

Council Directive of 15 July 1991 laying down the principles governing the organization of veterinary checks on animals entering the Community from third countries and amending Directives 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC and 90/675/EEC (91/496/EEC) (repealed)

CHAPTER I

**Organization and follow-up of checks**

*Article 3*

- 1 Member States shall ensure that:
  - a importers are obliged to give one working day's notice to the veterinary staff of the border inspection post where the animals are to be presented specifying the number, nature and estimated time of arrival of the animals;
  - b the animals are conveyed directly, under official supervision, to the border inspection post referred to in Article 6 or, where applicable, to a quarantine centre as provided for in the second indent of the first subparagraph of Article 10 (1);
  - c the animals may not leave such post or centre unless, without prejudice to the special provisions to be adopted in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 23, proof has been supplied:
    - (i) in the form of the certificate provided for in the second indent of Article 7 (1) or in Article 8, that the veterinary checks have been carried out on the animals in question in accordance with Article 4 (1) and (2) (a), (b) and (d) and Articles 8 and 9 to the satisfaction of the competent authority;
    - (ii) that the veterinary checks have been paid for, and that, where relevant, a deposit covering any cost provided for in the second and third indents of Article 10 (1), Article 10 (6) and Article 12 (2) has been lodged;
  - d the customs authority does not authorize release for free circulation in the territories referred to in Annex I to Directive 90/675/EEC unless, without prejudice to the specific provisions to be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 23, proof has been supplied that the requirements in (c) have been fulfilled.
- 2 Detailed rules for implementing this Article shall be adopted, as the need arises, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 23.