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# COMMISSION

## COMMISSION DECISION

**of 3 March 1997**

**amending Decision 93/198/EEC laying down a model for the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for the importation of domestic ovine and caprine animals from third countries**

**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(97/231/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine, ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat or meat products from third countries [1], as last amended by Directive 96/91/EC [2], and in particular Articles 8 and 11 thereof,

Whereas Council Directive 91/68/EEC [3], as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, lays down animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in ovine and caprine animals;

Whereas Commission Decision 93/198/EEC [4], as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, lays down the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of domestic ovine and caprine animals;

Whereas it is necessary to extend the scope of this Decision in order to establish animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of sheep and goats for breeding and fattening purposes from third countries;

Whereas Commission Decision 97/232/EC [5] establishes lists of third countries from which imports of sheep for slaughter, fattening or breeding may be authorized;

Whereas ovine and caprine animals to be imported must satisfy certain requirements regarding freedom from brucellosis;

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*

Decision 93/198/EEC is amended as follows:

1. the text of Article 1 is replaced by the following:

'Member States shall authorize the import of domestic animals of the ovine and caprine species which meet the requirements of the animal health certificate set out in Parts 1a and 1b of Annex I in respect of slaughter animals. This certificate must accompany consignments of ovine and caprine animals from those third countries or parts of third countries appearing in Parts 1 and 2 of the Annex to Commission Decision 97/232/EC (*).

(*) OJ No L 93, 8. 4. 1997, p. 43.';

(1) OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.
(2) OJ No L 13, 16. 1. 1997, p. 26.
(3) OJ No L 46, 19. 2. 1991, p. 19.
(4) OJ No L 86, 6. 4. 1993, p. 34.

(5) See page 43 of this Official Journal.

2. the text of Article 2 is replaced by the following:

'1. Member States shall authorize the import of domestic animals of the ovine and caprine species which meet the requirements of the animal health certificate set out in Annex II, Part 1a in respect of fattening animals. This certificate must accompany consignments of ovine and caprine animals for fattening from those third countries or parts of third countries appearing in the Annex, Part 3, to Decision 97/232/EC.

2. Member States shall authorize the import of domestic animals of the ovine and caprine species which meet the requirements of the animal health certificate set out in Annex II, Part 1b in respect of breeding animals. This certificate must accompany consignments of ovine and caprine animals for breeding from those third countires or parts of third countries appearing in the Annex, Part 4, to Decision 97/232/EC.

3. Furthermore Member States shall authorize the import of domestic animals of the ovine and caprine species intended for fattening or breeding only if they satisfy the requirements of Annex II, Part 1c, Chapter 1, if destined for officially brucellosis-free flocks, or Annex II, Part 1c, Chapter 2, if destined for brucellosis-free flocks or come from a third country listed in the Annex, Part 5, to Decision 97/232/EC.';

3. the Annex is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall apply with effect from 1 March 1997.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 3 March 1997.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

*ANNEX*

*'ANNEX I*

PART 1a

## ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

**for domestic ovine and caprine animals for immediate slaughter intended for consignment to the European Community**

*Note for the importer:* This certificate is only for veterinary purposes and the original must accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection post. 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 five working days after their entry in accordance with Article 13 of Council 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: .....

Ministry: .....

Competent issuing authority: .....

Country of destination: .....

I. **Number of animals:** .....
(*in words*)

II. **Identification of animals:** .....

The animals to be exported must bear an individual number which permits tracing of their premises of origin and an indelible red mark on their heads identifying them as animals for slaughter.

| Number of animals | Official identification number | Species (ovine/caprine) | Breed | Age | Sex |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | |

III. **Origin of animals**

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

.....

.....

IV. **Destination of animals**

The animals will be sent from:

.....
(place of loading)

to: .....
(country and 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: .....

.....

.....

Name and address of consignee: .....

.....

