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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/539/EEC of 15 October 1990 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in, and imports from, third countries, of poultry and hatching eggs<sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Articles 23 (1), 24 and 26 (2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/496/EEC of 15 July 1991 laying down the principles governing the organization of veterinary checks on animals entering the Community and amending Directives 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC and 90/675/EEC<sup>(2)</sup>, as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

Whereas Commission Decision 95/233/EC<sup>(3)</sup> established a list of third countries from which importation of live poultry and hatching eggs is authorized in principle;

Whereas the countries or parts thereof appearing on this list have given sufficient guarantees to be considered as free from avian influenza and Newcastle disease according to Commission Decision 93/342/EEC<sup>(4)</sup> as amended by Decision 94/438/EC<sup>(5)</sup>;

Whereas the general and special animal health conditions and the veterinary certificates required for the importation of poultry or hatching eggs have to be laid down; whereas also the sampling and testing procedures have to be laid down; whereas all these requirements have to be at least equivalent to those laid down by Directive 90/539/EEC and any implementing Decision for intra-Community trade;

Whereas a list of third countries entitled to use the certificates laid down in this Decision is established by Commission Decision 96/483/EC<sup>(6)</sup>;

Whereas furthermore the conditions, and therefore the certificates, can be different for small consignments of poultry; whereas the conditions and the certificates for such small consignments should be established in a separate Decision;

Whereas therefore the general health situation of the third countries must be taken into account; whereas certain third countries appearing on the abovementioned list are only to be authorized for imports of certain categories of poultry and hatching eggs;

Whereas it is necessary, in respect of imports of ratites and hatching eggs thereof, and because of the biological differences between those birds and the other poultry species, to postpone the establishment of animal health conditions and veterinary certification until the Scientific Veterinary Committee has given an opinion as to the risks involved in such imports;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 303, 31. 10. 1990, p. 6.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 268, 24. 9. 1991, p. 56.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 156, 7. 7. 1995, p. 76.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 137, 8. 6. 1993, p. 24.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ No L 181, 15. 7. 1994, p. 35.

<sup>(6)</sup> See page 28 of this Official Journal.

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Whereas, with regard to the category of products concerned and to the need to avoid any deterioration of the health status on the territory of the Community, it is necessary to establish an isolation and observation period followed by clinical examination;

Whereas the Commission may review this Decision at any time if the animal health status of the countries concerned is changed;

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. The provisions of this Decision shall apply to imports of poultry and hatching eggs as defined in points 1 and 2 of Article 2 of Directive 90/539/EEC with the exception of ratites and hatching eggs thereof.
2. The provisions of this Decision shall not apply to imports of single consignments of fewer than 20 units of poultry or hatching eggs.
3. For the purpose of this Decision the definitions contained in Article 1 of Decision 93/342/EEC shall apply as necessary.

*Article 2***▼M2**

1. Member States shall authorise imports of:
  - (a) breeding and productive poultry, coming from third countries or parts thereof listed in column A of part I of Annex I to this Decision and conforming to the requirements laid down in the model animal health certificate set out as Model A in part II of Annex I to this Decision;
  - (b) hatching eggs, coming from third countries or parts thereof listed in column B of part I of Annex I to this Decision and conforming to the requirements laid down in the model animal health certificate set out as Model B in part II of Annex I to this Decision;
  - (c) day-old chicks, coming from third countries or parts thereof listed in column C of part I of Annex I to this Decision and conforming to the requirements laid down in the model animal health certificate set out as Model C in part II of Annex I to this Decision;
  - (d) slaughter poultry, and poultry for restocking game supplies, coming from third countries or parts thereof listed in column D of part I of Annex I to this Decision and conforming to the requirements laid down in the model animal health certificate set out as Model D in part II of Annex I to this Decision,

provided that they are accompanied by the relevant certificate, duly completed and signed.

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2. Breeding and productive poultry, hatching eggs and day-old chicks must come from establishments which have been approved by the competent authority of the third country concerned according to requirements which are at least equivalent to those laid down in Annex II to Directive 90/539/EEC, where the approval of those establishments has not been suspended or withdrawn.

*Article 3*

1. After importation, breeding or productive poultry or day-old chicks shall be kept on the holding(s) of destination either for a period of at least six weeks from the day of arrival or until the day of slaughter if they are slaughtered before the six weeks have elapsed.

After their importation as hatching eggs, the poultry hatched from those eggs shall be kept for a period of at least three weeks from the day of hatching in the holding(s) to which they have been sent after hatching.

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If the day-old chicks are not reared in the same Member State which imported the hatching eggs, they shall be directly transported to and kept on the holding of destination referred to in point 9.2 in the animal health certificated Model 2 of Annex IV of Council Directive 90/539/EEC for a period of at least three weeks from the day of hatching.

