

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 8 September 2000

**laying down animal and public health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of minced meat and meat preparations from third countries and repealing Decision 97/29/EC**

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2000/572/EC)

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 <sup>(1)</sup>, 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 <sup>(2)</sup> 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- (5) Decision 97/29/EC must be repealed.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:

*Article 1*

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

*Article 2*

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

1. it has been produced in accordance with the requirements laid down in Articles 3 and 7 of Directive 94/65/EC;
2. it comes from an establishment or establishments offering the guarantees provided for in Annex I of Directive 94/65/EC;
3. it has been deep-frozen at the production plant or plants of origin.

*Article 3*

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

1. they have been produced in accordance with the requirements laid down in Articles 5 and 7 of Directive 94/65/EC;
2. they come from an establishment or establishments offering the guarantees provided for in Annex I of Directive 94/65/EC;
3. they have been deep-frozen at the production plant or plants of origin.

*Article 4*

1. Each consignment of minced meat 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 I.

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.

*Article 5*

This Decision shall apply from 1 October 2000.

*Article 6*

1. Decision 97/29/EC is repealed on the date referred to in Article 5.

2. Member States shall authorise the importation of minced meat and meat preparations, produced and certified according to the requirements of Decision 97/29/EC during the 35 days following the date mentioned in paragraph 1.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 368, 31.12.1994, p. 10.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 12, 15.1.1997, p. 33.

*Article 7*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 8 September 2000.

*For the Commission*  
David BYRNE  
*Member of the Commission*

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ANNEX I

ANIMAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR MINCED MEAT <sup>(1)</sup>

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

Coded number <sup>(2)</sup>

Country of destination:.....

Exporting country <sup>(3)</sup>: ..... Code of territory: .....

Ministry:.....

Competent issuing authority:.....

I. Identification of minced meat

Lot No	Nature of meat (species) <sup>(4)</sup>	Number of individual items or packages:	:
		Storage and transport temperature	
		Storage life	
		Net weight	
		Nature of products <sup>(5)</sup>	

II. Origin of minced meat

Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of approved manufacturing establishment(s):  
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Address(es) and approval number(s) of approved cold store(s) <sup>(6)</sup>:  
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Address(es) of place of loading:.....  
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Name and address of consignor:.....  
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<sup>(1)</sup> Within the meaning of Article 3(1) of Directive 94/65/EC.  
<sup>(2)</sup> Issued by the competent authority.  
<sup>(3)</sup> Name of the country of origin which must be the same as the country of export.  
<sup>(4)</sup> Bovine, pigs, sheep and goats.  
<sup>(5)</sup> Mention any ionizing radiation for medical reasons.  
<sup>(6)</sup> If necessary.

III. Destination of minced meat

Name and address of consignee: .....

The meat will be sent to: (country and place of destination)

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by the following means of transport (7)

Railway wagon	Lorry	Aircraft	Ship

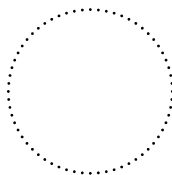
IV. Health attestation

I, the undersigned, certify that I have read and understood Council Directive 94/65/EC and that the minced meat described above:

- (a) consists of meat derived from the species referred to in I above that:
  - satisfies the relevant animal health requirements laid down in Commission Decision(s) ..... (8) and/or (9)
  - originates in a Member State of the European Community satisfying the requirements of Council Directive 64/433/EEC (10);
- (b) was produced in accordance with the requirements laid down in Articles 3 and 7 of Directive 94/65/EC;
- (c) comes from an establishment or establishments offering the guarantees provided for in Annex I of Directive 94/65/EC;
- (d) has been deep-frozen at the production plant or plants of origin.

Done at ..... on .....  
(place) (date)

(Stamp and signature of official veterinarian) (11)



.....  
(Name in capital letters)

(7) For railway wagons or lorries, the registration number should be given, where known. For bulk containers the number of the container. The number of the seal must be indicated.

(8) Number of the relevant and current Decision(s) for fresh meat of the corresponding susceptible domestic species must be included. Only meat from the concerned exporting third country can be utilised in the manufacture of the minced meat.

(9) Delete as appropriate.

(10) Only meat of species and categories for which imports from the concerned third country are authorised by the EC, can be sourced from the Member States for utilisation in the manufacture of the minced meat.

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

ANNEX II

ANIMAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR MEAT PREPARATIONS <sup>(1)</sup>

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

Coded number <sup>(2)</sup>

Country of destination: .....

Exporting country <sup>(3)</sup>: ..... Code of territory: .....

Ministry: .....

Competent issuing authority: .....

I. Identification of meat preparations

Nature of meat (species) <sup>(4)</sup>		Number of individual items or packages
Bovine and farmed cloven-hoofed game (excluding swine)	Farmed pigs	Storage and transport temperature
		Storage life
Farmed ovine and caprine	Wild swine	Net weight
Wild cloven-hoofed game (excluding swine)	Wild leporidae	
Wild game birds	Domestic rabbit	Nature of products <sup>(5)</sup>
Farmed poultry and farmed feathered game		

II. Origin of meat preparations

Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of approved manufacturing establishment(s):  
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Address(es) and approval number(s) of approved cold store(s) <sup>(6)</sup>:  
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Address(es) of place of loading: .....

Name and address of consignor: .....

<sup>(1)</sup> Within the meaning of Article 5(1) of Directive 94/65/EC.  
<sup>(2)</sup> Issued by the competent authority.  
<sup>(3)</sup> Name of the country of origin which must be the same as the country of export.  
<sup>(4)</sup> To mark with a 'x' in the empty box as appropriate.  
<sup>(5)</sup> Mention any ionizing radiation for medical reasons.  
<sup>(6)</sup> If necessary.

III. Destination of meat preparations

Name and address of consignee: .....

The meat will be sent to: (country and place of destination)

by the following means of transport (7)

Railway wagon	Lorry	Aircraft	Ship

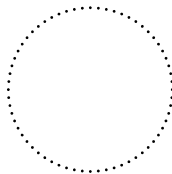
IV. Health attestation

I, the undersigned, certify that I have read and understood Council Directive 94/65/EC and that the meat preparations described above:

- (a) consist of meat derived from the species referred to in I above that
  - satisfies the relevant animal health requirements laid down in Commission Decision(s)..... (8), and/or (9)
  - originates in a Member State of the European Community satisfying the requirements of (10)
    - in the case of fresh meat from domestic bovine, porcine, sheep and goats, the requirements of Council Directive 64/433/EEC (9),
    - in the case of fresh meat from domestic poultry, the requirements of Council Directive 91/494/EEC (9),
    - in the case of rabbit meat and farmed game meat, the requirements of Articles 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Council Directive 91/495/EEC (9);
    - in the case of wild game meat, the requirements of Articles 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Council Directive 92/45/EEC (9);
- (b) were produced in accordance with the requirements laid down in Articles 5 and 7 of Directive 94/65/EC;
- (c) come from an establishment or establishments offering the guarantees provided for in Annex I of Directive 94/65/EC;
- (d) have been deep-frozen at the production plant or plants of origin.

Done at ..... on .....  
(place) (date)

(Stamp and signature of official veterinarian) (11)



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(Name in capital letters)

(7) For railway wagons or lorries, the registration number should be given, where known. For bulk containers the number of the container. The number of the seal must be indicated.

(8) Number of the relevant and current Decision(s) for fresh meat of the corresponding susceptible species must be included. Only meat from the concerned exporting third country can be utilised in the manufacture of the meat preparations.

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