COMMISSION DECISION

of 10 June 1992

concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certificates for the import of domestic animals of the bovine and porcine species from Bulgaria

(92/325/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 the import of bovine, ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat or meat products from third countries [1], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3763/91 [2], and in particular Article 8 thereof,

Whereas the geographical proximity of Bulgaria to the Community has implications for trade in live animals;

Whereas following Community veterinary missions it appears that the animal health situation in Bulgaria is controlled by veterinary services which, although currently in the process of reorganization, can nevertheless offer satisfactory guarantees concerning diseases which might be transmitted through the import of domestic animals of the bovine or porcine species;

Whereas a single outbreak of foot and mouth disease which ocurred on 26 July 1991 in a limited part of the territory of Bulgaria was stamped out and does not interfere with the disease free status of Bulgaria.

Whereas the responsible veterinary authorities of Bulgaria have confirmed that Bulgaria has during the last 24 months been free from foot-and-mouth disease and during the last 12 months been free from rinderpest, contagious bovine pleuro-pneumonia, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, vesicular stomatitis, bluetongue, classical swine fever, African swine fever, porcine enteroviral encephalomyelitis (Teschen disease), swine vesicular disease, vesicular exanthema and 'pig reproductive and respiratory syndrome' and that no vaccinations have been carried out against any of those diseases, other than foot-and-mouth disease, during the past 12 months;

Whereas the responsible veterinary authorities of Bulgaria have undertaken to notify the Commission and the Member States, by telex or telefax, within 24 hours, of the confirmation of the occurrence of any of the abovementioned diseases or of the adoption of vaccination against any of them or, within an appropriate period, of any proposed changes in the Bulgarian import rules concerning bovine animals or swine or the semen or embryos thereof;

Whereas bovine tuberculosis and brucellosis have been eradicated from Bulgaria, vaccination against bovine brucellosis is not permitted and the measures taken by the responsible authorities of Bulgaria to prevent a recrudescence of these diseases are sufficient to equate the status of Bulgarian herds, other than those under official restriction, with that of herds in the Community having the status of officially tuberculosis-free or officially brucellosis-free;

Whereas the responsible veterinary authorities of Bulgaria have undertaken to supervise officially the issue of certificates arising from this Decision and to ensure that all relevant certificates, declarations and statements on which export certification may have been based remain on official file for at least 12 months following the dispatch of the animals to which they refer;

Whereas certain Member States, because of their particular animal health situation concerning foot-and-mouth disease, are authorized to apply special provisions in respect of animals originating within the Community and should therefore also be authorized to apply similar provisions in respect of animals imported from Bulgaria; whereas these provisions must be at least as strict as those which the same Member States apply in intra-Community trade;

Whereas the responsible veterinary authorities of Bulgaria have undertaken not to permit the issue of the certificates described in the Annexes to this Decision in respect of animals which have been imported into Bulgaria unless such animals were imported in accordance with veterinary conditions at least as strict as the relevant requirement of Directive 72/462/EEC, including any relevant subsidiary decisions;

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. Without prejudice to paragraphs 2 and 4, Member States shall authorize the import from Bulgaria of the following animals:

(a) domestic animals of the bovine species for breeding or production which meet the requirements set out in the health certificate in Annex A to this Decision and which are accompanied by such a certificate;

(b) domestic animals of the bovine species for slaughter which meet the requirements set out in the health certificate in Annex B to this Decision and which are accompanied by such a certificate;

[1] OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.
[2] OJ No L 356, 24. 12. 1991, p. 1.

(c) domestic animals of the porcine species for breeding or production which meet the requirements set out in the health certificate in Annex C to this Decision and which are accompanied by such a certificate;

(d) domestic animals of the porcine species for slaughter which meet the requirements set out in the health certificate in Annex D to this Decision and which are accompanied by such a certificate.

2. Member States shall authorize the import from Bulgaria of the domestic animals of the bovine or porcine species indicated in paragraph 1 which have been imported into Bulgaria only if such animals were imported from the Community or from a third country included in the list annexed to Council Decision 79/542/EEC (1) in so far as it covers domestic animals of these species and only if the import was made in accordance with veterinary conditions at least as strict as the requirements of Chapter II of Directive 72/462/EEC, including any relevant subsidiary decisions.

3. Member States shall require that animals which are submitted to tests in application of this Decision are continuously isolated under conditions approved by an official veterinarian of Hungary from all cloven-hoofed animals not intended for export to the Community or not of equivalent health status to such animals from the time of the first of such tests to the time of loading.

