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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 21 December 1984

concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of fresh meat from Uruguay

(85/96/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine animals and swine and fresh meat from third countries (1), as last amended by Directive 83/91/EEC (2), and in particular Articles 16, 18 (2), 19 (a) and 28 thereof,

Whereas animal health conditions and veterinary certification requirements for imports of fresh meat from Uruguay have been established by Commission Decision 78/695/EEC (3), as last amended by Decision 84/354/EEC (4), in parallel with the Decisions relating to Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay, particularly as regards foot-and-mouth disease ;

Whereas up to now and by way of derogation from Article 1 (2) of Decision 78/695/EEC, the system under which masseter muscles have been imported from Uruguay has been a temporary one permitted by Commission Decision 79/277/EEC (5), as last amended by Decision 84/26/EEC (6) ; whereas, now, Directive 72/462/EEC authorizes Member States to allow imports into their territory of whole masseter muscles ;

Whereas there should therefore be a single Decision covering animal health conditions and veterinary certification requirements for imports of fresh meat, including masseter muscles, from Uruguay and the Decision in force should be replaced by a new Decision ;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

1. Member States shall authorize the importation of fresh meat from Uruguay as follows :

(a) de-boned fresh meat of bovine animals, sheep and goats, excluding offal, from which have been removed the major accessible lymphatic glands, which present the guarantees laid down in the accompanying animal health certificate corresponding with the specimen given in Annex A ;

(b) fresh meat of domestic solipeds which present the guarantees laid down in the accompanying animal health certificate corresponding with the specimen given in Annex B ;

(c) the following offal of bovine animals :

— completely trimmed hearts,

— completely trimmed livers,

(1) OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.
(2) OJ No L 59, 5. 3. 1983, p. 34.
(3) OJ No L 236, 26. 8. 1978, p. 37.
(4) OJ No L 186, 13. 7. 1984, p. 51.
(5) OJ No L 65, 15. 3. 1979, p. 32.
(6) OJ No L 20, 25. 1. 1984, p. 24.

— completely trimmed tongues without bone, cartilage or tonsils,

which present the guarantees laid down in the accompanying animal health certificate corresponding with the specimen given in Annex C.

2. Member States may authorize the importation of completely trimmed whole masseter muscles of bovine animals from Uruguay into their territory under Article 18 (2) of Directive 72/462/EEC which present the guarantees laid down in the accompanying animal health certificate corresponding with the specimen given in Annex C.

3. Member States shall prohibit the import of categories of fresh meat from Uruguay other than those referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2.

Article 2

1. By way of derogation from Article 1 (3), Member States may also authorize the importation of trimmed lungs of bovine animals which present the guarantees laid down in the accompanying animal health certificate corresponding with the specimen given in Annex C and which are to be used exclusively in the manufacture of pet food.

2. The authorization referred to in paragraph 1 shall be given only to a processing establishment approved by the national authorities and under continuous veterinary supervision and on condition that a guarantee is provided that the raw material will be used only for the specified purpose without risk of contact with any product which remains unsterilized, and that it will not leave the establishment in its original state, except in case of necessity where it is officially consigned to an animal carcase destruction plant under the control of an official veterinarian. In addition the following minimum conditions shall be met:

(a) before arrival in Community territory the raw material shall be enclosed in leak-proof containers which shall bear the mark 'Use restricted to the manufacture of pet food'. The accompanying documents shall be endorsed 'Use restricted to the manufacture of pet food', together with the name and address of the consignee;

(b) the raw material shall be transported from the point of arrival in Community territory in vehicles or containers or other means of transport which are leak-proof, duly sealed, to the processing establishment approved by the national authorities and under continuous veterinary supervision.

However, in case of necessity, the raw material may be consigned temporarily to an approved cold store which is under continuous veterinary supervision provided the above conditions are met;

(c) on arrival in the territory of the Member State of destination and before dispatch of the raw material to the approved processing establishment, notification of intending dispatch shall be made as quickly as possible to the local official veterinarian;

(d) the raw material, during manufacture, shall be sterilized in tins in such a way as to achieve a minimum Fc value of 3 and a veterinary inspection shall be made to ensure that the finished product has actually achieved that value;

(e) the vehicles and containers or any other means of transport referred to in (b) and all equipment and utensils which come into contact with the raw material before sterilization shall be cleansed and disinfected and packagings shall be destroyed in an incinerator.

3. The authorization referred to in paragraph 1 shall be notified to the competent authorities of Member States through which the raw material will pass.

