

### ANNEX III

(referred to in Articles 8(3) and 13(3))

Authorisation to remove eggs from a holding in accordance with Article 8(3) and Article 13(3)

The competent authority may authorise the transport of eggs from a holding subject to the provisions of Article 8(3) and Article 13(3) of this Directive to an establishment approved for the manufacture of egg products in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 ('the designated establishment'), subject to the following conditions:

1. in order to be allowed to be removed from the holding of origin, the eggs must be sent directly from the suspected holding to the designated establishment; each consignment must be sealed before dispatch by the official veterinarian responsible for the suspected holding or under his supervision and must remain sealed throughout transport to the designated establishment;
2. the official veterinarian responsible for the holding of origin of the eggs shall inform the competent authority of the designated establishment of the intention to send the eggs to it;
3. the competent authority responsible for the designated establishment shall ensure that:
  - (a) the eggs referred to in paragraph 1 are kept isolated from other eggs from the time they arrive until they are processed;
  - (b) the shells of such eggs are disposed of;
  - (c) the packaging used for the eggs is either destroyed or cleansed and disinfected in such a way as to destroy all avian influenza viruses;
  - (d) the eggs referred to in paragraph 1 are transported in cleansed and disinfected vehicles. Biosecurity measures are applied to staff and equipment and vehicles involved in the transport of the eggs.