4. Member States shall permit the entry onto their territory from Bulgaria of bovine animals only if such animals:

(a) come from herds declared by the veterinary authorities of Bulgaria to be enzootic bovine leukosis-free as defined in Annex E to this Decision and have been subjected, within 30 days before export and with negative result, to an individual test for enzootic bovine leukosis carried out according to the Protocol in Annex I to Commission Decision 91/189/EEC (2);

or

(b) are intended for meat production, are not more than 30 months of age, come from herds which are included in a national programme for the eradication of enzootic bovine leukosis and in which there has been no evidence whatever of that disease for at least two years and are permanently marked as described in Annex F to this Decision;

or

(c) come from herds which are included in a national programme for the eradication of enzootic bovine leukosis, are consigned directly to a slaughterhouse and are slaughtered within three working days of their arrival there.

In the case of the animals referred to at (b) and (c), Member States shall ensure, by inspection, that such animals are clearly identified, shall supervise them until slaughter and shall take all measures to prevent contamination of indigenous herds.

(1) OJ No L 146, 14. 6. 1979, p. 15.
(2) OJ No L 96, 17. 4. 1991, p. 1.

5. Member States shall not authorize the import of domestic animals of the bovine or porcine species other than as indicated in this Article.

Article 2

Pending the entry into force of any measures adopted by the Community for the eradication, prevention or control of a contagious or infectious bovine or porcine disease other than rabies, tuberculosis, brucellosis, foot-and-mouth disease, anthrax, rinderpest, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, enzootic bovine leukosis, porcine enteroviral encephalomyelitis (Teschen disease), classical swine fever, African swine fever or swine vesicular disease, Member States may apply in respect of animals imported from Bulgaria such additional health conditions as they apply to other animals within the framework of a national programme, submitted to and approved by the Commission, for the eradication, prevention or control of such disease.

As a temporary measure until 31 December 1992, Member States may apply this Article in respect of national programmes which have been submitted to but not yet approved by the Commission but in that case they must, without delay, provide the Commission and the other Member States with details of the relevant health conditions.

Article 3

1. Member States shall, until 29 August 1992, make the introduction onto their territory of bovine or porcine animals from Bulgaria subject to the following conditions:

— a guarantee that the animals to be imported have not been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease,

— a guarantee, in the case of bovines, that the animals to be imported have reacted negatively to a foot-and-mouth virus test carried out by the laryngo-pharyngeal scrape method (probang test),

— a guarantee that the animals to be imported have reacted negatively to a serological test carried out to detect the presence of foot-and-mouth antibodies,

— a guarantee that the animals to be imported have been isolated for at least 14 days at a quarantine station in Hungary under the surveillance of an official veterinarian, that no animal on the premises of isolation has been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease during the 21 days preceding export and that no animal other than those forming part of the consignment has been introduced to the premises of isolation during the same period,

— quarantine on the territory of the importing Member State or elsewhere for a period of 21 days.

However, Member States which practised vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease on 31 December 1990 and which subsequently ceased such vaccination may, as a transitional measure, accept animals from Bulgaria without requiring the guarantees set out above provided that the animals either were not vaccinated or, in the case of bovines

only, were vaccinated before the date on which vaccination officially ceased in the importing Member State.

2. Member States hall, after 29 August 1992, make the introduction onto their territory of bovine or porcine animals from Bulgaria subject to a guarantee that the animals to be imported have not been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease.

3. Member States shall make the introduction onto their territory of pigs from Bulgaria subject to a guarantee that have not been vaccinated against classical swine fever and, in the case of pigs intended for breeding or production, a guarantee that they have shown a negative result to a test for the antibody produced by the virus of classical swine fever.

Article 4

A Member State shall, in respect of a consignment of animals from Bulgaria arriving onto its territory, take such measures as it may deem necessary including rejection, quarantine, slaughter, destruction or the application of tests to preserve the animal health status of the Community. The Member State shall, without delay, notify the Commission and the Bulgarian authorities of the reasons for such measures.

Article 5

The Decision shall apply from 30 days following its notification to the Member States.

Article 6

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 10 June 1992.

For the Commission
Ray MAC SHARRY
Member of the Commission

ANNEX A

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for domestic animals of the bovine species for breeding and production intended for consignment to the European Economic Community

(This certificate must accompany the consignment. It covers only animals in the same category — breeding or production — transported in the same railway wagon, lorry, aircraft or ship and consigned to the same destination. It must be completed on the date of loading and all time limits referred to expire on that date.)

No: .....

Exporting country: **Bulgaria**

Ministry: .....

Competent issuing authority: .....

Country of destination: .....

Reference: .....

(Optional)

Reference to accompanying animal welfare certificate: .....