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By way of derogation from the first subparagraph the period of six weeks for keeping breeding and productive poultry including poultry intended for restocking supplies of wild game on the holding of destination can be reduced to 21 days provided testing according to the sampling and testing procedures described in Annex III has been carried out with favourable results.

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2. During the periods mentioned in paragraph 1 and during the hatching of the eggs, the imported poultry or eggs and the poultry hatched from such eggs shall be kept separately from non-imported ones. Therefore, poultry shall be kept in poultryhouses where no other flocks are present and the eggs must be hatched in separate incubators and hatchers.

By way of derogation from the first subparagraph, Member States may authorize imported poultry or eggs to be added to poultry or eggs respectively which are already present in the poultryhouse or incubator/hatcher. In that event, the periods specified in paragraph 1 start running from the introduction of the last imported bird or egg respectively.

The poultry must undergo a clinical examination by an authorized veterinarian and where necessary samples must be taken to monitor their state of health, at least at the end of the periods specified in paragraph 1.

The periods mentioned in paragraph 1 shall be extended if suspicion of avian influenza or Newcastle disease cannot be ruled out.

*Article 4*

If the poultry, the hatching eggs and day old chicks and/or their flocks of origin are to be submitted to testing according to the requirements of the certificates laid down in Annex I, the sampling for testing and the testing itself must be executed according to the protocols laid down in Annex II.

*Article 5*

This Decision shall apply from 1 October 1996.

*Article 6*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

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## ANNEX I

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## PART I

**List of third countries or parts of third countries which are authorised to use the model certificates A to D laid down in Annex I part II are marked with an X**

ISO code	Country	Parts of the territory	Model certificates to be used			
			Breeding/ productive	Hatching eggs	Day-old chicks	Slaughter/ restocking
			A	B	C	D
AU	Australia		X	X	X	X
BG	Bulgaria		X	X	X	X
BR	Brazil	The States of Mato Grosso, Paraná, Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina and São Paulo	X	X	X	X
CA	Canada		X	X	X	X
CH	Switzerland		X	X	X	X
CL	Chile		X	X	X	X
CY	Cyprus		X	X	X	X
CZ	Czech Republic		X	X	X	X
HR	Croatia		X	X	X	X
HU	Hungary		X	X	X	X
IL	Israel		X	X	X	X
NZ	New Zealand		X	X	X	X
PL	Poland		X	X	X	X
RO	Romania		X	X	X	X
SI	Slovenia		X	X	X	X
SK	Slovak Republic		X	X	X	X
US	United States of America		X	X	X	X

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## PART II

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## MODEL A

**ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE**  
**for breeding or productive poultry other than ratites**  
**intended for consignment to the European Community**

1. Consignor (name and address in full)	<b>2. HEALTH CERTIFICATE</b> No ORIGINAL
4. Consignee (name and address in full)	3.1 Country of origin: 3.2 Region of origin <sup>(1)</sup> : 5. COMPETENT AUTHORITY: 5.1 Ministry: 5.2 Service:
7. Place of loading:	6. COMPETENT AUTHORITY (LOCAL LEVEL):
8. Means of transport <sup>(2)</sup> :	10. Address of establishment(s) of origin: 10.1 Breeding <sup>(3)</sup> : 10.2 Rearing <sup>(3)</sup> :
9.1 Member State of destination: 9.2 Final destination: (name and address in full)	11. Approval number(s) of the establishment(s) of origin: 11.1 Breeding <sup>(3)</sup> : 11.2 Rearing <sup>(3)</sup> :
12. Poultry species:	15. Quantity: (in words and figures) 15.1 Number of birds: 15.2 Number of crates or cages:
13. Category: Pure line/grandparents/parents/laying pullets/others <sup>(3)</sup> :	(c) It must be completed on the day of loading and all time limits referred to relate to that date.  (d) After importation the poultry must be kept in isolation on the holding of destination for at least six weeks in accordance with the provisions of Article 3, 1 of Commission Decision 96/482/EC.
14. Consignment identification details: (including any container seal numbers)	(a) A separate certificate must be provided for each consignment of breeding or production poultry in the same category, transported in the same railway wagon, lorry, aircraft or ship and consigned to the same destination. (b) The original of the certificate must accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection post.
(1) Only to be completed if the authorization to export to the Community is restricted to certain regions of the third country concerned. (2) Indicate means of transport and registration marks or registered name, as appropriate. (3) Delete the unnecessary reference.	