Article 3

While continuing to prohibit routine vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease in their territories, Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom may, in respect of the de-boned fresh meat of bovine animals, sheep and goats referred to under Article 1 (1) (a) and of the offal referred to in Article 1 (1) (c), retain the regime which they were applying to the importation of this fresh meat prior to the date of application of this Decision.

Article 4

This Decision shall not apply to imports of glands and organs authorized by the country of destination for pharmaceutical manufacturing purposes.

Article 5

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 1985. However, the certificates currently used, amended if necessary in accordance with the provisions of this Decision, may be used until 31 March 1985.

Article 6

This Decision shall be reviewed in the light of the evolution of foot-and-mouth disease in the Community and of the measures taken to combat this disease.

Article 7

Decision 78/695/EEC is hereby repealed.

Article 8

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 21 December 1984.

For the Commission

Poul DALSAGER

Member of the Commission

ANNEX A

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for de-boned fresh meat (1) of bovine animals, sheep and goats, excluding offals, intended for consignment to the European Economic Community

Country of destination .....

Reference to the public health certificate (2) .....

Exporting country : URUGUAY

Ministry .....

Department .....

References .....
(Optional)

I. Identification of meat

Meat of .....
(Animal species)

Nature of cuts (3) .....

Nature of packaging .....

Number of cuts or packages .....

Net weight .....

II. Origin of meat

Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) (2) of the approved slaughterhouse(s) .....

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Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) (2) of the approved cutting plant(s) .....

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III. Destination of meat

The meat will be sent from .....
(Place of loading)

to .....
(Country and place of destination)

by the following means of transport (4) .....

Name and address of consignor .....

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Name and address of consignee .....

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IV. **Attestation of health**

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that :

1. the de-boned fresh meat described above is obtained from :

   — animals which have remained in the territory of Uruguay for at least three months before being slaughtered or since birth in the case of animals less than three months old,

   — animals which have spent this period in a region in which foot-and-mouth disease vaccination of bovine animals is regularly carried out and officially controlled,

   — animals which come from holdings in which there has been no outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in the previous 60 days, and around which within a radius of 25 km there has been no case of foot-and-mouth disease for 30 days,

   — animals which have been transported direct from their holding of origin to the approved slaughterhouse concerned without passing through a market, without contact with animals which do not comply with the conditions required for export of their meat to the Community, and if conveyed in a means of transport, the latter has been cleaned and disinfected before loading,

   — animals which have passed the ante-mortem health inspection referred to in Chapter V of Annex I to Directive 64/433/EEC (5) at the slaughterhouse during the 24 hours before slaughter and have in particular been subject to examination of the mouth and feet and showed no evidence of foot-and-mouth disease,

   — in the case of fresh meat from sheep and goats, animals which have not come from a holding which for health reasons is subject to prohibition as a result of an outbreak of ovine or caprine brucellosis during the previous six weeks ;

2. the de-boned fresh meat is obtained from an establishment or establishments in which, after a case of foot-and-mouth disease has been diagnosed, further preparation of meat for export to the European Community has only been authorized after slaughter of all animals present, removal of all meat, and the total cleaning and disinfection of the establishment(s) under the control of an official veterinarian ;

3. the de-boned fresh meat described above originates from carcases which have matured at a room temperature of more than + 2 °C for at least 24 hours before the bones were removed ;

4. ..... (6)

Done at ....., on .....

Seal

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(Signature of official veterinarian)

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(1) Fresh meat : means all parts fit for human consumption from domestic bovine animals, sheep and goats which have not undergone any preserving process ; however, chilled and frozen meat shall be considered as fresh meat.

(2) Optional when the country of destination authorizes the importation of fresh meat for uses other than human consumption in implementation of Article 19 (a) of Directive 72/462/EEC.

(3) Only de-boned fresh meat from bovine animals, sheep and goats from which all bones and the major accessible lymphatic glands have been removed is authorized for importation.

(4) For railway wagons or lorries the registration number should be given, for aircraft the flight number and for ships the name.

(5) As last amended by Directive 83/90/EEC.

(6) Additional conditions required by the United Kingdom.

ANNEX B

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for fresh meat (1) of domestic solipeds intended for consignment to the European Economic Community

Country of destination .....

Reference to public health certificate (2) .....

Exporting country : URUGUAY

Ministry .....

Department .....

References .....

(Optional)

I. Identification of meat

Meat of domestic solipeds.