I. **Number of animals:** .....

(In words)

II. **Identification of animals:**

Number of animals	Cow, bull, ox, heifer, calf	Breed	Age	Official and other marks or brands (give number and position)

III. **Origin of animals:**

Names and addresses of farms of origin: .....

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IV. **Destination of animals:**

The animals will be sent

from: .....

(Place of loading)

to: .....

(Place of destination)

by railway wagon/lorry/aircraft/ship: .....

(Indicate means of transport and registration marks, flight number or registered name, as appropriate)

Name and address of consignor: .....

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Name and address of consignee: .....

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V. **Health information:**

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify:

1. that Bulgaria has during the past 24 months been free from foot-and-mouth disease and during the past 12 months been free from rinderpest, contagious bovine pleuro-pneumonia, vesicular stomatitis and bluetongue, that no vaccinations have been carried out against any of these diseases, other than foot-an-mouth disease, during the past 12 months, that vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease has been prohibited since 1 July 1991 and that the importation of animals vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease since that date is prohibited;

2. that the animals described in this certificate meet the following requirements:

   (a) — they were born on the territory of Bulgaria and have remained there since birth,

   or

   — they were imported, not less than six months ago, from a Member State of the European Community or from a third country included in the list annexed to Council Decision 70/542/EEC, in accordance with veterinary condtions at least as strict as the relevant requirements of Directive 72/462/EEC, including any subsidiary decisions;

   (Delite unwanted reference)

   (b) they have been examined this day and show no clinical signs of disease;

   (c) — they have not been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease,

   or

   — they have been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease, using and officially approved and tested vaccine, not later than ..... ;

   (Complete or delete as applicable)

   (d) they come from herds which are not restricted under the Bulgarian tuberculosis eradication legislation,

   — they have been subjected within the past 30 days and with negative result to an intradermal tuberculin test;

   (Delete reference to test if certificate applies to animals under six weeks old)

   (e) they come from herds which are not restricted under the Bulgarian brucellosis eradication legislation,

   — they have been subjected within the past 30 days to a serum agglutination test which showed a brucella count of less than 30 international units of agglutination per ml,

   — they have not been vaccinated against brucellosis;

   (Delete reference to test if certificate applies to animals under 12 months old or to male castrates of any age)

   (f) — they come from herds declared by the veterinary authorities of Bulgaria to be enzootic bovine leukosis free as defined in Annex E to Decision 92/325/EEC and have been subjected, within the past 30 days and with negative result, to an individual test for enzootic bovine leukosis,

   or

   — they are intended for meat production, are not more than 30 months of age, come from herds which are included in a national programme for the eradication of enzootic bovine leukosis and in which there has been no evidence whatever of that disease during the past two years and are marked in the manner defined in Annex F to Decision 92/325/EEC;

   (Delete according to the category of animal to which this certificate applies)

   (g) they show no clinical sign of mastitis and the analysis (and second analysis, where relevant) of the milk carried out according to Annex D to Council Directive 64/432/EEC within the past 30 days showed no characteristic inflammatory condition, no specific pathogenic micro-organism or, in the case of a second analysis, the presence of an antibiotic;

   (Delete section unless certificate applies to dairy cows)

   (h) they are not animals which are to be destroyed under a national contagious or infectious disease eradication programme;

   (i) they have remained during the past 30 days, or since birth if less than 30 days old, on a holding or holdings situated in the centre of a circle 20 km in diameter in which, according to official findings by the veterinary authorities of Bulgaria, during the past 30 days there has been no case of foot-and-mouth disease;

   (j) they come from holdings on which there has been no evidence of:

   — anthrax for the past 30 days,

   — brucellosis for the past 12 months,

— tuberculosis for the past six months,

— rabies for the part six months;

(k) they have been subjected with negative result to the following test(s) and conform to the following guarantees, as required by a Member State in application of Article 2 of Decision 92/325/EEC

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(Complete or delete as required by importing Member State)

(l) they have been continuously isolated under conditions approved by an offical veterinarian from all cloven-hoofed animals not intended for export to the Community or not of equivalent health status to such animals since the time of application of the first of the tests referred to in this certificate;

(Delete if not applicable)

(m) they have received no anabolic substances for fattening purposes;

(n) they have been obtained directly from a holding or holdings without passing through any market,

and were loaded at .....