V. **Health information**

I, the undersigned, being an official veterinarian of: .....
(exporting country)

do hereby certify that:

1. ....., ..... (1),
(exporting country) (region)

has been free from foot-and-mouth disease for the two years immediately prior to export, has not practised vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease during the 12 months immediately prior to export, does not permit animals into its territory vaccinated less than one year previously and the animals to be exported have not been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease.

2. ....., ..... (1),
(exporting country) (region)

has been free from the following diseases:

— for 12 months immediately prior to export from rinderpest, bluetongue, contagious caprine pleuro-pneumonia, *peste des petits ruminants*, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, sheep pox, goat pox, Rift Valley fever and during this time vaccination against any of these diseases has not been carried out,

— for six months immediately prior to export from vesicular stomatitis.

3. The animals to be exported:

(a) were born on the territory of

....., ..... (1),
(exporting country) (region)

and have remained there since birth if less than three months old

or

have remained continuously on the territory of

....., ..... (1),
(exporting country) (region)

for at least three months prior to the day of loading

or

were imported into ....., ..... (1),
(exporting country) (region)

(1) Only to be completed if the authorization to export to the Community is restricted to certain regions of the third country concerned.

not less than three months ago from a Member State of the European Community or from a third country included in Part 1 of the Annex to Council 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) have remained for the last 30 days or since birth, if less than 30 days old, on a holding in the centre of an area of 20 km in diameter in which, according to official findings, there has been no occurrence of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, bluetongue, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, *peste des petits ruminants*, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, sheep pox, goat pox, Rift Valley fever or vesicular stomatitis during the last 30 days;

(c) come from a holding which has been free from any official prohibition on health grounds:

— for the last 42 days in the case of brucellosis,

— for the last 30 days in the case of rabies,

— for the last 15 days in the case of anthrax,

and have not been in contact with animals from holdings which do not satisfy these conditions;

(d) were examined by an official veterinarian of .....
(name of exporting country)

within 24 hours of loading and showed no clinical sign of disease;

(e) are not animals to be destroyed under a national programme for the eradication of disease;

(f) have not received thyrostatic, oestrogenic, androgenic or gestagenic substances for fattening purposes;

(g) were obtained:

— from a holding

or

— from .....
(name of market)

a market which if officially authorized, under conditions at least as severe as those of Annex II to Commission Decision 91/189/EEC, for the export of bovine animals for immediate slaughter to the European Community,

and were assembled at

.....
(name of assembly point)

and until dispatched onto the territory of the European Community they did not come into contact with any cloven-hoofed animals other than those meeting the requirements of this certificate and were not at any place other than a place situated at the centre of an area of 20 km diameter in which, according to official findings by the veterinary authorities of

.....,
(name of exporting country)

there had been no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, blue tongue, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, *peste des petits ruminants*, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, sheep pox, goat pox, Rift Valley fever or vesicular stomatitis during the previous 30 days;

(delete reference to holding, market or assembly point as appropriate)

(h) any transport vehicles or containers in which they were loaded 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. Protocols for the approval of any markets through which the animals to which this certificate applies may have passed were in accordance with Annex II to Decision 91/189/EEC.

VII. The certificate is valid for 10 days from the date of loading.

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

Stamp (1)

.....
(signature of official veterinarian) (1)

.....
(name in capital letters, qualifications and title)

(1) The signature and the stamp must be in a colour different to that of the printing.

PART 1b

## ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

**for domestic ovine and caprine animals for immediate slaughter intended for consignment to the European Community**

*Note for the importer:* This certificate is only for veterinary purposes and the original must accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection post. 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 five working days after their entry in accordance with Article 13 of Council 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: .....

Ministry: .....

Competent issuing authority: .....

Country of destination: .....

I. **Number of animals:** .....
(in words)

II. **Identification of animals:** .....

The animals to be exported must bear an individual number which permits tracing of their premises of origin and an indelible red mark on their heads identifying them as animals for slaughter.

| Number of animals | Official identification number | Species (ovine/caprine) | Breed | Age | Sex |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | |

III. **Origin of animals**

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

.....

