

Council Directive 2002/99/EC of 16 December 2002 laying down the animal health rules governing the production, processing, distribution and introduction of products of animal origin for human consumption

## CHAPTER I

### **ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO ALL STAGES OF THE PRODUCTION, PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN WITHIN THE COMMUNITY**

#### *Article 3*

#### **General animal health requirements**

- 1 Member States shall take measures to ensure that at all stages of the production, processing and distribution of products of animal origin within the Community, food business operators do not cause the spread of diseases transmissible to animals, in accordance with the following provisions.
- 2 Products of animal origin must be obtained from animals which fulfil the animal health conditions laid down by the relevant Community legislation.
- 3 Products of animal origin shall be obtained from animals:
  - a which do not come from a holding, establishment, territory or part of a territory subject to animal health restrictions applicable to the animals and products concerned, under the rules set out in Annex I;
  - b which, in the case of meat and meat products, were not slaughtered in an establishment in which animals infected or suspected of being infected with one of the diseases covered by the rules referred to in (a), or carcasses or parts thereof of such animals, were present during the slaughtering or production process, unless such suspicion has been ruled out;
  - c which, in the case of aquaculture animals and products, comply with Directive 91/67/EEC<sup>(1)</sup>.

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- (1) [OJ L 46, 19.2.1991, p. 1.](#)