

Commission Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 of 12 March 2010 laying down lists of third countries, territories or parts thereof authorised for the introduction into the European Union of certain animals and fresh meat and the veterinary certification requirements (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER II

CONDITIONS FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF LIVE ANIMALS INTO THE UNION

Article 3

General conditions for the introduction of ungulates into the Union

Consignments of ungulates shall only be introduced into the Union if they comply with the following conditions:

- (a) they come from the third countries, territories or parts thereof listed in columns 1, 2 and 3 of the table set out in Part 1 of Annex I for which there is a model veterinary certificate corresponding to the consignment concerned listed in column 4 of the table in Part 1 of Annex I;
- (b) they are accompanied by the appropriate veterinary certificate, drawn up in accordance with the relevant model veterinary certificate set out in Part 2 of Annex I, taking into account the specific conditions indicated in column 6 of the table in Part 1 of that Annex, and completed and signed by an official veterinarian of the exporting third country;
- (c) they comply with the requirements set out in the veterinary certificate referred to in point (b), including:
 - (i) the supplementary guarantees laid down in that certificate, where indicated in column 5 of the table in Part 1 of Annex I;
 - (ii) any additional veterinary certification requirements that the Member State of destination may impose in accordance with Union veterinary legislation and which are included in the certificate.

Article 4

Conditions for assembly centres for certain consignments of ungulates

Consignments of ungulates which contain live animals from more than one holding shall only be introduced into the Union if they are assembled in assembly centres approved by the competent authority of the third country of origin in accordance with the requirements set out in Part 5 of Annex I.

Article 5

Protocols for the standardisation of materials and sampling and testing procedures for ungulates

Where sampling and testing is required by the veterinary certificates listed in column 4 of the table in Part 1 of Annex I for the diseases listed in Part 6 of that Annex, for the introduction into the Union of consignments of ungulates, such sampling and testing shall be carried out by or under the control of the competent authority of the third country of origin in accordance with the Protocols for the standardisation of materials and testing procedures set out in Part 6 of that Annex.

Article 6

Special conditions for certain consignments of ungulates imported into St Pierre and Miquelon and introduced into the Union

Consignments of ungulates of the species listed in the table in Part 7 of Annex I which were introduced into St Pierre and Miquelon less than six months prior to the date of shipment from St Pierre and Miquelon to the Union shall only be introduced into the Union if:

- (a) they comply with the residence and quarantine requirements set out in Chapter 1 of that Part;
- (b) they have been tested in accordance with the animal health test requirements set out in Chapter 2 of that Part.

Article 7

General conditions for the introduction into the Union of certain species of bees

1 Consignments of bees of the species listed in table 1 of Part 2 of Annex IV shall only be introduced into the Union from third countries or territories:

- a listed in Part 1 of Annex II;
- b where the presence of the American foulbrood, the small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*) and the Tropilaelaps mite (*Tropilaelaps* spp.) is subject to compulsory notification throughout the whole territory of the third country or territory concerned.

2 By way of derogation from paragraph 1(a), consignments of bees may be introduced into the Union from a part of a third country or territory listed in Part 1 of Annex II which is:

- a a geographically and epidemiologically isolated part of the third country or territory
- b listed in the third column of the table in Section 1 of Part 1 of Annex IV.

When that derogation is applied, the introduction into the Union of consignments of bees shall be prohibited from all other parts of the third country or territory concerned not listed in the third column of the table in Section 1 of Part 1 of Annex IV.

3 Consignments of bees of the species listed in table 1 of Part 2 of Annex IV shall consist of either:

- a cages of queen bees (*Apis mellifera* and *Bombus* spp.), each containing one single queen bee with a maximum of 20 accompanying attendants; or

- b containers of bumble bees (*Bombus* spp.), each containing a colony of a maximum of 200 adult bumble bees.
- 4 Consignments of bees of the species listed in table 1 of Part 2 of Annex IV shall:
- a be accompanied by the appropriate veterinary certificate, drawn up in accordance with the relevant model veterinary certificate set out in Part 2 of Annex IV, and completed and signed by an official inspector of the exporting third country;
 - b comply with the veterinary requirements set out in the veterinary certificate referred to in point (a).