.....

IV. **Destination of animals**

The animals will be sent from:

.....
(place of loading)

to: .....
(country and 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: .....

.....

.....

Name and address of consignee: .....

.....

V. **Health information**

I, the undersigned, being an official veterinarian of: .....
(exporting country)

do hereby certify that:

1. ....., ..... (1),
(exporting country) (region)

has been free from foot-and-mouth disease for the two years immediately prior to export, has not practised vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease during the 12 months immediately prior to export, does not permit animals into its territory vaccinated less than one year previously and the animals to be exported have not been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease.

2. ....., ..... (1),
(exporting country) (region)

has been free from the following diseases:

— for 12 months immediately prior to export from rinderpest, bluetongue, contagious caprine pleuro-pneumonia, *peste des petits ruminants*, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, sheep pox, goat pox, Rift Valley fever and during this time vaccination against any of these diseases has not been carried out,

— for six months immediately prior to export from vesicular stomatitis.

3. The animals to be exported:

(a) were born on the territory of

....., ..... (1),
(exporting country) (region)

and have remained there since birth if less than three months old

or

have remained continuously on the territory of

....., ..... (1),
(exporting country) (region)

for at least three months prior to the day of loading

or

were imported into ....., ..... (1),
(exporting country) (region)

(1) Only to be completed if the authorization to export to the Community is restricted to certain regions of the third country concerned.

not less than three months ago from a Member State of the European Community or from a third country included in Part 1 of the Annex to Council 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) have remained for the last 30 days or since birth, if less than 30 days old, on a holding in the centre of an area of 20 km in diameter in which, according to official findings, there has been no occurrence of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, bluetongue, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, *peste des petits ruminants*, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, sheep pox, goat pox, Rift Valley fever or vesicular stomatitis during the last 30 days;

(c) come from a holding which has been free from any official prohibition on health grounds:

— for the last 42 days in the case of brucellosis,

— for the last 30 days in the case of rabies,

— for the last 15 days in the case of anthrax,

and have not been in contact with animals from holdings which do not satisfy these conditions;

(d) were examined by an official veterinarian of .....
(name of exporting country)

within 24 hours of loading and showed no clinical sign of disease;

(e) are not animals to be destroyed under a national programme for the eradication of disease;

(f) have not received thyrostatic, oestrogenic, androgenic or gestagenic substances for fattening purposes;

(g) were obtained directly from a holding or holdings without passing through a market and were loaded
at .....
(name of assembly point)
and until dispatched onto the territory of the European Community they did not come into contact with any cloven-hoofed animals other than those meeting the requirements of this certificate and were not at any place other than a place situated at the centre of an area of 20 km diameter in wich, according to official findings by the veterinary authorities of .....,
(Name of exporting country)

there had been no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, bluetongue, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, *peste des petits ruminants*, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, sheep pox, goat pox, Rift Valley fever or vesicular stomatitis during the previous 30 days;

(h) any transport vehicles or containers in which they were loaded 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. The certificate is valid for 10 days from the date of loading.

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

Stamp (1)

.....
(signature of official veterinarian) (1)

.....
(name in capital letters, qualifications and title)

(1) The signature and the stamp must be in a colour different to that of the printing.

*ANNEX II*

PART 1a

## ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

**for domestic ovine and caprine animals for fattening intended for consignment to the European Community**

*Note for the importer:* This certificate is only for veterinary purposes and the original must accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection post. It covers only animals 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: .....

Ministry: .....

Competent issuing authority: .....

Country of destination: .....

I. **Number of animals:** .....
(in words)

II. **Identification of animals:** .....

The animals to be exported must bear an individual number which permits tracing of their premises of origin and an indelible red mark on their heads identifying them as animals for slaughter.

| Number of animals | Official identification number | Species (ovine/caprine) | Breed | Age | Sex |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | |

III. **Origin of animals**

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

.....

