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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 94/65/EC of 14 December 1994 laying down the requirements for the production and placing on the market of minced meat and meat preparations⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 13 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Specific conditions relating to the requirements of Directive 94/65/EC for the importation into the Community of minced meat and meat preparations must be established in a model of certificate including both the public and the animal health conditions. These conditions may not be less stringent than those laid down in Articles 3 and 5 of that Directive.
- (2) Commission Decision 97/29/EC⁽²⁾ establishes health conditions and public health certification for the importation of minced meat and meat preparations from third countries.
- (3) Animal health conditions have not yet been established.
- (4) A new model of certificate must be established laying down both the animal and the public health conditions for imports of minced meat and meat preparations.
- (5) Decision 97/29/EC must be repealed.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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Article 1

This Decision lays down the animal and public health and veterinary certification conditions for the importation of meat preparations.

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Article 3

The importation of meat preparations is subject to the following conditions:

1. they have been produced in accordance with the relevant requirements laid down in Regulations (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁽³⁾, (EC) No 852/2004 of

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 368, 31.12.1994, p. 10.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 12, 15.1.1997, p. 33.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1.

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the European Parliament and of the Council (⁽¹⁾), (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council (⁽²⁾) and (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council (⁽³⁾) as specified in the health certificate referred to in Article 4(2) of this Decision;

2. they come from an establishment or establishments implementing a programme based on the hazard analysis and critical control point (HACCP) principles in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 852/2004;
3. they have been frozen at an internal temperature of not more than – 18 °C at the production plant or plants of origin.

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2. Each consignment of meat preparations shall be accompanied by an original, numbered health certificate, completed, signed and dated, composed of a single sheet and conforming to the model laid down in Annex II.
3. The certificates shall be drawn up in at least one of the official languages of the Member State of introduction into the Community.

▼M2*Article 4a*

Member States shall ensure that consignments of meat preparations for human consumption, introduced onto the territory of the Community and which are destined for a third country either by transit immediately or after storage in accordance with Articles 12 (4) or 13 of Directive 97/78/EC, and not intended for importation into the European Community shall comply with the following requirements:

- (a) they shall come from the territory of a third country or a part thereof listed in Annex II part 1 of Decision 79/542/EEC for the import of fresh meat of those species or listed in Annex I to ▶M3 Commission Decision 2006/696/EC (⁽⁴⁾) ◀ for the import of fresh poultry meat or listed in Annex I to Decision 2000/585/EC for the import of rabbit and game meat;
- (b) they shall meet the specific animal health conditions for the species concerned set out in one of the corresponding model animal health certificate drawn up in Annex II part 2 of Decision 79/542/EEC for the import of fresh meat of that species in Annex I part 1 to ▶M3 Decision 2006/696/EC ◀ for the import of poultry meat, or in Annex III to Decision 2000/585/EC for the import of rabbit and game meat;
- (c) they shall be accompanied by an animal healthcertificate established in accordance with the model laid down in Annex III, signed by an official veterinarian of the competent veterinary services of the third country concerned;
- (d) they are certified as acceptable for transit or storage (as appropriate) on the Common Veterinary Entry Document by the Official Veterinarian of the Border Inspection Post of introduction.

(⁽¹⁾) OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 1, as corrected by OJ L 226, 25.6.2004, p. 3.

(⁽²⁾) OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 55, as corrected by OJ L 226, 25.6.2004, p. 22.

(⁽³⁾) OJ L 147, 31.5.2001, p. 1.

(⁽⁴⁾) OJ L 295, 25.10.2006, p. 1.

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Article 4b

1. By way of derogation from Article 4a Member States shall authorise the transit by road or by rail through the Community, between designated Community border inspection posts listed in the Annex of Decision 2001/881/EC, of consignments coming from and destined to Russia directly or via another third country provided that the following conditions are met:

- (a) the consignment shall be sealed with a serially numbered seal at the border inspection post of entry to the European Community by the veterinary services of the competent authority;
- (b) the documents accompanying the consignment and referred to in Article 7 of Directive 97/78/EC shall be stamped 'ONLY FOR TRANSIT TO RUSSIA VIA THE EC' on each page by the official veterinarian of the competent authority responsible for the BIP;
- (c) the procedural requirements provided for in Article 11 of Directive 97/78/EC shall be complied with;
- (d) the consignment is certified as acceptable for transit on the Common Veterinary Entry Document by the Official Veterinarian of the Border Inspection Post of introduction.