16. I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify, in accordance with the provisions of Directive 90/539/EEC:

#### I. Origin of poultry

that the te poultry have remained on the territory of ..... (\*) in the region of ..... (1) for at least three months or since hatching if younger than three months. If imported into the country of origin they were imported in accordance with veterinary conditions at least as strict as the relevant requirements of Directive 90/539/EEC, including any subsidiary Decisions;

#### II. Health information

1. that ..... (\*) region ..... (1) is free from Avian influenza and Newcastle disease as defined in Decision 93/342/EEC;

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

- (a) they have been examined this day and show no clinical signs or suspicion of disease;
- (b) they have been held since hatching or for more than six weeks in the following establishment(s) officially approved in accordance with requirements which are at least equivalent to those laid down in Annex II to Directive 90/539/EEC: ..... (5)
  - (i) for which the approval is not suspended or withdrawn;
  - (ii) which is (are) not subject to any animal health restriction;
  - (iii) around which, within a radius of 25 km, there has been no outbreak of Avian influenza or Newcastle disease for at least 30 days;
- (c) they have during the period mentioned in (b) had no contact with poultry not meeting the requirements laid down in this certificate or with wild birds;
- (d) they are originating from a flock
  - (i) which has been examined this day and shows no clinical signs or suspicion of disease;
  - (ii) which has been submitted to a disease surveillance programme for (6)
    - *Salmonella pullorum*, *S. gallinarum* and *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* (fowls)
    - *Salmonella arizonae*, *S. pullorum* and *S. gallinarum*, *Mycoplasma meleagridis* and *M. gallisepticum* (turkeys)
    - *Salmonella pullorum* and *S. gallinarum* (guinea fowls, quails, pheasants, partridges and ducks)
 according to Chapter III of Annex II of Directive 30/539/EEC and was not found infected or suspected of infection by these agents;
  - (iii) — which has not been vaccinated against Newcastle disease (6)
    - which has been vaccinated against Newcastle disease using: ..... (name, type — live or inactivated — of and NDV strain used in vaccine(s)) at the age of ..... weeks (6);
  - iv) which was vaccinated, using officially approved vaccines

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#### III. Additional health information

1. that, in the event the consignment is destined for a Member State or region from which the status has been established in accordance with Article 12, 2 of Directive 90/539/EEC (?),

- (a) the poultry have not been vaccinated against Newcastle disease and

(\*) Name of the country of origin.

(1) Approval number(s) of approved establishment(s) of origin.

(5) Delete the unnecessary reference.

(?) When the consignment is not destined for such Member States or regions (currently Denmark, Ireland, Finland, Sweden and, in the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland), the guarantees given under point III.1. must be deleted.



- (b) they have been isolated for 14 days before consignment, at either the holding or a quarantine station under the supervision of the official veterinarian. In this connection, no poultry at the holding of origin or quarantine station, as applicable, may have been vaccinated against Newcastle disease during the 21 days preceding consignment and no bird which is not due for consignment may have entered the holding or quarantine station during that time; in addition no vaccinations may be carried out in the quarantine station, and
- (c) they have undergone, during the 14 days preceding consignment, serological examination on the presence of Newcastle disease antibodies with negative result.
2. that following supplementary requirements, imposed by the Member State of destination according to Articles 13 and/or 14 of Directive 90/539/EEC are met: .....
3. that, if the Member State of destination is Finland or Sweden, the breeding poultry have been tested with negative results according to the rules laid down in Commission Decision 95/160/EC <sup>(8)</sup>.
4. that, if the Member State of destination is Finland or Sweden, the laying hens (productive poultry reared with a view to producing eggs for consumption) have been tested with negative results according to the rules laid down in Commission Decision 95/161/EC <sup>(8)</sup>.

#### IV. Supplementary health information <sup>(9)</sup>

that, although the use of vaccines against Newcastle disease which do not fulfil the specific requirements of Annex B, 2 of Decision 93/342/EEC, is not prohibited in ..... <sup>(4)</sup>, the poultry

- (a) have not been vaccinated for at least 12 months with such vaccines; and
- (b) are originating from a flock which has undergone not earlier than 14 days preceding consignment on the basis of an at random sample of cloacal swabs of at least 60 birds of each flock concerned, a virus isolation test for Newcastle disease, carried out in an official laboratory, in which no avian paramyxoviruses with an Intracerebral Pathogenicity Index (I.C.P.I.) of more than 0,4 have been found; and
- (c) have not been in contact during the last 60 days before consignment with poultry which do not fulfil the guarantees mentioned respectively under (a) and (b); and
- (d) have been isolated under official surveillance on the holding of origin during the 14 days period mentioned in (b).