.....

IV. **Destination of animals**

The animals will be sent from:

.....
(place of loading)

to: .....
(country and 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: .....

.....

.....

Name and address of consignee: .....

.....

V. **Health information**

I, the undersigned, being an official veterinarian of: .....
(exporting country)

do hereby certify that:

1. ....., ..... (1),
(exporting country) (region)

has been free from foot-and-mouth disease for the two years immediately prior to export, has not practised vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease during the 12 months immediately prior to export, does not permit animals into its territory vaccinated less than one year previously and the animals to be exported have not been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease.

2. ....., ..... (1),
(exporting country) (region)

has been free from the following diseases:

— for 12 months immediately prior to export from rinderpest, bluetongue, contagious caprine pleuro-pneumonia, *peste des petits ruminants*, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, sheep pox, goat pox, Rift Valley fever and during this time vaccination against any of these diseases has not been carried out,

— for six months immediately prior to export from vesicular stomatitis.

3. The animals described in this certificate:

(a) are marked in such a way that they can readily be traced to their holding(s) of origin;

(b) 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 7 or 8 of Council Directive 91/68/EEC (2)

.....;
(complete or delete as required by the importing Member State)

(c) 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 an area of 20 km diameter in which, according to official findings, there has been no occurrence of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, bluetongue, contagious caprine pleuro-pneumonia, *peste des petits ruminants*, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, sheep pox, goat pox, Rift Valley fever or vesicular stomatitis during the last 30 days;

(1) Only to be completed if the authorization to export to the Community is restricted to certain regions of the third country concerned.
(2) Delete as appropriate.

(d) (i) were born on the territory of .....,
(exporting country)

..... (1), and have remained there since birth
(region)

if less than six months old (2)

OR

have remained continuously on the territory of .....,
(exporting country)

..... (1), for at least six months prior to the day of
(region)

loading (2)

OR

were imported into .....,
(exporting country)

..... (1), not less than six months ago from a
(region)

Member State of the European Community, or from a third country included in Part 1 of the Annex to Council 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 (2);

(ii) have been inspected today (within 24 hours of loading) and show no clinical signs of disease;

(iii) are not animals to be destroyed under a scheme to eradicate a contagious or infectious disease;

(iv) do not come from a holding which is the subject of a prohibition on animal health grounds and have not been in contact with animals from such a holding, it being understood that:

(1) such prohibition is connected with the outbreak of one of the following diseases to which the animals are susceptible:

— brucellosis,

— rabies,

— anthrax;

(2) after destruction of the last animal suffering from or susceptible to one of the above diseases, the duration of the prohibition must be at least:

— 42 days in a case of brucellosis,

— 30 days in a case of rabies,

— 15 days in a case of anthrax;

nor have they come from a holding or been in contact with animals from a holding in an area subject to animal health restrictions;

(e) EITHER

(i) originate from a holding meeting the requirements for officially brucellosis-free holdings laid down in Annex II, Part 1c, Chapter 1 to Commission Decision 93/198/EEC on which the most recent test of all eligible animals was carried out on ..... (3)
(date)

with negative results (2);

or

satisfy the provisions of Annex II, Part 1c, Chapter 1, paragraph D to Decision 93/198/EEC, laying down the standards to be met by animals being added to a holding with officially brucellosis-free status including two serological tests performed on .....
(date of first test)

and ..... (3) with negative results (2)
(date of second test)

(1) Only to be completed if the authorization to export to the Community is restricted to certain regions of the third country concerned.

(2) Delete as appropriate.

(3) Where more than one holding of origin is involved the date of the most recent test on each holding must be clearly indicated.