2. Unloading or storage, as defined in Article 12 (4) or Article 13 of Directive 97/78/EC, on EC territory of such consignments shall not be allowed.

3. Regular audits shall be made by the competent authority to ensure that the number of consignments and the quantities of products leaving the European Community territory matches the number and quantities entering.

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Article 5

This Decision shall apply from 1 October 2000.

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Article 7

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

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▼M3*ANNEX II***Model animal and public health certificate for meat preparations intended for consignment to the European Community from third countries**

COUNTRY				Veterinary certificate to EU								
Part I: Details of dispatched consignment	I.1. Consignor Name Address Tel.:		I.2. Certificate reference number I.3. Central competent authority I.4. Local competent authority	I.2.a.								
	I.5. Consignee Name Address Postal code Tel.:		I.6.									
	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		I.12.									
	I.13. Place of loading		I.14. Date of departure									
	I.15. Means of transport Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship <input type="checkbox"/> Railway wagon <input type="checkbox"/> Road vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Identification: Documentary references:		I.16. Entry BIP in EU I.17.									
	I.18. Description of commodity			I.19. Commodity code (HS code)								
				I.20. Quantity								
	I.21. Temperature of product Frozen <input type="checkbox"/>			I.22. Number of packages								
	I.23. Identification of container/seal number			I.24. Type of packaging								
I.25. Commodities certified for: Human consumption <input type="checkbox"/>												
I.26.			I.27. For import or admission into EU <input type="checkbox"/>									
I.28. Identification of the commodities Approval number of establishments <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Species (Scientific name)</th> <th>Treatment type</th> <th>Abattoir</th> <th>Manufacturing plant</th> <th>Cold store</th> <th>Number of packages</th> <th>Net weight</th> </tr> </thead> </table>						Species (Scientific name)	Treatment type	Abattoir	Manufacturing plant	Cold store	Number of packages	Net weight
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COUNTRY		Meat preparations: MP-PREP	
Part II: Certification	II. Health information	II.a. Certificate reference number	II.b.
	The meat preparations (⁽¹⁾) contains the following meat constituents and meet the criteria indicated below:		
<p>Species (A) Origin (B)</p> <p>(A) Insert the code for the relevant species of meat contained in the meat preparations where BOV = domestic bovine animals (including <i>Bison</i> and <i>Bubalus</i> species and their crossbreds); OVI = domestic sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>); EQU = domestic solipeds (<i>Equus caballus</i>, <i>Equus asinus</i> and their crossbreds); POR = domestic animals belonging to the Suidae, Tayassuidae, or Tapiridae families; RAB = domestic rabbits; PFG = domestic poultry and farmed feathered game; RUF = farmed non-domestic animals of the order Artiodactyla (excluding bovine animals (including <i>Bison</i> and <i>Bubalus</i> species and their cross-breeds), <i>Ovis aries</i>, <i>Capra hircus</i>, Suidae and Tayassuidae), and of the families Rhinocerotidae and Elephantidae; RUW = wild non-domestic animals of the order Artiodactyla (excluding bovine animals (including <i>Bison</i> and <i>Bubalus</i> species and their cross-breeds), <i>Ovis aries</i>, <i>Capra hircus</i>, Suidae and Tayassuidae), and of the families Rhinocerotidae and Elephantidae; EQW = wild non-domestic solipeds belonging to the subgenus <i>Hippotigris</i> (Zebra), WLP = wild lagomorphs, WGB = wild game birds.</p> <p>(B) Insert the ISO code of the country of origin and, in the case of regionalization by Community legislation for the relevant meat constituents, the region.</p> <p>II.1. Public health attestation</p> <p>I, the undersigned official veterinarian, declare that I am aware of the relevant provisions of Regulations (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 852/2004, (EC) No 853/2004 and (EC) No 999/2001 and certify that the meat preparations described above were produced in accordance with those requirements, in particular that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> II.1.1. they come from (an) establishment(s) implementing a programme based on the HACCP principles in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 852/2004; II.1.2. they have been produced from raw material which meets the requirements of Sections I to IV of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004; in particular that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> II.1.2.1. ⁽²⁾ if obtained from domestic pig meat, this meat fulfills the requirements of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2075/2005 laying down specific rules on official controls for <i>Trichinella</i> in meat, and in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⁽²⁾ either [has been subjected to an examination by a digestion method with negative results;] ⁽²⁾ or [has been subjected to a freezing treatment in accordance with Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 2075/2005;] ⁽²⁾ or [in the case of meat from domestic swine kept solely for fattening and slaughter, comes from a holding or category of holdings that has been officially recognized by the competent authority as free from <i>Trichinella</i> in accordance with Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 2075/2005.] II.1.2.2. ⁽²⁾ if obtained from horse meat or wild boar meat, this meat fulfills the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 2075/2005 laying down specific rules on official controls for <i>Trichinella</i> in meat, and in particular, has been subject to an examination by a digestion method with negative results; II.1.3. they have been produced in accordance with Section V of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 and frozen to an internal temperature of not more than -18 °C; II.1.4. they have been marked with an identification mark in accordance with Section I of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004; II.1.5. the label(s) affixed on the packaging of meat preparations described above bear(s) a mark to the effect that the meat preparations come wholly from fresh meat from animals slaughtered in slaughterhouses approved for exporting to the European Community; II.1.6. they satisfy the relevant criteria set out in Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 on microbiological criteria for foodstuffs; II.1.7. the guarantees covering live animals and products thereof provided by the residue plans submitted in accordance with Directive 96/23/EC, and in particular Article 29 thereof, are fulfilled; II.1.8. they have been stored and transported in accordance with the relevant requirements of Section V of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004; 			

