds which were killed between ... and ... (dates of killing).

**V. Specific conditions**

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that: .....

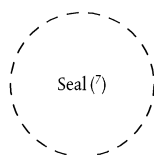
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(Specific conditions when required in Annex II and described in Annex IV to Decision 2000/585/EC) <sup>(4)</sup>

Done at ....., .....

(place)

(date)



Seal (7)

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(signature of official veterinarian (7))

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(name in capital letters, title and qualification of signatory)

<sup>(7)</sup> The signature and the seal must be in a different colour from that of the printing.

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MODEL E

## ANIMAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH CERTIFICATE

**Meat <sup>(1)</sup> of wild land mammals (excluding wild ungulates, and *leporidae*) intended for consignment to the European Community**

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

Code No <sup>(2)</sup>
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Country of destination: .....

Exporting country <sup>(3)</sup>: ..... Code of territory: .....

Ministry: .....

Competent issuing authority: .....

**I. Identification of zebra meat**

Lot No	Species	Nature of meat	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 wild game processing house(s): .....

.....

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

.....

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

.....

Address(es) of place(s) of loading: .....

.....

Name and address of consignor: .....

.....

<sup>(1)</sup> Excluding offal.<sup>(2)</sup> Issued by the competent authority.<sup>(3)</sup> Name of the country of origin which must be the same as the country of export.

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Name and address of consignee: .....

.....

The meat will be sent to (country and place of destination): .....

.....

by the following means of transport <sup>(4)</sup>: .....

.....

Railway wagon	Lorry	Aircraft	Ship

**IV. Health information**

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that:

1. The meat of wild land mammals described above:
  - (a) was obtained from animals that were killed in the territory described in Annex I to Commission Decision 2000/585/EC with code ...version No ...<sup>(5)</sup> and in a hunting area where during the last 30 days there were no animal health restrictions because of outbreaks of disease to which these animals are susceptible;
  - (b) was obtained from animals which were transported within 12 hours of killing to a collection centre and/or an approved wild game processing house for chilling;
  - (c) was obtained in a collection centre and/or an approved wild game processing house situated in a region not subject to animal health restrictions because of outbreaks of disease to which the animals are susceptible;
  - (d) has undergone a post-mortem health inspection at the approved wild game processing house in accordance with the requirements of Directive 92/45/EEC, has been passed as fit for human consumption and an equivalent health mark as laid down according to Chapter VII of Annex I to this Directive has been applied to the meat and packaging;
  - (e) has during all stages of its production, been handled, stored and transported in accordance with the public health requirements of Directive 92/45/EEC and strictly separated from meat:
    - not conforming to the requirements laid down in Directive 92/45/EEC,
    - not conforming to the requirements laid down in Decision 2000/585/EC.
2. The transport vehicles or containers and loading conditions of this consignment meet the hygiene requirements laid down in Directive 92/45/EEC.
3. The meat has undergone a trichinae examination by a digestion method in accordance with Council Directive 77/96/EEC<sup>(6)</sup>, with a negative result.
4. The meat was obtained from wild zebras which were hunted between ... and ... (dates of killing).

<sup>(4)</sup> For railway wagons or lorries, the registration number should be given, where known. For bulk containers indicate the number of the container. The number of the seal must also be indicated.

<sup>(5)</sup> When there is a cross-reference in Annex I to Commission Decision 2000/585/EC, then the version No referred to in the relevant and current Decision for fresh meat of the corresponding susceptible domestic species must be included.

<sup>(6)</sup> Only for species susceptible to trichinosis.

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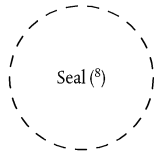
**V. Specific conditions**

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that: .....

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(Specific conditions when required in Annex II and described in Annex IV to Decision 2000/585/EC) <sup>(7)</sup>

Done at ..... (place), ..... (date)



.....  
(signature of official veterinarian <sup>(8)</sup>)

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(name in capital letters, title and qualification of signatory)

<sup>(7)</sup> Delete as appropriate.

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MODEL H

**ANIMAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH CERTIFICATE****Rabbit meat <sup>(1)</sup> intended for consignment to the European Community**

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

Code No <sup>(2)</sup>

Country of destination: .....

Exporting country <sup>(3)</sup>: ..... Code of territory: .....

Ministry: .....

Competent issuing authority: .....