OR

(ii) originate from a holding meeting the requirements for brucellosis-free holdings laid down in Annex II, Part 1c, Chapter 2 to Decision 93/198/EEC on which the most recent test of all eligible animals was carried out on ..... (2)
(date)
with negative results (1);
or
satisfy the provisions of Annex II, Part 1c, Chapter 2, paragraph D to Decision 93/198/EEC, laying down the standards to be met by animals being added to a holding with brucellosis-free status including where appropriate two serological tests performed on
..... and ..... (2)
(date of first test) (date of second test)
with negative results (1)
OR

(iii) originate from ....., ..... (1),
(country) (region)
which has been recognized as satisfying the requirements for officially brucellosis-free status and is included in the list in the Annex, Part 5 to Commission Decision 97/232/EC (1);

(f) were obtained directly from a holding or holdings without passing through a market and were loaded at

..... (1),
(name of loading place)

and until dispatched onto the territory of the European Community they did not come into contact with any cloven-hoofed animals other than those meeting the requirements of this certificate and were not at any place other than a place situated at the centre of an area of 20 km diameter in which, according to official findings by the veterinary authorities of

.....,
(name of exporting country)

there had been no incidence of foot-and-mouth-disease, rinderpest, bluetongue, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, *peste des petits ruminants*, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, sheep pox, goat pox, Rift Valley fever or vesicular stomatitis during the previous 30 days.

4. Any transport vehicles or containers in which they were loaded 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. The certificate is valid for 10 days from the date of loading.

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

Seal (3)

.....
(signature of official veterinarian) (3)

.....
(name in capital letters, qualifications and title)

(1) Delete as appropriate.
(2) Where more than one holding of origin is involved the date of the most recent test on each holding must be clearly indicated.
(3) The color of the seal and the signature must be different from the colour of the printing.

PART 1b

## ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

**for domestic ovine and caprine animals for breeding intended for consignment to the European Community**

*Note for the importer:* This certificate is only for veterinary purposes and the original must accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection post. It covers only animals 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: .....

Ministry: .....

Competent issuing authority: .....

Country of destination: .....

I. **Number of animals:** .....
(in words)

II. **Identification of animals:** .....

The animals to be exported must bear an individual number which permits tracing of their premises of origin and an indelible red mark on their heads identifying them as animals for slaughter.

| Number of animals | Official identification number | Species (ovine/caprine) | Breed | Age | Sex |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | |

III. **Origin of animals**

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

.....

.....

.....

IV. **Destination of animals**

The animals will be sent from:

.....
(place of loading)

to: .....
(country and place of destination)

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

.....
(indicate means of transport and registration marks, flight number of registered name, as appropriate)

Name and address of consignor: .....

.....

.....

Name and address of consignee: .....

.....

V. **Health information**

I, the undersigned, being an official veterinarian of: .....
(exporting country)

do hereby certify that:

1. ....., ..... (1),
(exporting country) (region)

has been free from foot-and-mouth disease for the two years immediately prior to export, has not practised vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease during the 12 months immediately prior to export, does not permit animals into its territory vaccinated less than one year previously and the animals to be exported have not been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease.

2. ....., ..... (1),
(exporting country) (region)

has been free from the following diseases:

— for 12 months immediately prior to export from rinderpest, bluetongue, contagious caprine pleuro-pneumonia, *peste des petits ruminants*, epizootic haemmorhagic disease, sheep pox, goat pox, Rift Valley fever and during this time vaccination against any of these diseases has not been carried out,

— for 6 months immediately prior to export from vesicular stomatitis.

3. The animals described in this certificate:

(a) are marked in such a way that they can readily be traced to their holding(s) of origin;

(b) 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 7 or 8 of Council Directive 91/68/EEC (2)

.....;
(complete or delete as required by the importing Member State)

(c) 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 an area of 20 km diameter in which, according to official findings, there has been no occurrence of foot and mouth disease, rinderpest, bluetongue, contagious caprine pleuro-pneumonia, peste des petits ruminants, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, sheep pox, goat pox, Rift Valley fever or vesicular stomatitis during the last 30 days

(1) Only to be completed if the authorization to export to the Community is restricted to certain regions of the third country concerned.
(2) Delete as appropriate.