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COUNTRY	Meat preparations: MP-PREP	
II. Health information	II.a. Certificate reference number	II.b.
<p>(²) [II.1.9. if containing material from bovine, ovine or caprine animals, the fresh meat used in the preparation of the meat preparations shall be subject to the following conditions depending on the BSE risk category of the country of origin:</p> <p><i>either</i> (²) [II.1.9.1. for imports from a country or a region with a negligible BSE risk as listed in the Annex to Decision 2007/453/EC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> II.1.9.1.1. the country or region is classified in accordance with Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 as a country or region posing a negligible BSE risk; II.1.9.1.2. the animals from which the products of bovine, ovine and caprine animal origin were derived were born, continuously reared and slaughtered in the country with negligible BSE risk and passed ante-mortem and post-mortem inspections; <p>(²) [II.1.9.1.3. if in the country or region there have been BSE indigenous cases:</p> <p><i>either</i> (²) [the animals were born after the date from which the ban on the feeding of ruminants with meat-and-bone meal and greaves derived from ruminants had been enforced],</p> <p>or (²) [the products of bovine, ovine and caprine animal origin do not contain and are not derived from specified risk material as defined in Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, or mechanically separated meat obtained from bones of bovine, ovine or caprine animals.]]</p> <p>or (²) [II.1.9.1. for imports from a country or a region with a controlled BSE risk as listed in the Annex to Decision 2007/453/EC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> II.1.9.1.1. the country or region is classified in accordance with Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 as a country or region posing a controlled BSE risk; II.1.9.1.2. the animals from which the products of bovine, ovine and caprine animal origin were derived passed ante-mortem and post-mortem inspections; II.1.9.1.3. the animals from which the products of bovine, ovine and caprine animal origin destined for export were derived have not been slaughtered after stunning by means of gas injected into the cranial cavity or killed by the same method or slaughtered by laceration after stunning of central nervous tissue by means of an elongated rod-shaped instrument introduced into the cranial cavity; II.1.9.1.4. the products of bovine, ovine and caprine animal origin do not contain and are not derived from specified risk material as defined in Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, or mechanically separated meat obtained from bones of bovine, ovine or caprine animals.] <p>or (²) [II.1.9.1. for imports from a country or a region with an undetermined BSE risk as listed in Annex to Decision 2007/453/EC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> II.1.9.1.1. the animals from which the products of bovine, ovine and caprine animal origin were derived have not been fed meat-and-bone meal or greaves derived from ruminants and have passed ante-mortem and post-mortem inspections; II.1.9.1.2. the animals from which the products of bovine, ovine and caprine animal origin were derived have not been slaughtered after stunning by means of gas injected into the cranial cavity or killed by the same method or slaughtered by laceration after stunning of central nervous tissue by means of an elongated rod-shaped instrument introduced into the cranial cavity; II.1.9.1.3. the products of bovine, ovine and caprine animal origin are not derived from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) specified risk material as defined in Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001; (ii) nervous and lymphatic tissues exposed during the deboning process; (iii) mechanically separated meat obtained from bones of bovine, ovine or caprine animals.]] 		
<p>II.2. Animal Health attestation</p> <p>I, the undersigned, certify that the meat preparations described above:</p> <p>consist of meat derived from the species referred to in Part I box reference I.28</p> <p>— that is eligible for export to the European Community as fresh meat and that satisfy all the relevant animal health import requirements laid down in Decision(s) (²) (³),</p> <p>and/or</p> <p>— that originate in a Member State of the European Community (²) (⁴),</p>		

