

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 of 30 January 2020 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards rules for entry into the Union, and the movement and handling after entry of consignments of certain animals, germinal products and products of animal origin (Text with EEA relevance)

### PART III

## **ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO THE UNION OF GERMINAL PRODUCTS AS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLES 3 AND 5**

### TITLE 2

## **ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR HATCHING EGGS OF POULTRY AND CAPTIVE BIRDS**

### CHAPTER 1

#### ***Animal health requirements for hatching eggs***

#### *Article 98*

#### **The residency period**

Consignments of hatching eggs shall only be permitted to enter the Union if, immediately prior to the date of loading of the hatching eggs for dispatch to the Union the flock of origin of the hatching eggs has complied, for a continuous period of time, with the residency periods requirements set out in Annex XXII, and during that time the flock of origin has:

- (a) remained in the third country or territory of origin or zone thereof;
- (b) remained in the establishment of origin, and no animals have been introduced into that establishment during that period of time prior to loading;
- (c) had no contact with poultry or hatching eggs of a lower health status, or with captive birds or wild birds.

#### *Article 99*

#### **Handling of hatching eggs during transport to the Union**

Consignments of hatching eggs shall only be permitted to enter the Union if the germinal products of the consignment comply with the following requirements:

- (a) the hatching eggs intended for entry into the Union must not have come into contact with poultry, captive birds or hatching eggs not intended for entry into the Union or

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of a lower health status from the time of loading at the establishment of origin for dispatch to the Union until the time of arrival in the Union;

- (b) the hatching eggs must not have been transported, unloaded in, or moved to another means of transport when transported by road, by sea or by air through a third country or territory or zone thereof which is not listed for entry of the particular species and category of hatching eggs into the Union.

#### *Article 100*

#### **Derogation and additional requirements for transshipment of hatching eggs in case of an incident in the means of transport by waterway or by air**

By way of derogation from point (b) of Article 99, consignments of hatching eggs which have been transhipped from the means of transport of dispatch into another means of transport for onward travel in a third country or territory or zone thereof which is not listed for entry of hatching eggs into the Union, shall only be permitted to enter the Union if the transshipment took place because of the occurrence of a technical problem or another unforeseen incident causing logistic problems during the transport of the hatching eggs to the Union by sea or by air, in order to complete the transport to the point of entry into Union, and provided that:

- (a) the entry into the Union of the hatching eggs is authorised by the competent authority of the Member State of destination and, where applicable, the Member States of passage until their arrival at their place of destination in the Union;
- (b) the transshipment was supervised by an official veterinarian or the responsible customs officer and throughout the operation:
- (i) effective measures were put in place to avoid any direct or indirect contact between the hatching eggs intended for entry into the Union and any other hatching eggs or animals;
  - (ii) the hatching eggs were transferred directly and as quick as possible to the vessel or aircraft to be used for onward travel to the Union, which complies with requirements laid down in Article 17, without leaving the premises of the port or airport;
- (c) the hatching eggs are accompanied by a declaration from the competent authority of the third country or territory where the transfer took place, providing the necessary information on the transfer operation and attesting that the relevant measures were put in place to comply with the requirements laid down in point (b).

#### *Article 101*

#### **Transport by vessel of hatching eggs**

1 Consignments of hatching eggs transported by ship, even for part of the journey, shall only be permitted to enter the Union if the germinal products of the consignment comply with the following requirements:

- a hatching eggs:
- (i) have remained on board the vessel during the whole transport;

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- (ii) have not been in contact with birds or other hatching eggs of a lower health status while on board the vessel;
- b hatching eggs transported in accordance with point (a) must be accompanied by a declaration, providing the following information:
  - (i) the port of departure in the third country or territory of origin or zone thereof;
  - (ii) the port of arrival in the Union;
  - (iii) where the vessel called at ports outside the third country or territory of origin or zone thereof of the consignment, indicating the ports of call;
  - (iv) that the hatching eggs complied during the transport with the requirements set out in point (a) and (i), (ii) and (iii) of this point.

2 The operator responsible for the consignment of hatching eggs shall ensure that the declaration provided for in paragraph 1, is attached to the animal health certificate and signed by the master of the vessel at the port of arrival on the day of arrival of the vessel.

#### *Article 102*

#### **Preventive measures for the means of transport and the containers of hatching eggs**

Consignments of hatching eggs shall only be permitted to enter the Union if the germinal products of the consignment comply with the following requirements:

- (a) the hatching eggs must have been transported in vehicles which:
  - (i) are constructed in such a way that hatching eggs cannot fall out;
  - (ii) have been designed to allow cleaning and disinfection;
  - (iii) have been cleaned and disinfected with a disinfectant authorised by the competent authority of the third country or territory of origin, and dried or allowed to dry immediately before every loading of hatching eggs intended for entry into the Union;
- (b) the hatching eggs must have been transported in containers which comply with the following requirements:
  - (i) the requirements of point (a);
  - (ii) they contain only hatching eggs of the same species, category and type which come from the same establishment;
  - (iii) they were closed in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority of the third country or territory of origin to avoid any possibility of substitution of the content;
  - (iv) they were:
    - cleaned and disinfected before loading in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority of the third country or territory of origin,
    - or
    - they are disposable, clean and used for the first time;

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- (v) they bear the information for the particular species and category of hatching eggs set out in Annex XVI.

### *Article 103*

#### **Movement and handling of hatching eggs after the entry**

Following their entry into the Union, operators, including transporters, shall ensure that consignments of hatching eggs are:

- (a) transported directly from the point of entry to their place of destination in the Union;
- (b) comply with the requirements for movement within the Union and handling following their entry into the Union as laid down for the particular species and category of hatching eggs in Chapters 5 and 7 of this Title.

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