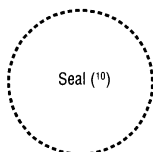
#### V. Transport information

That the poultry are transported in crates or cages:

- (a) which contain only poultry of the same species, category and type, coming from the same establishment;
- (b) which bear the approval number of the establishment of origin;
- (c) which are closed in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority in such a way as to avoid any possibility of substitution of the contents;
- (d) which are designed, as well as the vehicles in which they are transported, so as to:
- (i) preclude the loss of excrement and minimize the loss of feathers during transport;
  - (ii) allow visual inspection of the poultry;
  - (iii) allow cleansing and disinfection;
- (e) which have been, as well as the vehicles in which they are transported, cleansed and disinfected before loading in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority.

17. This certificate is valid for five days.

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



.....  
(signature of official veterinarian) <sup>(10)</sup>

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

<sup>(8)</sup> Delete if not applicable.

<sup>(9)</sup> This guarantee has only to be given for poultry originating from countries or parts thereof where the provisions of Article 4 (4) of Decision 93/342/EEC apply. For poultry originating from other countries, this chapter must be deleted.

<sup>(10)</sup> Stamp and signature in a colour different to that of the printing.





## MODEL B

## ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for hatching eggs from poultry other than ratites  
intended for consignment to the European Community

1. Consignor (name and address in full):	2. <b>HEALTH CERTIFICATE</b> No ORIGINAL
4. Consignee (name and address in full):	3.1 Country of origin: 3.2 Region of origin <sup>(1)</sup> :  5. <b>COMPETENT AUTHORITY:</b> 5.1 Ministry: 5.2 Service:
7. Place of loading:	6. <b>COMPETENT AUTHORITY (LOCAL LEVEL):</b>
8. Means of transport <sup>(2)</sup> :	10. Address of breeding establishment(s) of origin:
9.1 Member State of destination: 9.2 Final destination: (name and address of hatchery of destination in full)	
12. Poultry species:	11. Approval number(s) of the breeding establishment(s) of origin:
13. Category: Pure line/grandparents/parents/laying pullets/broilers/ others <sup>(3)</sup> :	15. Quantity: (in words and figures)
14.1 Consignment identification details (including any container seal numbers): 14.2 Egg marks:	15.1 Number of eggs: 15.2 Number of boxes:
<i>Notes:</i> (a) A separate certificate must be provided for each consignment of hatching eggs transported in the same railway wagon, lorry, aircraft or ship and consigned to the same destination. (b) The original of the certificate must accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection post.	(c) It must be completed on the day of loading and all time limits referred to relate to that date.  (d) After hatching the poultry must be kept in isolation on the holding of destination for at least three weeks in accordance with the provisions of Article 3, 1 of Commission Decision 96/482/EC.
<p><sup>(1)</sup> Only to be completed if the authorisation to export to the Community is restricted to certain regions of the third country concerned.  <sup>(2)</sup> Indicate means of transport and registration marks, or registered name, as appropriate.  <sup>(3)</sup> Delete the unnecessary reference.</p>	



16. I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify, in accordance with the provisions of Directive 90/539/EEC:

**I. Origin of hatching eggs**

that the hatching eggs come from flocks which have remained on the territory of ..... (\*) in the region of ..... (\*) for at least three months. If these flocks have been imported into the country of origin they were imported in accordance with veterinary conditions at least as strict as the relevant requirements of Directive 90/539/EEC, including any subsidiary Decisions.

**II. Health information**

1. that ..... (\*) region ..... (\*) is free from Avian influenza and Newcastle disease as defined in Decision 93/342/EEC;

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

(a) they come from flocks which:

- (i) have been examined this day and show no clinical signs or suspicion of disease;
- (ii) have been held for more than six weeks in the following establishment(s) officially approved in accordance with requirements which are at least equivalent to those laid down in Annex II to Directive 90/539/EEC: ..... (\*)
  - for which the approval is not suspended or withdrawn;
  - which is (are), at the time of consignment, not subject to any animal health restrictions;
  - around which, within a radius of 25 km, there has been no outbreak of Avian influenza or Newcastle disease for at least 30 days;
- (iii) have during the period mentioned in (ii) had no contact with poultry not meeting the requirements laid down in this certificate or with wild birds;
- (iv) have been submitted to a disease surveillance programme for (\*):
  - *Salmonella pullorum*, *S. gallinarum* and *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* (fowls)
  - *Salmonella arizonae*, *S. pullorum* and *S. gallinarum*, *Mycoplasma meleagridis* and *M. gallisepticum* (turkeys)
  - *Salmonella pullorum* and *S. gallinarum* (guinea fowls, quails, pheasants, partridges and ducks)
 according to Chapter III of Annex II of Directive 90/539/EEC and was not found infected or suspected of infection by these agents;
- (v) — have not been vaccinated against Newcastle disease (\*);
  - have been vaccinated against Newcastle disease using: ..... (name, type — live or inactivated — of and NDV strain used in vaccine(s)) at the age of ..... weeks (\*);
- (vi) have been vaccinated, using officially approved vaccines