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COUNTRY		Meat preparations: MP-PREP							
II. Health information	II.a. Certificate reference number	II.b.							
II.3. Animal welfare attestation <p>I, the undersigned, official veterinarian hereby certify, that the meat preparations (⁽¹⁾) described in Part I of this certificate are derived from meat from animals which have been treated in the slaughterhouse before and at the time of slaughter or killing in accordance with the relevant provisions of European Community legislation.</p> <p><i>Notes</i></p> <p>Part I:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Box reference I.7: name of the country of origin which must be the same as the country of export. — 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 border inspection post of entry into the European Community. — Box reference I.19: Use the appropriate Harmonised System (HS) code of the World Customs Organisation: 02.10, 16.01 or 16.02. — Box reference I.20: Indicate total gross weight and total net weight. — Box reference I.21: frozen corresponds to an internal temperature of not more than –18 °C. — Box reference I.23: For containers or boxes, the container number and the seal number (if applicable) should be included. — Box reference I.28: "Species": select among species described in Part II (A): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Treatment type": storage life (dd/mm/yyyy); "Cold store": give the address(es) and approval number(s) of approved cold stores if necessary. <p>Part II:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Meat preparations as laid down in point 1.15 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004. (2) Keep as appropriate. (3) Comply with the animal health conditions as laid down Decision 79/542/EEC and/or Decision 2006/696/EC and/or Decision 2000/585/EC. Only meat from the concerned exporting third country can be utilised in the manufacture of the meat preparations. (4) Only meat of species and categories for which imports from the concerned third country are authorised by the European Community can be sourced from the Member States for utilisation in the manufacture of the meat preparations. — The colour of the stamp and signature must be different from that of the other particulars in the certificate. — Note for the importer: This certificate is only for veterinary purposes and has to accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection post. <p>Official veterinarian</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Name (in capitals):</td> <td>Qualification and title:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Date:</td> <td>Signature:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stamp:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>				Name (in capitals):	Qualification and title:	Date:	Signature:	Stamp:	
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▼M3*ANNEX III***(TRANSIT AND/OR STORAGE)**

