

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 15 October 2002

concerning certain protective measures with regard to certain products of animal origin for animal nutrition and imported from Ukraine

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2002/805/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 53(1) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 97/78/EC of 18 December 1997 laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 22(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) As regards in particular, food and feed, Article 53(1)(b)(iii) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 provides for the adoption of any appropriate interim measure where it is evident that food or feed imported from a third country is likely to constitute a serious risk to human health, animal health or the environment.
- (2) In accordance with Article 22 of Directive 97/78/EC, the necessary measures must be adopted as regards the import of certain products from third countries where anything likely to constitute a serious danger for animal or human health appears or develops.
- (3) The presence of chloramphenicol has been detected in skimmed-milk powder and artificial milk replacer made from skimmed-milk powder, intended for animal nutrition and imported from Ukraine.
- (4) Since the presence of this substance in feed presents a potential risk for animal and public health, all consignments of milk powder and artificial milk replacer made from milk powder, intended for animal nutrition and imported from Ukraine, shall be sampled and analysed in order to demonstrate their wholesomeness.

(5) Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 set up the rapid alert system for food and feed, and recourse to it is appropriate for implementing the mutual information requirement laid down in Directive 97/78/EC.

(6) This Decision will be reviewed in the light of the guarantees offered by the competent authorities of Ukraine and on the basis of the results of the tests carried out by Member States.

(7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

This Decision shall apply to milk powder and artificial milk replacer made from milk powder, intended for animal nutrition, and imported from Ukraine.

Article 2

1. Member States shall, using appropriate sampling plans and detection methods, subject each consignment of milk powder or artificial milk replacer made from milk powder, intended for animal nutrition and imported from Ukraine, to a chemical test in order to ensure that the products concerned do not present a hazard for animal or public health. This test must be carried out, in particular, with a view to detecting the presence of chloramphenicol.

2. Member States shall inform immediately the Commission of the results of the test referred in paragraph 1, making use of the rapid alert system for food and feed, set up by Regulation (EC) No 178/2002.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 24, 30.1.1998, p. 9.

Article 3

Member States shall not authorise the importation into their territory or the consignment to another Member State of the products referred to in Article 1 unless the results of the checks referred to in Article 2 are favourable.

Article 4

All expenditures incurred by the application of this Decision shall be charged to the consignor, the consignee or their agent.

Article 5

Member States shall amend the measures they apply to imports in order to bring them into line with this Decision and they shall give immediate appropriate publicity to the measures adopted. They shall immediately inform the Commission thereof.

Article 6

This Decision shall be reviewed on the basis of the guarantees provided by the competent Ukrainian authorities and of the results of the tests referred to in Article 2.

Article 7

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 15 October 2002.

For the Commission

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