(Name of loading place. Delete if not applicable)

and until dispatched onto the territory of the European Community they did not come into contact with any cloven-hoofed animals other than bovine or porcine animals meeting the requirements of Decision 92/325/EEC and were not at any place other than a place situated at the centre of a circle 20 km in diameter in which, according to official findings by the veterinary authorities of Bulgaria, there had been no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease during the previous 30 days;

(o) any transport vehicles or containers in which they were loaded conform to international standards for the transport of live animals, were previously cleansed and disinfected with an officially authorized disinfectant and so constructed that faeces, urine, litter or fodder could not flow or fall out of the vehicle during transportation.

VI. **Additional health requirements:**

(Delete unless required by importing Member State in application of Article 3 (1) of Decision 92/325/EEC)

The animals described in this certificate:

(a) have not been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease;

(b) have reacted negatively to a foot-and-mouth virus test carried out by the laryngo-pharyngeal scrape method (probang test);

(c) have reacted negatively to a serological test carried out to detect the presence of foot-and-mouth antibodies;

(d) have been isolated for at least 14 days immediately prior to loading for export at a quarantine station in Bulgaria under the surveillance of an official veterinarian, no animal on the premises of isolation having been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease during the 21 days preceding exportation and no animal other than those forming part of the consignment having been introduced to the premises of isolation during the same period.

VII. All tests referred to in this certificate have, except where otherwise indicated, been carried out according to the Protocols set out in Annex I to Decision 91/189/EEC. All loading places through which the animals have passed conform to the standards set out in Annex II to the same Decision.

VIII. This certificate is valid for 10 days from the date of loading.

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

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(Signature of official veterinarian, who must be a veterinarian in the whole-time employment of the State of Bulgaria whose name and relevant details are currently included in the list, submitted to the European Commission by the national veterinary authority of Bulgaria, of veterinarians authorized to certify live animals for export to the European Community)

(Seal)

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(Name in capital letters, qualifications and title)

ANNEX B

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for domestic bovine animals for immediate slaughter intended for consignment to the European Economic Community

(This certificate must accompany the consignment. It covers only animals transported in the same railway wagon, lorry, aircraft or ship, consigned to the same destination and intended to be taken immediately on arrival in the Member State of destination direct to a slaughterhouse and to be slaughtered not later than three working days after their entry in accordance with Article 13 of Directive 72/462/EEC. It must be completed on the date of loading and all time limits referred to expire on that date)

No: .....

Exporting country: **Bulgaria**

Ministry: .....

Competent issuing authority: .....

Country of destination: .....

Reference: .....

(Optional)

Reference to accompanying animal welfare certificate: .....

I. **Number of animals:** .....

(In words)

II. **Identification of animals:**

Number of animals	Cow, bull, ox, heifer, calf	Breed	Age	Official and other marks or brands (give number and position)

III. **Origin of animals:**

Name(s) and address(es) of farm(s) of origin: .....

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IV. **Destination of animals:**

The animals will be sent

from: .....

(Place of loading)

to: .....

(Place of destination)

by railway wagon/lorry/aircraft/ship: .....

(Indicate means of transport and registration marks, flight number or registered name, as appropriate)

Name and address of consignor: .....

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Name and address of consignee: .....

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V. **Health information:**

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify:

1. that Bulgaria has during the past 24 months been free from foot-and-mouth disease and during the past 12 months been free from rinderpest, contagious bovine pleuro-pneumonia, vesicular stomatitis and bluetongue, that no vaccinations have been carried out against any of these diseases, other than food-and-mouth disease, during the past 12 months, that vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease has been prohibited since 28 August 1991 and that the importation of animals vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease since that date is prohibited;

2. that the animals described in this certificate meet the following requirements:

   (a) — they were born on the territory of Bulgaria and have remained there since birth,

   or

   — the were imported, not less than three months ago, from a Member State of the European Community or from a third country included in the list annexed to Decision 79/452/EEC, in accordance with veterinary conditions at least as strict as the relevant requirements of Directive 72/462/EEC, including any subsidiary decisions;

   (Delete unwanted reference)

   (b) they have been examined this day and show no clinical signs of disease;

   (c) — they have not been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease,

   or

   — they have been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease, using an officially approved and tested vaccine, not later than ..... ;

   (Complete or delete as applicable)

   (d) they come from herds which are not restricted under the Bulgarian tuberculosis eradication legislation,

   — they have been subjected within the past 30 days and with negative result to an intradermal tuberculin test;

   (Delete reference to the test if certificate applies to animals under six weeks old)

   (e) they come from herds which are not restricted under the Bulgarian brucellosis eradication legislation,

   — they have not been vaccinated against brucellosis;

   (f) they come from herds included in a national programme for the eradication of enzootic bovine leukosis;

   (g) they are not animals which are to be destroyed under a national contagious or infectious disease eradication programme;

