

Council Directive 2009/158/EC of 30 November 2009 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in, and imports from third countries of, poultry and hatching eggs (codified version) (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER III

RULES FOR IMPORTS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES

Article 23

1 Poultry and hatching eggs shall have originated in a third country or part of a third country included on a list drawn up by the Commission in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 33(2). That list may be supplemented or amended in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 33(3).

2 In deciding whether a third country or part thereof may be included on the list referred to in paragraph 1, particular account shall be taken of:

- a the state of health of the poultry, other domestic animals and wildlife in the third country, particular attention being paid to exotic animal diseases, and the health situation in the surrounding area, where either is liable to endanger public and animal health in the Member States;
- b the regularity and rapidity of the supply of information by the third country relating to the existence of contagious animal diseases in its territory, in particular the diseases on the list of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE);
- c the country's rules on animal-disease prevention and control;
- d the structure of the veterinary services in the country and their powers;
- e the organisation and implementation of measures to prevent and control contagious animal diseases;
- f the guarantees which the third country can give with regard to compliance with this Directive;
- g compliance with Community rules on hormones and residues.

3 The list referred to in paragraph 1 and any amendments thereto shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.