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(b) They have been marked as indicated in point 14.2 of the certificate using ..... (colour ink)

(c) they have been disinfected in accordance with my instructions, using ..... (name of the product and active substance) for ..... (time in minutes);

3. that the eggs have been collected from ..... to ..... (dates)

**III. Additional health information**

1. that, in the event the consignment is destined for a Member State or region from which the status has been established in accordance with Article 12, 2 of Directive 90/539/EEC, the hatching eggs come from flocks which are (\*):

(a) not vaccinated against Newcastle disease (\*),

(\*) Name of the country of origin.  
 (\*) Approval number(s) of approved establishment(s) of origin.  
 (\*) Delete the unnecessary reference.  
 (\*) When the consignment is not destined for such Member States or regions (currently Denmark, Ireland, Finland, Sweden and, in the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland), the guarantees given under point III.1. must be deleted.



(b) vaccinated against this disease using an inactivated vaccine <sup>(8)</sup>,

(c) vaccinated against this disease using a live vaccine at the latest 60 days before the date mentioned under point II, 3 above <sup>(8)</sup>;

2. that following supplementary requirements, imposed by the Member State of destination according to Articles 13 and/or 14 of Directive 90/539/EEC are met: .....

#### IV. Supplementary health information <sup>(8)</sup>

that, although the use of vaccines against Newcastle Disease which do not fulfil the specific requirements of Annex B, 2 of Decision 93/342/EEC, is not prohibited in ..... <sup>(4)</sup>, the breeding poultry from which the hatching eggs are derived

(a) have not been vaccinated for at least 12 months with such vaccines, and

(b) are originating from a flock which has undergone not earlier than 14 days preceding or collecting of hatching eggs, on the basis of an at random sample of cloacal swabs of at least 60 birds of each flock concerned, a virus isolation test for Newcastle disease, carried out in an official laboratory, in which no avian paramyxoviruses with an Intracerebral Pathogenicity Index (ICPI) of more than 0,4 have been found, and

(c) have not been in contact during the last 60 days before collecting of hatching eggs, with poultry which do not fulfil the guarantees mentioned respectively under (a) and (b), and

(d) have been isolated under official surveillance on the holding of origin during the 14 days period mentioned in (b),

#### V. Transport information

1. that hatching eggs are transported in disposables boxes used for the first time:

(a) which contain only hatching eggs of the same species, category and type, coming from the same establishment;

(b) which bear the following indications:

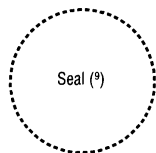
- the name of the country of consignment,
- the species of poultry concerned,
- the number of eggs,
- the category and type of production for which they are intended,
- the name, address and approval number of the production establishment,
- the approval number of the establishment of origin,
- the Member State of destination;

(c) which are closed in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority in such a way as to avoid any possibility of substitutions of the contents.

2. that the containers and vehicles in which the boxes mentioned in 1 have been cleansed and disinfected before loading in accordance the instructions of the competent authorities.

17. This certificate is valid for five days.

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



.....  
(signature of official veterinarian) <sup>(9)</sup>

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

<sup>(8)</sup> This guarantee has only to be given for poultry originating from countries or parts thereof where the provisions of Article 4 (4) of Decision 93/342/EEC apply. For poultry originating from other countries, this chapter must be deleted.

<sup>(9)</sup> Stamp and signature in a colour different to that of the printing.

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## MODEL C

## ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for day-old chicks other than from raites  
intended for consignment to the European Community

1. Consignor (name and address in full):	<b>2. HEALTH CERTIFICATE</b> No ORIGINAL
4. Consignee (name and address in full):	3.1 Country of origin: 3.2 Region of origin (!):
	5. COMPETENT AUTHORITY: 5.1 Ministry: 5.2 Service:
7. Place of loading:	6. COMPETENT AUTHORITY (LOCAL LEVEL):
8. Means of transport (?):	
9.1 Member State of destination: 9.2 Final destination: (name and address in full)	10. Address of establishment(s) of origin: (hatcheries)
12. Poultry species:	11. Approval number(s) of the establishment(s) of origin: (hatcheries)
13. Category: Pure line/grandparents/parents/laying stock/broilers/ others (?):	15. Quantity: (in words and figures) 15.1 Number of birds: 15.2 Number of boxes:
14. Consignment identification details: (including any container seal numbers)	(c) It must be completed on the day of loading and all time limits referred to relate to that date.  (d) After importation the poultry must be kept in isolation on the holding of destination for at least six weeks in accordance with the provisions of Article 3, 1 of Commission Decision 96/482/EC.
<i>Notes:</i> (a) A separate certificate must be provided for each consignment of day-old chicks transported in the same railway wagon, lorry, aircraft or ship and consigned to the same destination. (b) The original of the certificate must accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection post. (!) Only to be completed if the authorisation to export to the Community is restricted to certain regions of the third country concerned. (?) Indicate means of transport and registration marks, or registered name, as appropriate. (?) Delete the unnecessary reference.	

