COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 July 1997

laying down animal health conditions and veterinary certificates for the importation of fresh poultry meat from Israel

(Text with EEA relevance)

(97/593/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/494/EEC of 26 June 1991 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in and imports from third countries of fresh poultrymeat [1], as last amended by Directive 93/121/EC [2], and in particular Article 10 (1) b, Article 11 and Article 12 thereof,

Whereas Commission Decision 94/85/EC [3], as last amended by Decision 96/2/EC [4], established a list of third countries, including Israel, from which the importation of fresh poultrymeat is authorized;

Whereas Israel is no longer free from Newcastle disease; whereas, however, Israel applies measures to control Newcastle disease which are at least equivalent to those laid down in Directive 92/66/EEC [5] as last amended by the act of Accession of Austria, Sweden and Finland;

Whereas it is appropriate on this basis to allow the importation of fresh poultrymeat from Israel; Whereas therefore the animal health conditions and the veterinary certificates must be laid down;

Whereas it is appropriate to restrict the scope of this Decision to poultry species covered by Council Directive 71/118/EEC [6], as last amended by Directive 96/23/EEC [7] and, if necessary, to lay down the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for other poultry species in a separate Decision;

Whereas this Decision applies without prejudice to measures taken for poultry meat imported for other purposes than human consumption;

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

Member States shall authorize the import of fresh poultry meat from Israel, provided that it meets the requirements of the animal health certificate set out in the Annex and that it is accompanied by such a certificate, duly completed and signed.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 29 July 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 268, 24. 9. 1991, p. 35.
[2] OJ No L 340, 31. 12. 1993, p. 39.
[3] OJ No L 44, 17. 2. 1994, p. 31.
[4] OJ No L 1, 3. 1. 1996, p. 6.
[5] OJ No L 260, 5. 9. 1992, p. 1.
[6] OJ No L 55, 8. 3. 1971, p. 23.
[7] OJ No L 125, 23. 5. 1996, p. 10.

ANNEX

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR FRESH POULTRY MEAT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION (1)

Note for the importer: This certificate is only for veterinary purposes and the original has to accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection post.

<table>
<tr><td rowspan="2">1. Consignor (name and address in full):</td><td>2. HEALTH CERTIFICATE
No ORIGINAL
2.1. No of relevant public health certificate:</td></tr>
<tr><td>3.1. Country of origin:
ISRAEL
3.2. Region of origin (2):</td></tr>
<tr><td>4. Consignee (name and address in full):</td><td>5. COMPETENT AUTHORITY:</td></tr>
<tr><td>8. Place of loading:</td><td>6. COMPETENT AUTHORITY (local level):</td></tr>
<tr><td>9.1. Means of transport (3):
9.2. Number of the seal (4):</td><td rowspan="2">7. Address of establishment(s):
7.1. Slaughterhouse:
7.2. Cutting plant (5):
7.3. Cold store (5):</td></tr>
<tr><td>10.1. Member State of destination:
10.2. Final destination:</td></tr>
<tr><td>12. Poultry species:</td><td rowspan="3">11. Approval number(s) of the establishment(s):
11.1. Slaughterhouse:
11.2. Cutting plant (5):
11.3. Cold store (5):</td></tr>
<tr><td>13. Nature of cuttings:</td></tr>
<tr><td>14. Consignment identification details:</td></tr>
<tr><td>NOTE: A separate certificate must be provided for each consignment of fresh poultrymeat</td><td>15. Quantity:
15.1. Net weight (kg):
15.2. No of packages:</td></tr>
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(1) Fresh poultry meat means any parts of domestic fowl, turkeys, guinea foul, geese and ducks, which are fit for human consumption and which have not undergone any treatment other than cold treatment to ensure its preservation; vacuum wrapped meat or meat wrapped in a controlled atmosphere must also be accompanied by a certificate according to this model.

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

(3) Indicate means of transport and registration marks or registered name, as appropriate.

(4) Optional.

(5) Delete if not applicable.

16. **Health attestation:**

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify, in accordance with the provisions of Directive 91/494/EEC:

1. that Israel, is free from avian influenza, as defined in the International Animal Health Code of O.I.E.;

2. that the meat described above is obtained from poultry which:

   (a) have been held in the territory of Israel since hatching or have been imported as day-old chicks;

   (b) come from holdings:

   — which have not been placed under animal health restrictions in connection with a poultry disease,

   — around which, within a radius of 10 km, there have been no outbreaks of avain influenza or Newcastle disease for at least 30 days;

   (c) have not been slaufhtered in the context of any animal health scheme for the control or eradication of poultry diseases;

   (d) have not been vaccinated against Newcastle disease using a live vaccine during the 30 days preceding slaughter;

   (e) during transport to the slaughterhouse did not come into contact with poultry suffering from avian influenza or Newcastle disease;

3. that the meat described above:

   (a) comes from slaughterhouses which, at the time of slaughter, are not under restrictions due to a suspect or actual outbreak of avian influenza or Newcastle disease and around which, within a radius of 10 km, there have been no outbreaks of avian influenza or Newcastle disease for at least 30 days;

   (b) has not been in contact, at any time of slaughter, cutting storage or transport with meat which does not fulfil the requirements of Directive 91/494/EEC.

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

Seal (1)

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(signature of official veterinarian) (1)

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(name in capital letters, qualifications and title)

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