   (h) they have remained during the past 30 days, or since birth if less than 30 days old, on a holding or holdings situated in the centre of a circle 20 km in diameter in which, according to official findings by the veterinary authorities of Bulgaria, during the past 30 days there has been no case of foor-and-mouth disease;

   (i) they come from holdings on which there has been no evidence of anthrax for the past 30 days;

   (j) the have been subjected with negative result to the following test(s) and conform to the following guarantees, as required by a Member State in application of Article 2 of Decision 92/325/EEC

   ..... ;

   (Complete or delete as required by importing Member State)

   (k) they have been continuously isolated under conditions approved by an official veterinarian from all cloven-hoofed animals not intended for export to the Community or not of equivalent health status to such animals since the time of application of the first of the tests referred to in this certificate;

   (Delete if not applicable)

   (l) they have received no anabolic substances for fattening purposes;

   (m) they have been obtained directly from a holding or holdings without passing through any market,

   and were loaded at .....

   (Name and loading place. Delete if not applicable)

and until dispatched onto the territory of the European Community they did not come into contact with any cloven-hoofed animals other than bovine or porcine animals meeting the requirements of Decision 92/325/EEC and were not at any place other than a place situated at the centre of a circle 20 km in diameter in which, according to official findings by the veterinary authorities of Bulgaria, there had been no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease during the previous 30 days;

(n) any transport vehicles or containers in which they were loaded conform to international standards for the transport of live animals, were previously cleansed and disinfected with an officially authorized disinfectant and so constructed that feaces, urine, litter or fodder could not flow or fall out of the vehicle during transportation.

VI. **Additional health requirements:**

(Delete unless required by importing Member State in application of Article 3 (1) of Decision 92/325/EEC)

The animals described in this certificate:

(a) have not been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease;

(b) have reacted negatively to a foot-and-mouth virus test carried out by the laryngo-pharyngeal scrape method (probang test);

(c) have reacted negatively to a serological test carried out to detect the presence of foot-and-mouth antibodies;

(d) have been isolated for at least 14 days immediately prior to loading for export at a quarantine station in Bulgaria under the surveillance of an official veterinarian, no animal on the premises of isolation having been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease during the 21 days preceding exportation and no animal other than those forming part of the consignment having been introduced to the premises of isolation during the same period.

VII. All test referred to in this certificate have been carried out according to the Protocols set out in Annex I to Decision 91/189/EEC. All loading places through which the animals have passed conform to the standards set out in Annex II to the same Decision.

VIII. This certificate is valid for 10 days from the date of loading.

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

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(Signature of official veterinarian, who must be a veterinarian in the whole-time employment of the State of Bulgaria whose name and relevant details are currently included in the list, submitted to the European Commission by the national veterinary authority of Bulgaria, of veterinarians authorized to certify live animals for export of the European Community)

(Seal)

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(Name in capital letters, qualifications and title)

ANNEX C

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for domestic animals of the porcine species for breeding and production intended for consignment to the European Economic Community

(This certificate must accompany the consignment. It covers only animals in the same category (breeding/production) transported in the same railway wagon, lorry, aircraft or ship and consigned to the same destination. It must be completed on the date of loading and all time limits referred to expire on that date)

No: .....

Exporting country: **Bulgaria**

Ministry: .....

Competent issuing authority: .....

Country of destination: .....

Reference: .....

(Optional)

Reference to accompanying animal welfare certificate: .....

I. **Number of animals:** .....

(In words)

II. **Identification of animals:**

Number of animals	Sex	Breed	Age	Official and other marks or brands (give number and position)

III. **Origin of animals:**

Name(s) and address(es) of farm(s) of origin: .....

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IV. **Destination of animals:**

The animals will be sent

from: .....

(Place of loading)

to: .....

(Place of destination)

by railway wagon/lorry/aircraft/ship .....

(Indicate means of transport and registration marks, flight number or registered name, as appropriate)

Name and address of consignor: .....

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Name and address of consignee: .....