**I. Identification of meat**

Lot No	Species	Nature of meat	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 <sup>(4)</sup>/approved game establishment(s) <sup>(4)</sup>: .....

.....

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

.....

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

.....

Address(es) of place(s) of loading: .....

.....

Name and address of consignor: .....

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<sup>(1)</sup> 'Rabbit meat' means all parts of domestic (farmed) rabbits which are fit for human consumption.

<sup>(2)</sup> Issued by the competent authority.

<sup>(3)</sup> Name of the country of origin which must be the same as the country of export.

<sup>(4)</sup> Delete as appropriate.

**▼B****III. Destination of meat**

Name and address of consignee: .....

.....

The meat will be sent to (country and place of destination): .....

.....

by the following means of transport <sup>(5)</sup>:

Railway wagon	Lorry	Aircraft	Ship

**IV. Health information**

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that:

1. The rabbit meat described above is obtained from:
  - (a) animals which have remained in the territory described in Annex I to Commission Decision 2000/585/EC with code ... version No ... for at least six weeks before being slaughtered or since birth in the case of animals less than six weeks old;
  - (b) animals from farms or areas where during the last 40 days there have been no animal health restrictions for viral haemorrhagic disease, tularaemia and myxomatosis;
  - (c) batches of animals which were so identified that their holdings of origin could be traced;
  - (d) animals which, during transport to the approved slaughterhouse <sup>(4)</sup>/approved game establishment <sup>(4)</sup> and whilst awaiting slaughter, did not come into contact with animals which do not comply with the conditions required for export of their meat to the Community.
2. The transport used to convey the animals was cleaned and disinfected before loading.
3. The animals come from a holding which receives regular veterinary inspections to diagnose diseases transmissible to humans or animals and random tests are carried out on meat derived from animals originating from the holding for the presence of residues in excess of permitted levels and these results have been collected and evaluated by the central service.
4. (a) The animals were accompanied on arrival at the approved slaughterhouse <sup>(4)</sup>/game processing establishment <sup>(4)</sup> by a veterinary certificate issued by the veterinarian responsible for the holding of origin where the animals were slaughtered, stating that:
  - the animals passed a veterinary ante-mortem inspection in accordance with the requirements of Article 3 and Annex I, Chapter 1, to Council Directive 91/495/EEC on the holding(s) of origin within the 24 hours prior to loading,
  - and
  - passed an ante-mortem inspection at the approved slaughterhouse <sup>(4)</sup>/approved game establishment <sup>(4)</sup> intended to detect injuries associated with transport;

or

  - (b) The animals passed an ante-mortem inspection under veterinary supervision in accordance with the requirements of Article 3 and Annex I, Chapter 1, to Directive 91/495/EEC at the approved slaughterhouse <sup>(4)</sup>/approved game establishment <sup>(4)</sup> in the 24 hours prior to slaughter.

<sup>(5)</sup> For railway wagon or lorries, the registration number should be given, where known. For bulk containers indicate the number of the container. The number of the seal must also be indicated.

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5. The animals were slaughtered in an approved slaughterhouse <sup>(4)</sup>/approved game establishment <sup>(4)</sup> meeting the conditions laid down in Directive 91/495/EEC.
6. The meat was handled under conditions of hygiene meeting those established by Article 3 of Directive 91/495/EEC.
7. The meat has undergone a post-mortem inspection in accordance with the requirements of Article 3 of Directive 91/495/EEC and has been passed as fit for human consumption.
8. The meat was cut <sup>(4)</sup>/stored <sup>(4)</sup> in establishments approved for the purpose by the competent authority of ... (exporting country) as meeting the conditions established by Article 3 of Directive 91/495/EEC.
9. The premises used for slaughtering, handling or cutting were thoroughly cleaned and disinfected under official supervision before being used for the production of the meat referred to in this certificate.
10. — The meat referred to in the certificate <sup>(4)</sup>
  - The packaging of the meat referred to in the certificate <sup>(4)</sup> bears a mark proving that:
    - the meat comes from animals dressed and inspected in an approved slaughterhouse <sup>(4)</sup>/approved game establishment <sup>(4)</sup>,
    - the meat was cut in an approved cutting plant <sup>(4)</sup>.
11. The means of transport and the loading conditions of this consignment met the conditions of hygiene established by Article 3 of Directive 91/495/EEC.
12. The animals were slaughtered between ... and ... (dates of slaughter).

