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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 6 August 2001

amending Decision 94/984/EC as regards the importation of fresh poultry meat from Brazil

(notified under document number C(2001) 2469)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2001/659/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 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Directive 1999/89/EC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Articles 11 and 12 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 94/984/EC of 20 December 1994 laying down animal health conditions and veterinary certificates for the importation of fresh poultry meat from certain third countries ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Decision 2001/598/EC ⁽⁴⁾, provides for veterinary certificates containing two different health attestations, model A and model B, their use depending on the Newcastle disease situation in the country concerned.
- (2) Certain regions of Brazil are entitled to use the model A certificate for the exportation of poultry meat to the Community.
- (3) Outbreaks of Newcastle disease have affected some non-commercial poultry flocks in the State of Goiás. Therefore this region of Brazil which is authorised to export fresh poultry meat to the Community is no longer free of Newcastle disease.
- (4) An inspection carried out by the Commission's services in Brazil in October 2000 to assess the animal health situation and the additional information received from

the Brazilian authorities have shown that their disease control measures for outbreaks of Newcastle disease are equivalent to those laid down in Council Directive 92/66/EEC of 14 July 1992 introducing Community measures for the control of Newcastle disease ⁽⁵⁾, as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden.

- (5) It is appropriate on this basis to continue to allow the importation of fresh poultry meat from this region. Health attestation model A should therefore be amended.
- (6) It is appropriate to restrict the scope of this Decision to poultry species covered by Council Directive 71/118/EEC of 15 February 1971 on health problems affecting trade in fresh poultry meat ⁽⁶⁾, as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC ⁽⁷⁾, and, if necessary, to lay down the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for other poultry species in a separate Decision.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex II part 2 model A to Decision 94/984/EC is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 35.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 300, 23.11.1999, p. 17.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 378, 21.12.1994, p. 11.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 210, 3.8.2001, p. 37.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 260, 5.9.1992, p. 1.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 55, 8.3.1971, p. 1.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply to fresh poultry meat certified as from 1 September 2001.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 6 August 2001.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

MODEL A

15. Health attestation

I. *Animal health certification*

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, hereby certify in accordance with the provisions of Directive 91/494/EEC:

1. that ⁽¹⁾, region ⁽²⁾,
is free from:
 - (a) avian influenza, as defined in the International Animal Health Code of the OIE;
 - (b) Newcastle disease, as defined in the International Animal Health Code of the OIE ⁽³⁾;
2. that the meat described above is obtained from poultry which:
 - (a) has been held in the territory of
..... ⁽¹⁾, region ⁽²⁾,
since hatching or has been imported as day-old chicks;
 - (b) comes from holdings:
 - which have not been placed under animal restrictions in connection with any disease for which poultry is 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) has not been slaughtered in the context of any animal health scheme for the control or eradication of poultry diseases;
 - (d) during transport to the slaughterhouse, did not come into contact with poultry infected with avian influenza or Newcastle disease;
3. that the meat described above
 - (a) comes from approved slaughterhouses which, at the time of slaughter, are not under restrictions due to a suspect or confirmed 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 for at least 30 days;
 - (b) has not been in contact, at any time of slaughter, cutting, storage or transport with ratites or meat which do not fulfil the requirements of Directive 91/494/EEC.

II. *Public health certification*

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, hereby certify, in accordance with the provisions of Directive 71/118/EEC:

1. that the meat described above fulfils the requirements of Chapter II and any additional conditions of Directive 71/118/EEC, and has been found fit for human consumption following ante- and post-mortem inspection carried out in application of this Directive;
2. that the meat described above has/has not ⁽⁴⁾ been subjected to an immersion chilling process;
3. that the meat described above has been marked according to Article 1(2) of Decision 94/984/EC;
4. that the meat described above fulfils the requirements of Decision 95/411/EC ⁽⁵⁾.

⁽¹⁾ Name of country of origin.

⁽²⁾ Only to be completed if the authorisation to export to the Community is restricted to certain regions of the third country concerned.

⁽³⁾ Point 1(b) is not applicable for Brazil, the Czech Republic, Israel and Switzerland.

⁽⁴⁾ Delete the unnecessary reference.

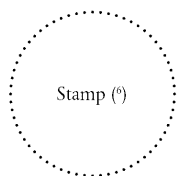
⁽⁵⁾ Delete if the consignment is not intended for export to Sweden or Finland.

III. *Attestation on protection of animals*

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that:

1. I have read and understood 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 on



.....
(signature of official veterinarian) (*)

.....
(name in capital letters, qualifications and title) (*)

(*) Stamp and signature must be in a colour different from that of the printing.