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V. **Health information:**

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify:

1. that Bulgaria has during the past 24 months been free from foot-and-mouth disease and during the past 12 months been free from vesicular stomatitis, classical swine fever, African swine fever, porcine enteroviral encephalomyelitis (Teschen disease), swine vesicular disease and vesicular exanthema, that no vaccinations have been carried out against any of these diseases, other than foot-and-mouth disease, during the past 12 months, that vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease has been prohibited since 29 August 1991, that the importation of animals vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease since that date is prohibited, that vaccination against classical swine fever has been prohibited for at least 12 months and that the importation of animals vaccinated against classical swine fever is prohibited;

2. that the animals described in this certificate meet the following requirements:

   (a). — they were born on the territory of Bulgaria and have remained there since birth,

   or

   — they were imported, not less than six months ago, from a Member State of the European Community or from a third country included in the list annexed to Decision 79/542/EEC, in accordance with veterinary conditions at least as strict as the relevant requirements of Directive 72/462/EEC, including any subsidiary decisions;

   (Delete unwanted reference)

   (b) they have been examined this day and show no clinical signs of disease;

   (c) they have not been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease or against classical swine fever,

   — they have been subjected within the past 30 days and with negative result in both cases to a test for classical swine fever antibodies and a test for swine vesicular disease antibodies;

   (d) they come from swine herds which are not restricted under the Bulgarian brucellosis eradication legislation,

   — they have been subjected within the past 30 days to a serum agglutination test which showed a brucella count of less than 30 international units of agglutination and with negative result to a complement-fixation test for brucellosis;

   (Delete reference to tests if certificate applies to animals under four months of age)

   (e) they are not animals which are to be destroyed under a national contagious or infectious disease eradication programme;

   (f) they have remained during the past 30 days, or since birth if less than 30 days old, on a holding or holdings situated in the centre of a circle 20 km in diameter in which, according to official findings by the veterinary authorities of Bulgaria, during the past 30 days there has been no case of foot-and-mouth disease, classical swine fever, African swine fever or swine vesicular disease;

   (g) they come from holdings on which there has been no evidence of:

   — anthrax for the past 30 days,

   — rabies for the past 6 months;

   (h) they have been subjected, with negative result, to the following test(s) and conform to the following guarantees, as required by a Member State in application of Article 2 of Decision 92/325/EEC:

   .....;

   (Complete or delete as required by importing Member State)

   (i) they have been continuously isolated under conditions approved by an official veterinarian from all cloven-hoofed animals not intended for export to the Community or not of equivalent health status to such animals since the time of application of the first of the tests referred to in this certificate;

   (Delete if not applicable)

   (j) they have received no anabolic substances for fattening purposes;

   (k) they have been obtained directly from a holding or holdings without passing through any market,

   and were loaded at .....

   (Name of loading place. Delete if not applicable)

and until dispatched onto the territory of the European Community they did not come into contact with any cloven-hoofed animals other than bovine or porcine animals meeting the requirements of Decision 92/325/EEC and were not at any place other than a place situated at the centre of a circle 20 km in diameter in which, according to official findings by the veterinary authorities of Bulgaria, there had been no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease, classical swine fever, African swine fever or swine vesicular disease during the previous 30 days;

(l) any transport vehicles or containers in which they were loaded conform to international standards for the transport of live animals, were previously cleansed and disinfected with an officially authorized disinfectant and so constructed that feaces, urine, litter or fodder could not flow or fall out of the vehicle during transportation.

VI. **Additional health requirements:**

(Delete unless required by importing Member State in application of Article 3 (1) of Decision 92/325/EEC)

The animals described in this certificate:

(a) have not been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease;

(b) have reacted negatively to a serological test carried out to detect the presence of foot-and-mouth antibodies;

(c) have been isolated for at least 14 days immediately prior to loading for export at a quarantine station in Bulgaria under the surveillance of an official veterinarian, no animal on the premises of isolation having been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease during the 21 days preceding exportation and no animal other than those forming part of the consignment having been introduced to the premises of isolation during the same period.

VII. All tests referred to in this certificate have been carried out according to the Protocols set out in Annex I to Decision 91/189/EEC. All loading places through which the animals have passed conform to the standards set out in Annex II to the same Decision.

VIII. This certificate is valid for 10 days from the date of loading.

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

.....

(Signature of official veterinarian, who must be a veterinarian in the whole-time employment of the State of Bulgaria whose name and relevant details are currently included in the list, submitted to the European Commission by the national veterinary authority of Bulgaria, of veterinarians authorized to certify live animals for export to the European Community)

(Seal)

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(Name in capital letters, qualification and title)

ANNEX D

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for domestic animals of the porcine species for immediate slaughter intended for consignment to the European Economic Community

(This certificate must accompany the consignment. It covers only animals transported in the same railway wagon, lorry, aircraft or ship, consigned to the same destination and intended to be taken immediately on arrival in the Member State of destination direct to a slaughterhouse and to be slaughtered not later than three working days after their entry in accordance with Article 13 of Directive 72/462/EEC. It must be completed on the date of loading and all time limits referred to expire on that date)

No: .....

Exporting country: **Bulgaria**

Ministry: .....

Competent issuing authority: .....