**V. Specific conditions**

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that:

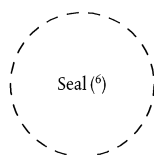
(Specific conditions when required in Annex II and described in Annex IV to Commission Decision 2000/585/EC) <sup>(4)</sup>

**VI. Attestation on protection of animals**

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, hereby declare that:

1. I have read and understood Council Directive 93/119/EC.
2. The meat is derived from animals which have been treated in the slaughterhouse before and at the time of slaughter or killing in accordance with the relevant provisions of Directive 93/119/EC.

Done at ..... (place) ..... (date)



.....  
(signature of official veterinarian) <sup>(6)</sup>

.....  
(name in capital letters, titles and qualifications)

<sup>(6)</sup> The signature and the seal must be in a different colour from that of the printing.

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MODEL I

**ANIMAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH CERTIFICATE****The meat of 'farmed game birds' <sup>(1)</sup>, intended for consignment to the European Community**

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

Code No <sup>(2)</sup>

Country of destination: .....

Exporting country <sup>(3)</sup>: ..... Code of territory: .....

Ministry: .....

Competent issuing authority: .....

**I. Identification of meat**

Lot No	Species	Nature of meat	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 <sup>(4)</sup>/approved game establishments: <sup>(4)</sup>

.....

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 store(s): .....

.....

Address(es) of place(s) of loading: .....

.....

Name and address of consignor: .....

.....

**III. Destination of meat**

Name and address of consignee: .....

.....

<sup>(1)</sup> 'Farmed game birds' as it applies to farmed game shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Article 2(3) of Council Directive 91/495/EEC and applies to quail, pigeons, pheasants, partridges and any other game birds not mentioned excluding ratites.

<sup>(2)</sup> Issued by the competent authority.

<sup>(3)</sup> Name of the country of origin which must be the same as the country of export.

<sup>(4)</sup> Delete as appropriate.

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The meat will be sent to (country and place of destination): .....

.....

by the following means of transport <sup>(5)</sup>:

Railway wagon	Lorry	Aircraft	Ship

**IV. Health information**

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that:

1. The territory described in Annex I to Commission Decision 2000/585/EC with code ... version No ... is free from avian influenza and Newcastle disease, as defined in the International Animal Health Code of the Office International des Epizooties.
2. The meat described above is obtained from farmed game birds which:
  - (a) have been held in the territory described under IV.1 since hatching or which were imported as day-old chicks;
  - (b) come from holdings:
    - which were not under animal health restrictions in connection with any disease to which poultry are susceptible,
    - around which, within a radius of 10 km, including where appropriate the territory of a neighbouring country, there have been no outbreaks of avian influenza or Newcastle disease for at least 30 days;
  - (c) were not slaughtered in the context of any animal health scheme for the control or eradication of poultry diseases;
  - (d) were <sup>(6)</sup>/were not <sup>(6)</sup> vaccinated against Newcastle disease using a live vaccine during the 30 days preceding slaughter;
  - (e) during transport to the approved slaughterhouse <sup>(4)</sup>/approved game establishment <sup>(4)</sup> did not come into contact with poultry or game birds suffering from avian influenza or Newcastle disease.
3. The animals come from a holding which receives regular veterinary inspections to diagnose diseases transmissible to humans or animals and random tests are carried out on meat derived from animals originating from the holding for the presence of residues in excess of permitted levels and these results have been collected and evaluated by the central services.
4. The meat:
  - (a) comes from an approved slaughterhouse <sup>(4)</sup>/approved game establishment <sup>(4)</sup> which, at the time of slaughter, was not under restrictions due to a suspected or actual outbreak of avian influenza or Newcastle disease and around which, within a radius of 10 km, there have been no outbreaks of avian influenza or Newcastle disease in the previous 30 days;
  - (b) has not been in contact, at any time during slaughter, cutting, storage or transport with meat which does not fulfil the requirements of Council Directive 91/495/EEC.
5. The birds from which the meat referred to in this certificate was derived:
  - (a) were accompanied on arrival at the approved slaughterhouse <sup>(4)</sup>/approved game establishment <sup>(4)</sup> by a veterinary certificate issued by the veterinarian responsible for the holding of origin, stating that they had passed a veterinary ante-mortem inspection in accordance with the requirements of Article 3 of Directive 91/495/EEC on the holding(s) of origin within the 72 hours prior to loading;

<sup>(5)</sup> For railways wagon or lorries, the registration number should be given, where known. For bulk containers indicate the number of the container. The number of the seal must also be indicated.

