

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 October 2001

## as regards the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat of bovine animals from New Caledonia

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2001/745/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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 <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Directive 97/79/EC <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 16(1) and Article 22(2),

Whereas:

- (1) Following a Community veterinary mission, it appears that the animal health situation in New Caledonia compares favourably with that in Member States particularly as regards diseases transmissible through meat.
- (2) In addition, the competent veterinary authorities of New Caledonia have confirmed that the islands have, for at least 12 months, been free from foot-and-mouth disease and rinderpest, and that vaccinations against the above diseases have not taken place for at least 12 months.
- (3) The competent authorities of New Caledonia 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 abovementioned diseases, or of any alteration in the vaccination policy against them.
- (4) Other health conditions must be established for meat not intended for human consumption in accordance with the provisions of Council Directive 92/118/EEC <sup>(3)</sup> and Commission Decision 89/18/EEC <sup>(4)</sup>.
- (5) The importation of fresh meat of bovine animals originating from that country should therefore be authorised.
- (6) Council Directive 96/93/EC <sup>(5)</sup> lays down standards of certification which are necessary for valid certification and to prevent fraud. It is appropriate to ensure that the rules and principles applied by third-country certifying officers provide guarantees which are at least equivalent to those laid down in this Directive.

(7) Animal health conditions and veterinary certification must be adapted according to the animal health conditions of the third country concerned. It is therefore appropriate to provide for a model certificate with regard to fresh meat of bovine animals only.

(8) Council Directive 93/119/EC <sup>(6)</sup> requires that the veterinary health certificate accompanying meat to be imported from third countries to the European Community must be supplemented by an attestation certifying that the animals have been slaughtered under conditions which offer guarantees of humane treatment at least equivalent to the relevant provisions in that Directive.

(9) 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 authorise the importation from New Caledonia of fresh meat of bovine animals conforming to the requirements in the animal health certificate laid down in the Annex to this Decision.
2. In the case of imports of fresh meat described in paragraph 1 and intended for purposes other than human consumption, Member States shall ensure that the following requirements are complied with:
  - the conditions set out in paragraph 1,
  - the conditions established by Directive 92/118/EEC,
  - the conditions established by Decision 89/18/EEC.
3. The certificate referred to above must accompany the consignment and be duly completed and signed.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall apply to meat of animals slaughtered from 1 November 2001.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 31.

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

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 8, 11.1.1989, p. 17.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 13, 16.1.1997, p. 28.

<sup>(6)</sup> OJ L 340, 31.12.1993, p. 21.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 October 2001.

*For the Commission*  
David BYRNE  
*Member of the Commission*

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ANNEX

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for fresh meat of bovine animals <sup>(1)</sup>, intended for consignment to the European Community

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

Country of destination:.....

Reference to public health certificate <sup>(2)</sup>: .....

Exporting country: NEW CALEDONIA

Ministry:.....

Department: .....

References (optional):.....

I. Identification of meat

Meat of: BOVINES

Nature of cuts: .....

Type of packaging: .....

Number of cuts of packages: .....

Net weight: .....

II. Origin of meat:

Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) <sup>(2)</sup> of approved slaughterhouse(s):  
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Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) <sup>(2)</sup> of approved cutting plant(s):  
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Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) <sup>(2)</sup> of approved cold store(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 <sup>(3)</sup>: .....

<sup>(1)</sup> Fresh meat means all parts fit for human consumption from domestic animals of the bovine species which have not undergone any preserving process; however, chilled and frozen meat shall be considered as fresh meat.  
<sup>(2)</sup> Optional when the country of destination authorises the importation of fresh meat for uses other than human consumption in application of Article 19(a) of Council Directive 72/462/EEC and Chapter 10 of Annex I to Council Directive 92/118/EEC.  
<sup>(3)</sup> For lorries the registration number should be given. For bulk containers, the container number and the seal number should be included.

Name and address of consignor: .....

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Name and address of consignee: .....

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**IV. Attestation of health:**

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that:

- 1. New Caledonia has been free from foot-and-mouth disease and rinderpest for the previous 12 months, and during that same period, no vaccination against any of these diseases has taken place;
- 2. the fresh meat described above has been obtained from animals which have remained in the territory of New Caledonia for at least three months before being slaughtered or since birth in the case of animals less than three months old.

**V. Attestation on protection of animals:**

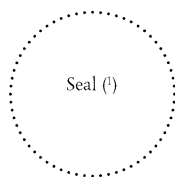
I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that:

- 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: ..... , on .....

(place)

(date)



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(signature of official veterinarian) (!)

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

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