(d) (i) in respect of scrapie come from a holding(s) meeting the following requirements:

— under official supervision,

— animals on the holding are marked,

— no case of scrapie has been confirmed on the holding(s) in the last two years,

— a random check by sampling at *post-mortem* examination has been made on old ewes culled from the holding(s) with negative results,

— females have only been introduced onto the holding in the last two years if they have come from holdings meeting the same requirements;

(ii) the animals described in this certificate have been on the holding(s), or holdings meeting the same requirements, for at least two years or since birth;

(e) to the knowledge of the undersigned and according to the written declaration made by the owner, they were not obtained from a holding or have been in contact with animals from a holding in which the following diseases have been clinically detected:

(i) within the last six months, contagious agalactia of sheep (*Mycoplasma agalactiae*) or contagious agalactia of goats (*Mycoplasma agalactiae, Mycoplasma capricolum, Mycoplasma mycoides* var. *mycoides* 'large colony');

(ii) within the last 12 months, paratuberculosis and caseous lymphadenitis;

(iii) within the last three years, pulmonary adenomatosis;

(iv) within the last three years, *Maedi/Visna* or caprine viral arthritis/encephalitis (2);
or

within the last 12 months, *Maedi/Visna* or caprine viral arthritis/encephalitis if all the infected animals were slaughtered and the remaining animals subsequently reacted negatively to two tests at least six months apart (2);

(f) were born on the territory of ....., (exporting country)

..... (1), and have remained there since birth if less than (region)

six months old (2),

or

have remained continuously on the territory of ....., (exporting country)

..... (1), for at least six months prior to the day of loading (2) (region)

or

were imported into ....., ..... (1), (exporting country) (region)

not less than six months ago from a Member State of the European Community, or from a third country included in Part 1 of the Annex to Council Decision 79/542/EEC, in accordance with veterinary conditions at least as strict as the relevant requirements of Council Directive 72/462/EEC, including any subsidiary decisions (2);

(g) have been inspected today (within 24 hours of loading) and show no clinical signs of disease;

(h) are not animals to be destroyed under a scheme to eradicate a contagious or infectious disease;

(i) do not come from a holding which is the subject of a prohibition on animal health grounds and have not been in contact with animals from such a holding, it being understood that:

(1) Only to be completed if the authorization to export to the Community is restricted to certain regions of the third country councerned.

(2) Delete as appropriate.

(i) such prohibition is connected with the outbreak of one of the following diseases to which the animals are susceptible:

— brucellosis,

— rabies,

— anthrax;

(ii) after destruction of the last animal suffering from or susceptible to one of the above diseases, the duration of the prohibition must be at least:

— 42 days in a case of brucellosis,

— 30 days in a case of rabies,

— 15 days in a case of anthrax,

nor have they come from a holding or been in contact with animals from a holding in an area subject to animal health restrictions;

(j) *in respect of rams intended for breeding* [2]:

— come from a holding where no case of contagious epididymitis (*B. ovis*) has been diagnosed in the last 12 months,

— have been kept continuously on that holding for 60 days prior to loading for export,

— during the 30 days prior to export have undergone, with a negative result (< 50 IU/ml), a complement fixation test to detect contagious epididymitis of rams as laid down in Annex II to Directive 91/68/EEC;

(k) either

(i) originate from a holding meeting the requirements for officially brucellosis-free holdings laid down in Annex II, Part 1c, Chapter 1 to Commission Decision 93/198/EEC on which the most recent test of all eligible animals was carried out on