COUNTRY				Veterinary certificate to EU		
Part I: Details of dispatched consignment	I.1. Consignor Name Address Tel.:			I.2. Certificate reference number	I.2.a.	
				I.3. Central competent authority		
				I.4. Local competent authority		
	I.5. Consignee Name Address Postal code Tel.:			I.6. Person responsible for the load in EU Name Address Postal code Tel.:		
	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 Address			I.12. Place of destination Custom warehouse <input type="checkbox"/> Ship supplier <input type="checkbox"/> Name Address Postal code		
	I.13. Place of loading			I.14. Date of departure		
	I.15. Means of transport Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship <input type="checkbox"/> Railway wagon <input type="checkbox"/> Road vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Identification: Documentary references:			I.16. Entry BIP in EU I.17.		
	I.18. Description of commodity			I.19. Commodity code (HS code)		
				I.20. Quantity		
	I.21. Temperature of product Frozen <input type="checkbox"/>			I.22. Number of packages		
	I.23. Identification of container/seal number			I.24. Type of packaging		
	I.25. Commodities certified for: Human consumption <input type="checkbox"/>					
I.26. For transit through EU to third country 3rd country			ISO code	I.27.		
I.28. Identification of the commodities Approval number of establishments						
Species (Scientific name)	Treatment type	Abuttoir	Manufacturing plant	Cold store	Number of packages Net weight	

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COUNTRY		Meat preparations for transit and/or storage: MP-PREP							
Part II: Certification	II. Health information	II.a. Certificate reference number	II.b.						
	II. Animal health attestation								
<p>I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify, that the meat preparations (¹) for transit/storage (²) described above:</p> <p>II.1. come from a country or region authorised for imports of the species concerned into the European Community as laid down in [Part 1 of Annex II to Decision 79/542/EEC] (³) and/or [Part 1 of Annex II to Decision 2006/696/EC] (³) and/or [Annex I to Decision 2000/585/EC] (³) at the time of slaughter, and</p> <p>II.2. comply with the relevant animal health conditions as laid down in the animal health attestation in the model certificate(s) [[BOV]/[POR]/[OVI]/[EQU]/[RUF]/[RUW]/[SUF]/[SUW]/[EQW]] (³) in Part 2 of Annex II to Decision 79/542/EEC and/or [[POU]/[RAT]/[WGM]] (³) in Part 2 of Annex II to Decision 2006/696/EC] (³) and/or [[C]/[E]/[H]] (³) in Annex III to Decision 2000/585/EC] (³)</p> <p>II.3. are derived from animals which were slaughtered and processed on or between (⁴)</p>									
<p><i>Notes</i></p> <p>Part I:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Box reference I.7: Country and description of territory. Meat in the meat preparations must come from a country or region authorized for imports of the species concerned into the European Community as laid down in Annex I to Decision 2000/585/EC and/or Part 1 of Annex II to Decision 79/542/EEC and/or Annex I to Decision 2006/696/EC. — 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 border inspection post of entry into the European Community. — Box reference I.19: Use the appropriate Harmonised System (HS) code of the World Customs Organisation: 02.10, 16.01 or 16.02. — Box reference I.20: Indicate total gross weight and total net weight. — Box reference I.21: Frozen corresponds to an internal temperature of not more than – 18 °C. — Box reference I.23: For containers or boxes, the container number and the seal number (if applicable) should be included. — Box reference I.28: "Species": select among species described in Part II.2; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Treatment type": storage life (dd/mm/yyyy); "Cold store": give the address(es) and approval number(s) of approved cold stores if necessary. <p>Part II:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Meat preparations as laid down in point 1.15 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004. (2) In accordance with Article 12(4) or Article 13 of Directive 97/78/EC. (3) Keep as appropriate. (4) Date or dates of slaughter. Imports of meat preparations shall not be allowed when the meat in the meat preparation has been obtained from animals slaughtered either prior to the date of authorisation for exportation to the European Community of the territory mentioned under Part I, box reference I.7, or during a period where restrictive measures have been adopted by the European Community against imports of meat of the species concerned from this territory. — The colour of the stamp and signature must be different from that of the other particulars in the certificate. <p>Official veterinarian</p> <table> <tr> <td>Name (in capitals):</td> <td>Qualification and title:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Date:</td> <td>Signature:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stamp:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>				Name (in capitals):	Qualification and title:	Date:	Signature:	Stamp:	
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