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16. I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify, in accordance with the provisions of Directive 90/539/EEC:

**I. Origin of day-old chicks**

that the day-old chicks have been hatched on the territory of ..... (\*) in the region of ..... (1). If the flocks from which the hatching eggs were issued, have been imported into the country of origin, they were imported in accordance with veterinary conditions at least as strict as the relevant requirements of Directive 90/539/EEC, including any subsidiary Decisions.

**II. Health information**

1. that ..... (\*) region ..... (1) is free from Avian influenza and Newcastle disease as defined in Decision 93/342/EEC;

2. that the day-old chicks described in this certificate meet the following requirements:

- (a) they have been examined this day and show no clinical signs or suspicion of disease;
- (b) they have been hatched in the following establishment(s) officially approved in accordance with requirements which are at least equivalent to those laid down in Annex II to Directive 90/539/EEC: ..... (5).
  - for which the approval is not suspended or withdrawn,
  - which is (are), at the time of consignment, not subject to any animal health restrictions,
  - around which, within a radius of 25 km, there has been no outbreak of Avian influenza or Newcastle disease for at least 30 days;
- (c) they have had no contact with poultry not meeting the requirements laid down in this certificate or with wild birds;
- (d) they are hatched from eggs originating from flocks
  - (i) which have been held for more than six weeks in officially approved establishments for which, at the time of consignment of the hatching eggs to the hatchery, the approval was not suspended or withdrawn;
  - (ii) which are not located in regions which are not free from Avian influenza or Newcastle disease;
  - (iii) which present, this day, no clinical signs or suspicion of disease;
  - (iv) which have been submitted to a disease surveillance programme for (6):
    - *Salmonella pullorum*, *S. gallinarum* and *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* (fowls)
    - *Salmonella arizonae*, *S. pullorum* and *S. gallinarum*, *Mycoplasma meleagridis* and *M. gallisepticum* (turkeys)
    - *Salmonella pullorum* and *S. gallinarum* (guinea fowls, quails, pheasants, partridges and ducks)
 according to Chapter III of Annex II of Directive 90/539/EEC and was not found infected nor suspected of infection by these agents;
  - (v) — which have not been vaccinated against Newcastle disease (6)
  - which have been vaccinated against Newcastle disease using: .....  
 .....  
 .....  
 (name, type — live or inactivated — of and NDV strain used in vaccine(s))  
 at the age of ..... weeks (6)
- (vi) have been vaccinated, using officially approved vaccines

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- (e) they have been hatched from eggs which:
  - (i) had been marked prior to the consignment to the hatchery in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority;
  - (ii) had been disinfected in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority.

3. that the chicks have hatched on ..... (dates).

4. that the chicks have been vaccinated, using officially approved vaccines, against: .....

(\*) Name of the country of origin.  
 (5) Approval number(s) of approved establishment(s) of origin.  
 (6) Delete the unnecessary reference.



### III. Additional health information

1. that, in the event the consignment is destined for a Member State or region from which the status has been established in accordance with Article 12, 2 of Directive 90/539/EEC, the day old chicks come from <sup>(7)</sup>:
  - (a) hatching eggs originating from flocks which are:
    - (i) not vaccinated against Newcastle disease <sup>(8)</sup>,
    - (ii) vaccinated against this disease using an inactivated vaccine <sup>(8)</sup>,
    - (iii) vaccinated against this disease using a live vaccine at the latest 60 days before the date the eggs have been collected <sup>(8)</sup>;
  - (b) a hatchery where working practices ensure that such eggs are incubated at completely separated times and locations from eggs not satisfying the requirements in (a);
2. that following supplementary requirements, imposed by the Member State of destination according to Articles 13 and/or 14 of Directive 90/539/EEC are met: .....
3. that, if the Member State of destination is Finland or Sweden, the day-old chicks for introduction into flocks of breeding poultry or flocks of productive poultry come from flocks which have been tested with negative results according to the rules laid down in Commission Decision 95/160/EC <sup>(9)</sup>;

### IV. Supplementary health information <sup>(9)</sup>

that, although the use of vaccines against Newcastle Disease which do not fulfil the specific requirements of Annex B, 2 of Decision 93/342/EEC, is not prohibited in ..... <sup>(4)</sup>, the breeding poultry from which the day old chicks are derived:

- (a) have not been vaccinated for at least 12 months with such vaccines; and
- (b) are originating from a flock which has undergone not earlier than 14 days preceding consignment on the basis of an at random sample of cloacal swabs of at least 60 birds of each flock concerned, a virus isolation test for Newcastle disease, carried out in an official laboratory, in which no avian paramyxoviruses with an Intracerebral Pathogenicity Index (ICPI) of more than 0,4 have been found; and
- (c) have not been in contact during the last 60 days before consignment with poultry which do not fulfil the guarantees mentioned respectively under (a) and (b), and
- (d) have been isolated under official surveillance on the holding of origin during the 14 days period mentioned in (b),

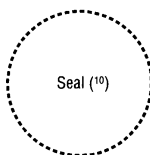
and the hatching eggs from which they hatched have not been in contact in the hatchery or during transport with eggs or poultry which do not fulfil the abovementioned guarantees.

### V. Transport information

1. that the day-old chicks are transported in disposable boxes used for the first time:
  - (a) which contain only day-old chicks of the same species, category and type, coming from the same establishment;
  - (b) which bear the following applications:
    - the name of the country of consignment,
    - the species of poultry concerned,
    - the number of chicks,
    - the category and type of production for which they are intended,
    - the name, address and approval number of the production establishment,
    - the approval number of the establishment of origin,
    - the Member State of destination;
  - (c) which are closed in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority in such a way as to avoid any possibility of substitution of the contents.
2. That the containers and vehicles in which the boxes mentioned in 1 have been cleansed and disinfected before loading in accordance with the instructions of the competent authorities.

17. This certificate is valid for five days.

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



.....  
(signature of official veterinarian) <sup>(10)</sup>

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

<sup>(7)</sup> When the consignment is not destined for such Member States or regions (currently Denmark, Ireland, Finland, Sweden and, in the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland), the guarantees given under point III.1. must be deleted.

<sup>(8)</sup> Delete if not applicable.

<sup>(9)</sup> This guarantee has only to be given for poultry originating from countries or parts thereof where the provisions of Article 4 (4) of Decision 93/342/EEC apply. For poultry originating from other countries, this chapter must be deleted.

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16. I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify, in accordance with the provisions of Directive 90/539/EEC:

**I. Origin of poultry**

That the poultry have remained on the territory of ..... (\*) in the region of ..... (!) for at least six weeks or since hatching if younger than six weeks. If imported into the country of origin they were imported in accordance with veterinary conditions at least as strict as the relevant requirements of Directive 90/359/EEC, including any subsidiary Decisions.

**II. Health information**

1. that ..... (\*) region ..... (!) is free from Avian influenza and Newcastle disease as defined in Decision 93/342/EEC.

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

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

(b) they have been held since hatching or for more than 30 days in their holding(s) of origin:

(i) which is (are) not subject to any animal health restriction,

(ii) around which, within a radius of 25 km, there has been no outbreak of Avian influenza or Newcastle disease for at least 30 days;

(c) they have during the period mentioned in (b) had no contact with poultry not meeting the requirements laid down in this certificate or with wild birds;

(d) they are originating from a flock

(i) which has been examined this day and shows no clinical signs or suspicion of disease,

(ii) — which has not been vaccinated against Newcastle disease (\*)

— which has been vaccinated against Newcastle disease (\*), using: .....  
(name, type — live or inactivated — of and NDV strain used in vaccine(s)),  
at the age of ..... weeks (\*),

(iii) which have been vaccinated, using officially approved vaccines (\*).

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**III. Additional health information**

1. That, in the event the consignment is destined for a Member State or region from which the status has been established in accordance with Article 12, 2 of Directive 90/539/EEC, the poultry come from flocks which (!):

(a) have not been vaccinated against Newcastle disease and have undergone, during 14 days preceding consignment, serological examination on the presence of Newcastle disease antibodies with negative result (\*),

(b) have been vaccinated against this disease, but not with a live vaccine during the 30 days preceding consignment and have undergone, during the 14 days preceding consignment and on the basis of an at random sample of cloacal swabs of at least 60 birds, a virus isolation test for Newcastle disease with negative result (\*).

(\*) Name of the country of origin.

(\*) Delete the unnecessary reference.

(\*) Only to be completed for restocking game supplies poultry.

(\*) When the consignment is not destined for such Member States or regions (currently Denmark, Ireland, Finland, Sweden and, in the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland), the guarantees given under point III.1. must be deleted.



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2. That following supplementary requirements, imposed by the Member State of destination according to Articles 13 and/or 14 of Directive 90/539/EEC are met: .....