..... [1] with negative results [2];
(date)

or

satisfy the provisions of Annex II, Part 1c, Chapter 1, paragraph D to Decision 93/198/EEC, laying down the standards to be met by animals being added to a holding with officially brucellosis-free status including two serological tests performed on ..... [1]
(date of first test)

and ..... [1] with negative results [2]
(date of second test)

or

(ii) originate from a holding meeting the requirements for brucellosis-free holdings laid down in Annex II, Part 1c, Chapter 2 to Decision 93/198/ECC on which the most recent test of all eligible animals was carried out on ..... [1] with negative results [2]
(date)

or

satisfy the provisions of Annex II, Part 1c, Chapter 2, paragraph D to Decision 93/198/EEC, laying down the standards to be met by animals being added to a holding with brucellosis-free status including where appropriate two serological tests performed on ..... [1]
(date of first test)

and ..... [1] with negative results [2]
(date of second test)

or

(iii) originate from ....., ..... [2],
(country) (region)

which has been recognized as satisfying the requirements for officially brucellosis-free status and is included in the list in the Annex, Part 5 to Commission Decision 97/232/EC [1]

[1] Where more than one holding of origin is involved the date of the date of the most recent test on each holding must be clearly indicated.

[2] Delete as appropriate.

(l) were obtained directly from a holding or holdings without passing through a market and were loaded at: ..... (1)

(name of loading place)

and until dispatched onto the territory of the European Community they dit not come into contact with any cloven-hoofed animals other than those meeting the requirements of this certificate and were not at any place other than a place situated at the centre of an area of 20 km diameter in which, according to official findings by the veterinary authoritity

.....,

(name of exporting country)

there had been no incidence of foot-and-mouth-disease, rinderpest, bluetongue, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia, *peste des petits ruminants*, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, sheep pox, goat pox, Rift Valley fever or vesicular stomatitis during the previous 30 days.

4. Any transport vehicles or containers in which they were loaded 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. The certificate is valid for 10 days from the date of loading.

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

Seal (2)

.....

(signature of official veterinarian) (2)

.....

(name in capital letters, qualifications and title)

(1) Delete as appropriate.
(2) The colour of the seal and the signature must be different from the colour of the printing.

PART 1c

Chapter 1

**Standards to be met by holdings wishing to be recognized as meeting equivalent requirements to those laid down for officially brucellosis *(B. melitensis)*-free ovine or caprine holdings in the European Community**

A. The holding must be one:

(a) in which all the animals which are susceptible to brucellosis *(B. melitensis)* have been free from clinical or any other signs of brucellosis *(B. melitensis)* for at least 12 months;

(b) which contains no ovine or caprine animals which have been vaccinated against brucellosis *(B. melitensis)*, save those vaccinated at least two years previously with Rev. 1 vaccine;

(c) in which two tests separated by an interval of six months or more have been carried out, with negative results, in accordance with Annex C to Council Directive 91/68/EEC, on all ovine and caprine animals on the holding over six months of age at the time of testing;

and

(d) in which, following the first test referred to in point (c), there are only ovine or caprine animals born on the holding or which have come from an officially brucellosis-free or brucellosis-free holding under the conditions laid down in point D,

and in which the requirements laid down in point B continue to be fulfilled.

B. Holdings meeting the requirements of point A must submit a representative number of the ovine and caprine animals over six months old for an annual serological test. The holding may retain its eligibility to export only if the results of the tests are negative.

The representative number of animals to be tested must, for each holding, consist of the following:

— all non-castrated male animals over six months old,

— all animals brought onto the holding since the previous test,

— 25 % of the females which have reached the age of reproduction (i.e. which are sexually mature) or are in milk, with a minimum of 50 per holding — except in holdings where there are fewer than 50 such females, in which case all females must be tested.

C. *Suspected or actual cases of brucellosis*

Where, on a holding:

(a) one or more ovine or caprine animals are suspected of having brucellosis *(B. melitensis)*,

or

(b) brucellosis *(B. melitensis)* is confirmed, no sheep or goats may be exported until such time as all animals infected or all the animals of species susceptible to infection are slaughtered and two tests, separated by an interval of at least three months or more, and carried out in accordance with Annex C to Directive 91/68/EEC, on all the animals of the holding over six months old, give negative results.