<sup>(6)</sup> Delete the unnecessary reference. If the poultry have been vaccinated within 30 days before slaughter, the consignment cannot be sent to Member States or regions thereof which have been recognised in accordance with Article 12 of Directive 90/539/EEC.

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or:

- (b) passed a veterinary ante-mortem inspection in accordance with the requirements of Article 8 of Directive 91/495/EEC at the approved slaughterhouse<sup>(4)</sup>/approved game establishment<sup>(4)</sup> in the 72 hours immediately prior to slaughter.
6. The birds were slaughtered in an approved slaughterhouse<sup>(4)</sup>/approved game establishment<sup>(4)</sup> meeting the conditions laid down in Article 8 of Directive 91/495/EEC.
  7. The meat was handled under conditions of hygiene meeting those established by Article 8 of Directive 91/495/EEC.
  8. The meat has undergone a post-mortem inspection in accordance with the requirements of Article 8 of Directive 91/495/EEC and has been passed as fit for human consumption.
  9. The meat was cut<sup>(4)</sup>/stored<sup>(4)</sup> in establishments approved for the purpose by the competent authority of ... (exporting country) as meeting the conditions established by Article 8 of Directive 91/495/EEC.
  10. The premises used for slaughtering, handling or cutting were thoroughly cleaned and disinfected under official supervision before being used for the production of the meat referred to in this certificate.
  11. — The meat referred to in the certificate<sup>(4)</sup>  
 — The packaging of the meat referred to in the certificate<sup>(4)</sup>  
 bears a mark proving that:
    - the meat comes from animals slaughtered, dressed and inspected in an approved slaughterhouse<sup>(4)</sup>/approved game establishment<sup>(4)</sup>,
    - the meat was cut in an approved cutting plant<sup>(4)</sup>.
  12. The means of transport and the loading conditions of meat of this consignment met the hygiene requirements established by Article 8 of Directive 91/495/EEC.

**V. Specific conditions**

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that: ...

(Specific conditions when required in Annex II and described in Annex IV to Decision 2000/585/EC<sup>(4)</sup>)**VI. Attestation on protection of animals**

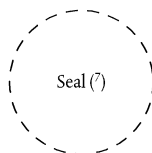
I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, hereby declare that: .....

1. I have read and understood Council Directive 93/119/EC.
2. The meat is derived from animals which have been treated in the slaughterhouse before and at the time of slaughter or killing in accordance with the relevant provisions of Directive 93/119/EC.

Done at....., .....

(place)

(date)

Seal<sup>(7)</sup>.....  
(signature of official veterinarian)<sup>(7)</sup>.....  
(name in capital letters, titles and qualifications)<sup>(7)</sup> The signature and the seal must be in a colour different from that of the printing.

**▼M11****▼B***ANNEX IV***SPECIFIC CONDITIONS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE EXPORTING TERRITORY WHEN REQUIRED IN ANNEX II IN APPLICATION OF ARTICLE 2(2)****▼M11****▼B**

3. The deboned farmed game meat described above has, during all stages of its production, deboning and storage been kept strictly separate from meat not conforming to the requirements laid down in the decisions of European Community currently in force as regards export of meat to a Member State (with the exception of meat packed in boxes or cartons and kept in special storage areas).
4. Taking into account the special climatic conditions, point IV.3(a) of the present certificate model D is not applicable

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6. The farmed game bird flock from which the meat originates:
  - (a) has not been vaccinated with vaccines prepared from a Newcastle disease virus master seed which shows a higher pathogenicity than lentogenic strains of the virus;
  - (b) has undergone at slaughter, on the basis of a random sample of cloacal swabs from at least 60 birds from each flock concerned, a virus isolation test for Newcastle disease, carried out in an official laboratory, in which no avian paramyxoviruses with an Intravenous Pathogenicity Index (IVPI) of more than 0,4 were found;
  - (c) has not been in contact during the 30 days preceding slaughter with poultry or game birds which do not fulfil the conditions mentioned under points 1 and 2.

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8. The animals have been plucked and eviscerated <sup>(1)</sup>/The animals are unplucked and uneviscerated but they will be transported by aeroplane <sup>(1)</sup>.
9. The animals have been skinned and eviscerated <sup>(1)</sup>/The animals are unskinned and eviscerated but they will be transported by aeroplane <sup>(1)</sup>.

<sup>(1)</sup> Delete as appropriate