3. That, if the Member State of destination is Finland or Sweden, the slaughter poultry <sup>(8)</sup>:
- either have been subject to a microbiological test by sampling in the establishment of origin with negative results according to the rules laid down in Council Decision 95/410/EC <sup>(9)</sup>,
  - or are originating from a holding subject to a programme recognized by the European Commission to be equivalent to the national programme of Finland or Sweden, as appropriate <sup>(9)</sup>.

#### IV. Supplementary health information <sup>(8)</sup>

That, although the use of vaccines against Newcastle disease which do not fulfil the specific requirements of Annex B, 2 of Decision 93/342/EEC, is not prohibited in ..... <sup>(4)</sup>, the poultry:

- (a) have not been vaccinated for at least 12 months with such vaccines, and
- (b) are originating from a flock which has undergone not earlier than 14 days preceding consignment on the basis of an at random sample of cloacal swabs of at least 60 birds of each flock concerned, a virus isolation test for Newcastle disease, carried out in a official laboratory, in which no avian paramyxoviruses with an Intracerebral Pathogenicity Index (ICPI) of more than 0,4 have been found, and
- (c) have not been in contact during the last 60 days before consignment with poultry which do not fulfil the guarantees mentioned respectively under (a) and (b), and
- (d) have been isolated under official surveillance on the holding of origin during the 14 days period mentioned in (b).

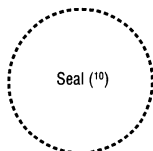
#### V. Transport information

That the poultry are transported in crates or cages:

- (a) which contain only poultry of the same species, category and type, coming from the same establishment;
- (b) which are closed in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority in such a way as to avoid any possibility of substitution of the contents;
- (c) which are designed, as well as the vehicles in which they are transported, so as to:
  - (i) preclude the loss of excrement and minimize the loss of feathers during transport;
  - (ii) allow visual inspection of the poultry;
  - (iii) allow cleansing and disinfection;
- (d) which have been, as well as the vehicles in which they are transported, cleansed and disinfected before loading in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority.

17. This certificate is valid for five days.

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



.....  
(signature of official veterinarian) <sup>(10)</sup>

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

<sup>(8)</sup> Delete if not applicable.

<sup>(9)</sup> This guarantee has only to be given for poultry originating from countries or parts thereof where the provisions of Article 4 (4) of Decision 93/342/EEC apply. For poultry originating from other countries, this chapter must be deleted.

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## ANNEX II

**Protocols for the standardization of materials and procedures for veterinary tests in connection with the import of poultry and hatching eggs from third countries****1. *Newcastle disease***

The sampling and testing methods have to comply with the methods described in the Annex to Commission Decision 92/340/EEC on testing of poultry for Newcastle disease prior to movement, in application of Article 12 of Council Directive 90/539/EEC.

**2. *Salmonella pullorum***

- The sampling methods have to comply with the methods described in Annex II, Chapter III of Directive 90/539/EEC.
- The testing methods have to comply with the methods described in the Manual of Standards for diagnostic tests and vaccines, edited by OIE in Paris (B67).

**3. *Salmonella gallinarum***

- The sampling methods have to comply with the methods described in Annex II, Chapter III of Directive 90/539/EEC.
- The testing methods have to comply with the methods described in the Manual of Standards for diagnostic tests and vaccines, edited by OIE in Paris (B62).

**4. *Salmonella arizonae***

Serological examination: 60 birds have to be sampled at the point of lay. Testing has to be carried out in accordance with the methods described in the Manual of Standards for diagnostic tests and vaccines, edited by OIE in Paris (B31, B47).

**5. *Mycoplasma gallisepticum***

- The sampling methods have to comply with the methods described in Annex II, Chapter III of Directive 90/539/EEC.
- The testing methods have to comply with the methods described in the Manual of Standards for diagnostic tests and vaccines, edited by OIE in Paris (B65).

**6. *Mycoplasma meleagridis***

The sampling methods have to comply with the methods described in Annex II, Chapter III of Directive 90/539/EEC.

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During the period foreseen in the second subparagraph of Article 3(1) the official/authorised veterinarian shall take samples for virological examination from the imported poultry, which shall be tested as follows:

- Cloacal swabs have to be taken from all birds, if the consignment is less than 60, or from 60 birds of larger consignments, between the seventh and the 15th day of the isolation period.
- All testing of samples for avian influenza and Newcastle disease must be carried out in official laboratories designated by the competent authority, and using diagnostic procedures in accordance with the terms of Annex III of Council Directive 92/66/EEC and of Annex III of Council Directive 92/40/EEC.
- Pooling of samples, up to a maximum of five samples of individual birds in one pool, is allowed.
- Virus isolates must be submitted without delay to the National Reference laboratory.