

Council Directive 92/65/EEC of 13 July 1992 laying down animal health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of animals, semen, ova and embryos not subject to animal health requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A (I) to Directive 90/425/EEC

CHAPTER III

Provisions applicable to imports into the Community

Article 16

The conditions applicable to imports of animals, semen, ova and embryos covered by this Directive must be at least equivalent to those laid down in Chapter II.

[^{F1}With respect to cats, dogs and ferrets, import conditions must be at least equivalent to those provided for in points (a) to (d) of Article 10(1) and point (a) of Article 12 of Regulation (EU) No 576/2013.

In addition to the conditions referred to in the second subparagraph, dogs, cats and ferrets shall, during transport to the place of destination, be accompanied by a health certificate, which is completed and signed by an official veterinarian who shall attest that a clinical examination was carried out within 48 hours prior to the time of dispatch of the animals by a veterinarian authorised by the competent authority who has verified that at the time of the clinical examination, the animals were fit to be transported for the intended journey.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by [Directive 2013/31/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 June 2013 amending Council Directive 92/65/EEC as regards the animal health requirements governing intra-Union trade in and imports into the Union of dogs, cats and ferrets \(Text with EEA relevance\).](#)

Article 17

1 For the purposes of uniform application of Article 16, the provisions of the following paragraphs shall apply.

[^{F2}^{X12} Only animals and semen, ova and embryos referred to in Article 11 which satisfy the following requirements may be imported into the Community:]

- a they must come from a third country on a list to be drawn up in accordance with paragraph 3(a);
- b they must be accompanied by the health certificate corresponding to a specimen to be drawn up in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 26, signed by the competent authority of the exporting country and certifying that,
 - (i) the animals
 - meet the additional conditions or offer the equivalent guarantees referred to in paragraph 4, and
 - come from approved centres, bodies, institutes offering guarantees at least equivalent to those in Annex C;

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- (ii) semen, ova and embryos come from approved collection and storage centres or collection and production teams offering guarantees at least equivalent to those to be established in Annex D(I) in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 26.

Pending the establishment of lists of third countries, approved establishments listed in point (b), animal health requirements and specimen health certificates as referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b), national rules shall continue to apply provided they are not more favourable than those laid down in Chapter II.

- 3 The following shall be established:
- a in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 26, a list of third countries or parts of third countries able to provide Member States and the Commission with guarantees equivalent to those provided for in Chapter II in relation to animals, semen, ova and embryos;
 - b in accordance with this point, a list of approved centres or teams as referred to in the first indent of paragraph 2 of Article 11 and the first indent of paragraph 3 of that article situated in one of the third countries appearing on the list referred to in point (a) of this paragraph and for which the competent authority is able to give the guarantees provided for in Article 11(2) and (3).

The list of approved centres and teams referred to in the first subparagraph and their veterinary registration numbers shall be communicated to the Commission.

The approval of centres or teams must be immediately suspended or withdrawn by the competent authority of the third country where it no longer complies with the conditions referred to in Article 11(2) and (3) and the Commission must be immediately informed thereof.

The Commission shall provide the Member States with any new and updated lists that it receives from the competent authority of the third country in accordance with the second and third subparagraphs and shall make them available to the public for information purposes.

Detailed rules for the uniform application of this point may be adopted in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 26;

- c in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 26, the specific animal health requirements, in particular for the protection of the Community from certain exotic diseases, or guarantees equivalent to those provided for in this Directive.

The specific requirements and equivalent guarantees established for third countries may not be more favourable than those provided for in Chapter II.]

- 4 The list provided for in paragraph 3 may include only third countries or parts of third countries:

- a from which imports are not prohibited:
 - as a result of the existence of one of the diseases referred to in Annex A or of any other disease exotic to the Community,
 - pursuant to Articles 6, 7 and 14 of Directive 72/462/EEC and Article 17 of Directive 91/495/EEC and of Directive 71/118/EEC⁽¹⁾ or, in the case of the other animals covered by this Directive, under a decision taken in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 26 account being taken of their state of health;

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- b which, in view of their legislation and the organization of their veterinary services and inspection services, the powers of such services and the supervision to which they are subject, have been recognized, in accordance with Article 3 (2) of Directive 72/462/EEC, as capable of guaranteeing the implementation of their legislation in force;
- c the veterinary services of which are able to guarantee that health requirements at least equivalent to those laid down in Chapter II are being complied with.