D. *Introduction of animals onto the holding*

Ovine or caprine animals may not be introduced into an ovine or caprine holding from which sheep or goats are exported to officially brucellosis-free holdings unless they either:

1) come from a holding meeting all the above requirements;

2) or:

— come from a holding meeting the requirements of Chapter 2,

and

— have never been vaccinated against brucellosis or, if they have been vaccinated, were so vaccinated more than two years previously. However, females over two years old which were vaccinated against brucellosis before the age of seven months may also be brought onto the holding,

and

— were isolated under official supervision on the holding of origin and, during such isolation underwent, with negative results, two tests separated by an interval of at least six weeks in accordance with Annex C to Directive 91/68/EEC.

Chapter 2

**Standards to be met by holdings wishing to be recognized as meeting equivalent requirements to those laid down for brucellosis *(B. melitensis)* -free ovine or caprine holdings in the European Community**

I. Any holding complying fully with the requirements to Chapter 1;

or

II. A. 1. The holding must be one in which:

(a) all the animals susceptible to brucellosis *(B. melitensis)* have been free from clinical or other signs of brucellosis for at least 12 months;

(b) where all or some of the ovine or caprine animals have been vaccinated with Rev. 1 vaccine, vaccination was done before the age of seven months;

(c) two tests separated by an interval of six months or more have been carried out, with negative results, in accordance with Annex C to Directive 91/68/EEC, on all vaccinated ovine and caprine animals on the holding which are over 18 months old at the time of testing;

(d) two tests separated by an interval of six months or more have been carried out, with negative results, in accordance with Annex C to Directive 91/68/EEC, on all non-vaccinated ovine and caprine animals on the holding which are over six months old at the time of testing;

and

(e) after the tests referred to under point (c) or (d) have been carried out, all the ovine and caprine animals on the holding were either born there or come from a holding meeting the conditions laid down in Section D;

and

2. in which the requirements laid down under B continue to be fulfilled.

B. Holdings meeting the requirements of point A must submit a representative number of the ovine and caprine animals on each holding to an annual serological test. The holding may retain its eligibility to export only if the tests are negative.

The representative number of animals to be tested must, for each holding, consist of:

— all non-castrated male animals over six months old which have not been vaccinated,

— all non-castrated male animals over 18 months old which have been vaccinated,

— all animals brought onto the holding since the previous tests,

— 25 % of females which are of reproductive age (sexually mature) or in milk, with a minimum of 50 per holding — except in holdings where there are fewer than 50 such females, in which case all these females must be tested.

C. *Suspected or actual cases of brucellosis*

1. Where on a holding one or more ovine or caprine animals are suspected of having brucellosis *(B. melitensis)*

or

2. If brucellosis *(B. melitensis)* is confirmed, no sheep or goat may be exported until such time as all the animals of the species susceptible to infection are slaughtered and two tests, separated by an interval of three months or more and carried out in accordance with Annex C to Directive 91/68/EEC, on,

— all vaccinated animals over 18 months old,

and

— all non-vaccinated animals over six months old

both giving negative results.

D. *Introduction of animals onto the holding*

The following ovine or caprine animals only may be introduced into a holding from which sheep or goats may be sent to a brucellosis *(B. melitensis)*-free ovine or caprine holding:

1. those which come from an ovine or caprine holding which meets the requirements of Chapter 1 or 2 of this Annex;

or

2. (a) those which ariginate in a holding on which all animals belonging to species which are susceptible to brucellosis *(B. melitensis)* have shown no clinical or other signs of brucellosis *(B. melitensis)* for at least 12 months;

(b) (i) — they must not have been vaccinated during the previous two years;

— they must have been kept under isolation under veterinary supervision on the holding of origin and, during that period, must have undergone, with negative results, two tests separated by an interval of at least six weeks in accordance with Annex C to Directive 91/68/EEC;

or

(ii) they must have been vaccinated with Rev. 1 vaccine before the age of seven months and not less than 15 days before entering the holding of destination.'