COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2015/448

of 17 March 2015

establishing specific animal health rules for the introduction into the Union of certain products of animal origin from Japan destined for EXPO Milano 2015

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Directive 2002/99/EC of 16 December 2002 laying down the animal health rules governing the production, processing, distribution and introduction of products of animal origin for human consumption ([1]), and in particular the third indent of Article 8(5), Article 9(2)(b) and Article 9(4) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Italy will host the universal exhibition named 'EXPO Milano 2015' which will take place in Milan from 1 May to 31 October 2015. The central theme of this exhibition is 'Feeding the planet — Energy for life'.

(2) The authorisation to export products of animal origin to the Union is granted to third countries based on a number of requirements laid down in the Union legislation, which take into account animal and public health concerns. However, not all the products of animal origin from countries taking part in EXPO Milano 2015 are authorised to be introduced into the Union.

(3) Certain derogations to the Union import health requirements were therefore established by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/329 ([2]) in order to authorise the introduction of certain products of animal origin exclusively for the purpose of their use in EXPO Milano 2015.

(4) Japan is not listed in Annex II to Commission Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 ([3]) as a third country from which the introduction into the Union of fresh meat of domestic porcine animals is authorised.

Japan is listed in Part 2 of Annex II to Commission Decision 2007/777/EC ([4]) as a third country from which the introduction into the Union of certain meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines obtained from domestic porcine animals is authorised, provided that they have undergone the specific treatment 'B', as defined in Part 4 of that Annex.

(5) Japan has requested to be authorised to introduce into the Union, exclusively for the purpose of their use in EXPO Milano 2015, fresh meat of domestic porcine animals and certain meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines obtained from domestic porcine animals which have undergone the non-specific treatment 'A', as defined in Part 4 of Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC.

(6) It is considered that those products of animal origin offer sufficient animal health guarantees in relation to their introduction in the Exhibition site of EXPO Milano 2015 as defined by Regulation (EU) 2015/329 for the following reasons. Japan duly reports outbreaks of diseases in animals to the World Organisation for Animal Health. African swine fever has never been reported in Japan, rinderpest has not been reported in Japan since 1922, swine vesicular disease not since 1975, classical swine fever not since 1992 and foot and mouth disease not since 2010. In addition, those products comply with the public health requirements of Japan and are fit for human consumption in Japan. Furthermore, EXPO Milano 2015 is a temporary event and Regulation (EU) 2015/329 provides for strict control measures for the products of animal origin which do not completely fulfil

([1]) OJ L 18, 23.1.2003, p. 11.
([2]) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/329 of 2 March 2015 derogating from Union provisions on animal and public health as regards the introduction into the European Union of food of animal origin destined to EXPO Milano 2015 in Milan (Italy) (OJ L 58, 3.3.2015, p. 52).
([3]) Commission Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 of 12 March 2010 laying down lists of third countries, territories or parts thereof authorised for the introduction into the European Union of certain animals and fresh meat and the veterinary certification requirements (OJ L 73, 20.3.2010, p. 1).
([4]) Commission Decision 2007/777/EC of 29 November 2007 laying down the animal and public health conditions and model certificates for imports of certain meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines for human consumption from third countries and repealing Decision 2005/432/EC (OJ L 312, 30.11.2007, p. 49).

the health import requirements of the Union. That Regulation also ensures that those products are traceable in all stages of transport, storage, delivery and disposal of their remainder or waste and are to be used only for the purposes of the exhibition.

(7) It is therefore appropriate to derogate from Regulation (EU) 2015/329 with respect to the transit and storage requirements provided therein. In this context, a specific animal health import certificate model should be established for the introduction of such products. However, the other requirements set out in that Regulation should apply.

(8) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Save where otherwise provided for in this Regulation, Regulation (EU) 2015/329 and emergency measures adopted in accordance with Articles 53 or 54 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council [1] and in force during the period of application of this Regulation shall apply.

2. By way of derogation from Article 2(c)(i) and (ii) of Regulation (EU) 2015/329, the following products from Japan shall be accompanied by the veterinary certificate set out in the Annex to this Regulation:

(a) fresh meat of domestic porcine animals;

(b) meat products, treated stomachs, bladders and intestines obtained from domestic porcine animals which have undergone the non-specific treatment A as defined in Part 4 of Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC;

(c) food containing the products referred to in points (a) and (b).

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 April 2015 to 31 October 2015.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 March 2015.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNCKER

[1] Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety (OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1).