Nature of cuts .....

Type of packaging .....

Number of cuts or packages .....

Net weight .....

II. Origin of meat

Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) (2) of the approved slaughterhouse(s) .....

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Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) (2) of the approved cutting plant(s) .....

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III. Destination of meat

The meat will be sent from .....

(Place of loading)

to .....

(Country and place of destination)

by the following means of transport (3) .....

Name and address of consignor .....

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Name and address of consignee .....

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IV. **Attestation of health**

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that the fresh meat described above is obtained from animals which have remained in the territory of Uruguay for at least three months before being slaughtered or since birth in the case of animals less than three months old.

Done at ....., on .....

Seal

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(Signature of official veterinarian)

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(1) Fresh meat : means all parts fit for human consumption from domestic solipeds which have not undergone any preserving process ; however, chilled and frozen meat shall be considered as fresh meat.

(2) Optional when the country of destination authorizes the importation of fresh meat for uses other than human consumption in implementation of Article 19 (a) of Directive 72/462/EEC.

(3) For railway wagons or lorries the registration number should be given, for aircraft the flight number and for ships the name.

ANNEX C

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for offal (1) of bovine animals intended for consignment to the European Economic Community

Country of destination .....

Reference to the public health certificate (2) .....

Exporting country : URUGUAY

Ministry .....

Department .....

References .....

(Optional)

I. Identification of offal

Offal of bovine animals.

Nature of offal .....

Nature of packaging .....

Number of packages .....

Net weight .....

II. Origin of offal

Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) (2) of the approved slaughterhouse(s) .....

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Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) (2) of the approved cutting plant(s) .....

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III. Destination of offal

The offal will be sent from .....

(Place of loading)

to .....

(Country and place of destination)

by the following means of transport (3) .....

Name and address of consignor .....

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Name and address of consignee .....

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IV. Attestation of health

I, the undersigned, official veterinarian, certify that :

1. The offal described above is obtained from :

   — bovine animals which have remained in the territory of Uruguay for at least three months before being slaughtered or since birth in the case of animals less than three months old,

   — bovine animals which have spent this period in a region in which foot-and-mouth disease vaccination of bovine animals is regularly carried out and officially controlled,

   — bovine animals which come from holdings in which there has been no outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in the previous 60 days, and around which within a radius of 25 km there has been no case of foot-and-mouth disease for 30 days,

   — bovine animals which have been transported direct from their holding of origin to the approved slaughterhouse concerned without passing through a market, without contact with animals which do not comply with the conditions required for export of their meat to the Community, and if conveyed in a means of transport, the latter has been cleaned and disinfected before loading,

   — bovine animals which have passed the ante-mortem health inspection referred to in Chapter V of Annex I to Directive 64/433/EEC (4) at the slaughterhouse during the 24 hours before slaughter and have in particular been subject to examination of the mouth and feet and showed no evidence of foot-and-mouth disease ;

2. the offal is obtained from an establishment or establisments in which, after a case of foot-and-mouth disease has been diagnosed, further preparation of meat for export to the European Community has only been authorized after slaughter of all animals present, removal of all meat, and the total cleaning and disinfection of the establishment(s) under the control of an official veterinarian ;

3. the offal described above has matured at a room temperature of more than + 2 °C for at least three hours, or, in the case of masseter muscles, for at least 24 hours.

4. .....(5)

Done at ....., on .....

Seal

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(Signature of official veterinarian)

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(1) Only the following offal of bovine animals is authorized for importation : hearts and livers from which lymphatic glands, adhering connective tissue and fat have been completely removed and tongues without bone, cartilage and tonsils and, in accordance with Article 18 (2) of Directive 72/462/EEC, whole masseter muscles, incised in accordance with paragraph 41 (A) of Chapter VII of Annex I to Directive 64/433/EEC (4), from which lymphatic glands, adhering connective tissue and fat have been completely removed. However, the following may also be authorized for importation under the conditions laid down in Article 2 : trimmed lungs of bovine animals intended exclusively for the manufacture of pet food, from which tracheae, and main bronchi and the mediastinal and bronchial lymphatic glands have been removed.

(2) Optional when the country of destination authorizes the importation of fresh meat for uses other than human consumption in implementation of Article 19 (a) of Directive 72/462/EEC.

(3) For railway wagons or lorries the registration number should be given, for aircraft the flight number and for ships the name.

(4) As last amended by Directive 83/90/EEC.

(5) Additional conditions required by the United Kingdom.