Country of destination: .....

Reference: .....

(Optional)

Reference to accompanying animal welfare certificate: .....

I. **Number of animals:** .....

(In words)

II. **Identification of animals:**

Number of animals	Pigs or piglets	Official and other marks or brands (give number and position)

III. **Origin of animals:**

Name(s) and address(es) of farm(s) of origin: .....

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IV. **Destination of animals:**

The animals will be sent

from: .....

(Place of loading)

to: .....

(Place of destination)

by railway wagon/lorry/aircraft/ship .....

(Indicate means of transport and registration marks, flight number or registered name, as approprite)

Name and address of consignor: .....

.....

Name und address of consignee: .....

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V. **Health information:**

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify:

1. that Bulgaria has during the past 24 months been free from foot-and-mouth disease and during the past 12 months been free from vesicular stomatitis, classical swine fever, Afican swine fever, porcine enteroviral encephalomyelitis (Teschen disease), swine vesicular disease and vesicular exanthema, that no vaccinations have been carried out against any of these diseases, other than foot-and-mouth disease, during the past 12 months, that vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease has been prohibited since 29 August 1991, that the importation of animals vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease since that date is prohibited, that vaccination against classical swine fever has been prohibited for at least 12 months and that the importation of animals vaccinated against classical swine fever is prohibited;

2. that the animals described in this certificate meet the following requirements:

   (a) — they were born on the territory of Bulgaria and have remained there since birth,

   or

   — they were imported, not less than three months ago, from a Member State of the European Community or from a third country included in the list annexed to Decision 79/542/EEC, in accordance with veterinary conditions at least as strict as the relevant requirements of Directive 72/462/EEC, including any subsidiary decisions;

   (Delete unwanted reference)

   (b) they have been examined this day and show no clinical signs of disease;

   (c) they have not been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease or against classical swine fever;

   (d) they are not animals which are to be destroyed under a national contagious or infectious disease eradication programme;

   (e) they have remained during the past 30 days, or since birth if less than 30 days old, on a holding or holdings situated in the centre of a circle 20 km in diameter in which, according to official findings by the veterinary authorities of Bulgaria, during the past 30 days there has been no case of foot-and-mouth disease, classical swine fever, African swine fever or swine vesicular disease;

   (f) they come from holdings on which there has been no evidence of anthrax for the past 30 days;

   (g) they have been subjected with negative result to the following test(s) and conform to the following guarantees, as required by a Member State in application of Article 2 of Decision 92/325/EEC

   .....

   (Complete or delete as required by importing Member State)

   (h) they have been continuously isolated under conditions approved by an official veterinarian from all cloven-hoofed animals not intended for export to the Community or not of equivalent health status to such animals from the time of application of the first of the tests referred to in this certificate;

   (Delete if not applicable)

   (i) they have received no anabolic substances for fattening purposes;

   (j) they have been obtained directly from a holdings or holdings without passing through any market,

   and were loaded at .....

   (Name of loading place. Delete if not applicable)

   and until dispatched onto the territory of the European Community they did not come into contact with any cloven-hoofed animals other than bovine or porcine animals other than bovine or porcine animals meeting the requirements of Decision 92/325/EEC and were not at any place other than a place situated at the centre of a circle 20 km in diameter in which, according to official findings by the veterinary authorities of Bulgaria, there had been no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease, classical swine fever, African swine fever or swine vesicular disease during the previous 30 days;

   (k) any transport vehicles or containers in which they were loaded conform to international standards for the transport of live animals, were previously cleansed and disinfected with an officially authorized disinfectant and so constructed that faeces, urine, litter or fodder could not flow or fall out of the vehicle during tansportation.

VI. **Additional health information:**

(Delete unless required by importing Member State in application of Article 3 (1) of Decision 92/325/EEC)

The animals described in this certificate:

(a) have not been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease;

(b) have reacted negatively to a serological test carried out to detect the presence of foot-and-mouth antibodies;

(c) have been isolated for at least 14 days immediately prior to loading for export at a quarantine station in Bulgaria under the surveillance of an official veterinarian, no animal on the premises of isolation having been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease during the 21 days preceding exportation and no animal other than those forming part of the consignment having been introduced to the premises of isolation during the same period.

VII. All tests referred to in this certificate have been carried out according to the Protocols set out in Annex I to Decision 91/189/EEC. All loading places though which the animals have passed conform to the standards set out in Annex II to the same Decision.

VIII. This certificate is valid for 10 days from the date of loading.

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

.....