Article 8

General conditions concerning the transport of live animals to the Union

During the period after loading in the third country of origin and before arrival at the border inspection post of introduction into the Union, consignments of live animals shall not be:

- (a) transported together with live animals that:
 - (i) are not intended for introduction into the Union; or
 - (ii) are of a lower health status;
- (b) unloaded in, or when transported by air, moved to another aircraft, or transported by road, by rail or moved on foot through a third country, territory or a part thereof which is not listed in columns 1, 2 and 3 of the table set out in Part 1 of Annex I or for which there is no model veterinary certificate corresponding to the consignment concerned listed in column 4 of the table in Part 1 of Annex I.

Article 9

Time limit for the period of transport to the Union of live animals

Consignments of live animals shall only be introduced into the Union where the consignment arrives at the border inspection post of introduction into the Union within 10 days of the date of issue of the appropriate veterinary certificate.

In the case of transport by sea, that period of 10 days shall be extended by an additional period corresponding to the duration of the journey by sea, as certified by a signed declaration of the master of the ship, drawn up in accordance with Part 3 of Annex I and attached in its original form to the veterinary certificate.

Article 10

Special conditions regarding the spraying of consignments of live animals transported by air to the Union

Where consignments of live animals, excluding consignments of bees, are transported by air, the crate or container in which they are transported and the surrounding area shall be sprayed with an appropriate insecticide.

That spraying shall be carried out immediately prior to the closing of the aircraft doors after loading, and after any subsequent opening of the doors in a third country, until the aircraft reaches its final destination.

The captain of the aircraft shall certify that the spraying has been carried out by signing a declaration, drawn up in accordance with Part 4 of Annex I and attached in its original form to the veterinary certificate.

Article 11

Conditions to be applied following the introduction into the Union of certain consignments of ungulates

1 Following their introduction into the Union, consignments of ungulates intended for breeding and production, or intended for zoos, amusement parks and wildlife or hunting reserves, shall be conveyed without delay to the holding of destination.

The ungulates shall remain on that holding for a period of at least 30 days, unless they are dispatched directly to a slaughterhouse.

2 Following their introduction into the Union, consignments of ungulates intended for immediate slaughter shall be conveyed without delay to the slaughterhouse of destination where they shall be slaughtered within five working days from the date of arrival at the slaughterhouse.

Article 12

Specific conditions concerning the transit through third countries of certain consignments of ungulates

Where specific condition I of Part 1 of Annex I applies, in order to allow consignments of the ungulates referred to in that condition originating in one Member State and destined for another Member State, to transit through a third country, territory or part thereof which is listed in the table in Part 1 of Annex I but for which there is no corresponding model veterinary certificate for consignments of the ungulates concerned indicated in column 4 of that table, the following conditions shall apply:

- (a) for bovine animals for fattening:
 - (i) the holdings of final destination must be designated in advance by the competent authority of the final destination;
 - (ii) the live animals comprised in the consignment must not be moved from the holding of final destination unless for immediate slaughter;
 - (iii) all movements of live animals into and out of the holding of final destination must be carried out under the control of the competent authority as long as the animals comprising the consignment are kept at the holding.
- (b) for ungulates for immediate slaughter, Article 11(2) shall apply.

Article 13

Conditions to be applied following the introduction into the Union of consignments of bees referred to in Article 7

1 Consignments of queen bees referred to in Article 7(3)(a) shall be conveyed without delay to the designated place of final destination where the hives shall be placed under the control of the competent authority and the queen bees transferred to new cages before being introduced to local colonies.

2 The cages, attendants, and other material that accompanied the queen bees from the third country of origin shall be sent to a laboratory designated by the competent authority for examination for the presence of:

- a the small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*), their eggs or larvae;
- b signs of the Tropilaelaps mite (*Tropilaelaps* spp.).

After that laboratory examination, the cages, attendants and the material shall be destroyed.

3 Consignments of bumble bees (*Bombus* spp.) referred to in Article 7(3)(b) shall be conveyed without delay to the designated place of destination.

Those bumble bees may stay in the container in which they were introduced into the Union until the end of the lifespan of the colony.

That container and the material that accompanied the bumble bees from the third country of origin shall be destroyed at the end of the lifespan of the colony at the latest.