5 Experts from the Commission and the Member States shall carry out on-the-spot inspections to verify whether the guarantees given by the third country regarding the conditions of production and placing on the market can be considered equivalent to those applied in the Community.

The experts from the Member States responsible for these inspections shall be appointed by the Commission acting on a proposal from the Member States.

These inspections shall be made on behalf of the Community, which shall bear the cost of any expenditure in this connection.

6 Pending the organization of the inspections referred to in paragraph 5, national rules applicable to inspection in third countries shall continue to apply, subject to notification, through the Standing Veterinary Committee, of any failure to comply with the guarantees offered in accordance with paragraph 3, found during these inspections.

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Textual Amendments

- F2** Substituted by [Council Directive 2008/73/EC of 15 July 2008 simplifying procedures of listing and publishing information in the veterinary and zootechnical fields and amending Directives 64/432/EEC, 77/504/EEC, 88/407/EEC, 88/661/EEC, 89/361/EEC, 89/556/EEC, 90/426/EEC, 90/427/EEC, 90/428/EEC, 90/429/EEC, 90/539/EEC, 91/68/EEC, 91/496/EEC, 92/35/EEC, 92/65/EEC, 92/66/EEC, 92/119/EEC, 94/28/EC, 2000/75/EC, Decision 2000/258/EC and Directives 2001/89/EC, 2002/60/EC and 2005/94/EC \(Text with EEA relevance\)](#).

Article 18

1 Member States shall ensure that the animals, semen, ova and embryos covered by this Directive are imported into the Community only if they:

- are accompanied by a certificate to be drawn up by the official veterinarian.

The specimen certificate shall, depending on the species, be drawn up under the procedure laid down in Article 26,

- have satisfied the checks required by Directives 90/675/EEC and 91/496/EEC⁽²⁾,
- have undergone, prior to shipment to Community territory, a check by an official veterinarian to ensure that the transport conditions specified in Directive 91/628/EEC⁽³⁾ have been complied with, in particular as regards watering and feeding,

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— have, in the case of the animals referred to in Articles 5 to 10, been quarantined before being placed on the market, in accordance with detailed rules to be established under the procedure laid down in Article 26.

2 Pending the establishment of specific rules for this Article, the national rules applicable to imports from third countries for which such requirements have not been adopted at Community level shall continue to apply, provided they are not more favourable than those laid down in Chapter II.

Article 19

The following shall be decided under the procedure laid down in Article 26:

- (a) specific animal health requirements, for imports into the Community, and the nature and content of accompanying documents for animals intended for zoos, circuses, amusement parks or experimental laboratories, according to the species;
- (b) additional guarantees to those provided for in respect of the various animal species covered by this Directive, to protect the Community species concerned.

Article 20

[^{F2}The rules laid down in Directive 97/78/EC shall apply in particular to the organisation of, and follow-up to the checks to be carried out by the Member States and the safeguard measures to be applied in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 22 of that Directive.]

[^{X2}Pending implementation of the decisions provided for in Article 8, point B and Article 30 of Directive 91/496/EEC,] the relevant national rules for applying Article 8 (1) and (2) of the said Directive shall continue to apply, without prejudice to compliance with the principles and rules referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

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- (1) Council Directive 71/118/EEC of 15 February 1971 on health problems affecting trade in fresh poultrymeat ([OJ No L 55, 8.3.1971, p. 23](#)). Last amended by Directive 90/654/EEC ([OJ No L 353, 17.12.1990, p. 48](#)).
- (2) Council Directive 91/496/EEC of 15 July 1991 laying down the principles governing the organization of veterinary checks on animals entering the Community from third countries and amending Directive 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC and 90/675/EEC ([OJ No L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 56](#)).
- (3) Council Directive 91/628/EEC of 19 November 1991 on the protection of animals during transport and amending Directives 90/425/EEC and 91/496/EEC ([OJ No L 340, 11.12.1991, p. 17](#)).