(Signature of official veterinarian, who must be a veterinarian in the whole-time employment of the State of Bulgaria whose name and relevant details are currently included in the list, submitted to the European Commission by the national veterinary authority of Bulgaria, of veterinarians authorized to certify live animals for export to the European Community)

(Seal)

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(Name in capital letters, qualifications and title)

ANNEX E

ENZOOTIC BOVINE LEUKOSIS-FREE HERDS AND REGIONS

1. A herd becomes established as enzootic bovine leukosis-free when:

   (a) (i) there has been no evidence whatever of enzootic bovine leukosis in the herd for a period of at least two years;

   and

   (ii) it has been subjected with negative result to two herd tests for enzootic bovine leukosis at an interval of not less than four and not more than 12 months, each herd test consisting of one of the serological tests described in Annex I to Decision 91/189/EEC applied to all bovine animals in the herd over 24 months of age on the date of the test;

   or

   (b) the region in which it is situated becomes established as an enzootic bovine leukosis-free region, provided the status of the herd is not at the time suspended under the terms of paragraph 5.

2. A region becomes established as enzootic bovine leukosis-free when:

   (a) at least 99,8 % of bovine herds have the status of enzootic bovine leukosis-free;

   or

   (b) (i) there has been no evidence whatever of enzootic bovine leukosis in the region for a period of at least three years;

   and

   (ii) all bovine herds in the region have been subjected to at least one herd test as described in paragraph 1;

   and

   (iii) at least 10 % of bovine herds in the region, selected on a random basis, have been subjected with negative result to at least two herd tests as described in paragraph 1.

3. A herd maintains its status as enzootic bovine leukosis-free as long as:

   (a) there is no evidence whatever of enzootic bovine leukosis in the herd;

   and

   (b) all the bovine animals in the herd were born there or were introduced from herds of enzootic bovine leukosis-free status;

   and

   (c) within three years of the date of its establishment as enzootic bovine leukosis-free, and at intervals of not more than three years thereafter, it is subjected with negative result to a herd test as described in paragraph 1.

4. A region maintains its status as enzootic bovine leukosis-free as long as:

   (a) each year, a proportion of the herds in the region, selected on a random basis and sufficient in number to demonstrate, with a 99 % confidence rating, that not more than 0,2 % of herds are infected with enzootic bovine leukosis, have been subjected to a herd test as described in paragraph 1;

   or

   (b) each year, a proportion of the herds in the region, sufficient to contain at least 20 % of the bovine animals in the region over 24 months of age, have been subjected with negative result to a herd test as described in paragraph 1.

5. The enzootic bovine leukosis free status of a herd is suspended when:

   (a) the conditions described in paragraph 3 cease to apply;

   or

   (b) one or more animals give a positive result to one of the serological tests described in Annex I to Decision 91/189/EEC.

6. The enzootic bovine leukosis-free status of a region is suspended when:

   (a) the conditions described in paragraph 4 cease to apply;

   or

   (b) enzootic bovine leukosis is detected and confirmed in more than 0,2 % of bovine herds in the region.

7. The enzootic bovine leukosis-free status of a herd is re-established when:

   (a) any reactor animal and, if the reactor is a cow, its progeny in the herd have been removed under the supervision of the veterinary authorities for slaughter, except that the competent authority may grant a derogation from the requirement for the removal of the progeny of a reactor cow if it is satisfied that the animal(s) was/were separated from its/their dam immediately after birth;

   and

   (b) (i) if the suspension results from a positive test on a single animal, the herd has been subjected with negative result and not less than three months after the withdrawal referred to in paragraph 7 (a) to a herd test as described in paragraph 1;

   or

   (ii) if the suspension results from a positive test on more than one animal, the herd has been subjected to two herd tests as described in paragraph 1, the first being applied not less than three months after the withdrawl referred to in paragraph 7 (a) and the second not less than four or more than 12 months later, the tests to include any progeny of a reactor cow retained in the herd under the derogation referred to in paragraph 7 (a), regardless of their age at the time of test;

   and

   (c) an epizootological enquiry has been conducted on all herds epizootologically linked to the infected herd.

8. The enzootic bovine leukosis-free status of a region is re-established when:

   (a) at least 99,8 % of bovine herds in the region have the status of enzootic bovine leukosis-free;

   and

   (b) at least 20 % of bovine herds in the region have been subjected with negative result to two herd tests as described in paragraph 1, at an interval of not less than four and not more than 12 months.

ANNEX F

Mark to be applied to bovine animals in application of Article 1 (4) (b) of Commission Decision 92/325/EEC

A permanent mark, having the dimensions indicated below, applied to and visible on at least two places on the hind-quarters of each animal using the technique known as 'freeze-branding'.