ANNEX

Model Jap POR EXPO Milano 2015

COUNTRY: **Veterinary certificate to EU**

Part I: Details of dispatched consignment

I.1. Consignor Name Address Country Phone		I.2. Certificate reference number	I.2.a. Traces reference number
		I.3. Central competent authority	
		I.4. Local competent authority	
I.5. Consignee Name Address Country Phone		I.6. Person responsible for the consignment in the EU	
I.7. Country of origin / ISO code	I.8. Region of origin / Code	I.9. Country of destination / ISO code	I.10. Region of destination / Code
I.11. Place of origin Name / Approval number Address Country		I.12. Place of destination Name / Approval number Address Postal code/Region	
I.13. Place of loading Address / Approval number		I.14. Date of departure	
I.15. Means of transport Aeroplane ☐ Ship ☐ Railway wagon ☐ Road vehicle ☐ Other ☐ Identification Document		I.16. Entry BIP in EU Name / BIP unit no	
		I.17. CITES No(s)	
I.18. Description of commodity		I.19. Commodity code (HS code)	
			I.20. Quantity
I.21. Temperature of products Ambient ☐ Chilled ☐ Frozen ☐			I.22. Total number of packages
I.23. Seal/Container No			I.24. Type of packaging
I.25. Commodities certified as: Human consumption ☐			
		I.27. For import or admission into EU ☐	
I.28. Identification of the commodity Species (scientific name) / Nature of commodity / Number of packages / Net weight			

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II. Health information	II.a. Certificate reference number	II.b.

Part II: Certification

II.1. Animal Health Attestation

I, the undersigned official veterinarian/official inspector of Japan, hereby certify, that the fresh meat and meat products, treated stomachs, bladders, intestines from fresh meat and food containing those products described in Part I

II.1.1 has/have been obtained in Japan which, at the date of issuing this certificate:

(a) has been free for 12 months from foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, African swine fever, classical swine fever, swine vesicular disease, and

(b) during the last 12 months no vaccination against these diseases have been carried out and imports of domestic animals vaccinated against these diseases are not permitted in Japan;

II.1.2 has/have been obtained from animals that:

([1]) either [have remained in Japan since birth,]

([1]) or [have remained in Japan for at least the last three months before slaughter;]

II.1.3 has/have been obtained from animals coming from holdings:

(a) in which none of the animals present therein have been vaccinated against the diseases referred to in point II.1.1,

(b) in and around which, in an area of 10 km radius, there has been no case/outbreak of the diseases referred to in point II.1.1 during the previous 40 days,

(c) that are not subject to prohibition as a result of an outbreak of porcine brucellosis during the previous six weeks;

II.1.4 has/have been obtained from animals that:

(a) have remained separate since birth from wild cloven-hoofed animals,

(b) have been transported from their holdings in vehicles, cleaned and disinfected before loading, to an approved slaughterhouse without contact with other animals which did not comply with the conditions set out in points II.1.1, II. 1.2 and II.1.3,

(c) at the slaughterhouse, have passed ante-mortem health inspection during the 24 hours before slaughter and, in particular, have shown no evidence of the diseases referred to in point II.1.1, and

(d) have been slaughtered on ..... (dd/mm/yyyy);

II.1.5 has/have been obtained in an establishment around which, within a radius of 10 km, there has been no case/outbreak of the diseases referred to in point II.1.1 during the previous 40 days;

II.1.6 has/have been obtained and prepared without contact with other meats not complying with the conditions set out in this certificate.

Notes

This certificate is meant for fresh meat and meat products, including minced meat, of domestic swine (*Sus scrofa*).

Fresh meat means all animal parts fit for human consumption whether fresh, chilled or frozen.

Part I:

— Box reference I.8: Provide the code of territory as appearing in Part 1 of Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010.

— Box reference I.11: Place of origin: name and address of the dispatch establishment.

— Box reference I.15: Registration number (railway wagons or container and lorries), flight number (aircraft) or name (ship) is to be provided. In case of unloading and reloading, the consignor must inform the BIP of entry into the Union.

— Box reference I.19: Use the appropriate HS code: 02.03, 02.06, 02.09, 05.04, 15.01, 16.01, 16.02, 19.02, or 19.05.

— Box reference I.20: Indicate total gross weight and total net weight.

— Box reference I.23: For containers or boxes, the container number and the seal number (if applicable) should be included.

— Box reference I.28: *Nature of commodity*: Indicate ‘fresh meat’, ‘meat products’, ‘treated stomachs’, ‘treated bladders’, ‘treated intestines’ or ‘food containing fresh meat, meat products, treated stomachs, bladders or intestines from fresh meat’.

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II. Health information	II.a. Certificate reference number	II.b.

Part II:

([1]) Delete as appropriate.

The colour of the signature shall be different to that of the printing. The same rule applies to the stamp other than those embossed or watermarked.

Official veterinarian or official inspector

Name (in capital letters): Qualification and title:

Date: Signature:

Stamp: