

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 12 April 2002

**amending Decision 2000/666/EC and Decision 2001/106/EC as regards the establishment of a model for lists of approved quarantine facilities or centres for imports of birds in the Member States**

(notified under document number C(2002) 1402)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2002/279/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/65/EEC of 13 July 1992 laying down animal health requirements governing trade and imports into the Community of animals, semen, ova and embryos not subject to animal health requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A(I) to Directive 90/425/EEC <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Commission Decision 95/176/EC <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 17(3)(c) and Article 18(1) fourth indent thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 2000/666/EC <sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Decision 2001/383/EC <sup>(4)</sup>, laid down the animal health and certification requirements for the imports of birds other than poultry, and the conditions for their quarantine.
- (2) Several Member States have experienced practical problems in the implementation of the above import requirements, in particular with the procedure at the border inspection post due to the lack of knowledge about approved quarantine facilities or centres in other Member States.
- (3) It is therefore necessary that a list of approved quarantine facilities and centres is drawn up by Member States, which should be communicated to the Commission and the Member States.
- (4) Commission Decision 2001/106/EC <sup>(5)</sup> established a model for lists of assembly centres for live animals, semen collection centres and embryo collection teams in Member States and the way of transmission of these lists; it is convenient and appropriate to broaden the scope of that Decision in order to include the approved quarantine facilities or centres for imported birds other than poultry.

(5) Decisions 2000/666/EC and 2001/106/EC have to be amended accordingly.

(6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Decision 2000/666/EC is amended as follows:

1. The text in Article 2(4) shall be replaced by the following:

'The birds are transported to an approved quarantine facility or centre which appears on the list as laid down in Article 2(5) and the importer has provided written information in the language of the Member State of entry by the responsible person for the quarantine facility or centre that the birds will be accepted for quarantine. This information shall clearly indicate the name and address and approval number of the quarantine facility or centre and shall reach the border inspection post via e-mail or fax prior to arrival of the consignment at the border inspection post or shall be presented by the importer or his agent before the birds are released from the border inspection post.'

2. In Article 2 the following shall be added as point 5:

'5. Member States communicate the list of approval numbers of the approved quarantine facilities or centres and the name and ANIMO-number of the responsible Local Veterinary Unit to the other Member States and to the Commission as well as changes to that list, in accordance with the provisions of Decision 2001/106/EC.'

3. In Article 3(4) the following sentence shall be added:

'This approval shall be withdrawn when these conditions cease to be met.'

4. In Article 4(2) the words 'not less than seven days and not more than' shall be replaced by the word 'within'.

5. Annex A to Decision 2000/666/EC shall be replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 268, 14.9.1992, p. 54.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 117, 24.5.1995, p. 23.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 278, 31.10.2000, p. 26.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 137, 19.5.2001, p. 28.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 39, 9.2.2001, p. 39.

*Article 2*

Decision 2001/106/EC is amended as follows:

1. The title is replaced by the following text:

'Commission Decision establishing a model for the lists of entities approved by Member States in accordance with various provisions of Community veterinary legislation, and the rules applying to the transmission of these lists to the Commission'.

2. In Annex I a new point 4 is added:

'4. Bird quarantine facilities or centres approved in accordance with Article 18(1) fourth indent of Directive 92/65/EEC and Decision 2000/666/EC.'

3. In Annex II a new point IV is added:

**IV. Bird quarantine facilities or centres**

- List of approved quarantine facilities or centres for the importation of birds other than poultry (Directive 92/65/EEC).
- ..... (ISO code of the Member State)
- .../.../... (Date of the version)

ISO-code	Approval number	Name of competent LVU	ANIMO-number of responsible LVU	Telephone number/fax number and/or e-mail-address of LVU'

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 12 April 2002.

*For the Commission*

David BYRNE

*Member of the Commission*

ANNEX

'ANNEX A

**SPECIMEN ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE  
for birds other than poultry intended for dispatch to the European Community**

After the import control, this consignment must be transported directly to an approved quarantine facility or centre.

**Health certificate reference No:**

Exporting country:	Region of origin <sup>(1)</sup> :
COMPETENT AUTHORITY (CENTRAL LEVEL): Ministry: Service:	COMPETENT AUTHORITY (LOCAL LEVEL):
Member State of destination:	Accompanying export CITES permit No, if required:
Consignor (name and address in full):	Consignee (name and address in full):
Address of holding of origin and registration No:	Importer (if different from above, name and address in full):
Place of loading:	Means of transport <sup>(2)</sup> :

Approved quarantine facility (name and address in full) in the country of destination:

Approval number of quarantine facility or centre <sup>(3)</sup>:

**I. Identification:**

Quantity: (in words and figures)

Number of birds:

Number of crates or cages:

Identification No on crates or cages	Identification of compartment	Number of birds (by each species)	Species (scientific name)

<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> If known.

Notes:

(a) A separate certificate must be provided for each consignment of birds.

(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.

**II. Health information:**

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify that:

1. the birds have been kept on a holding on the territory of the exporting country for at least 21 days or since hatching;
2. the birds must come from a holding, which is not under animal health restrictions in connection with any diseases referred to in paragraph 3 to which these birds are susceptible;
3. Newcastle Disease and avian influenza in poultry and other birds kept in captivity and psittacosis in psittaciforms (\*) are notifiable diseases;
4. Avian influenza and Newcastle disease outbreaks have not been notified either in the holding of origin or in the surrounding area within a radius of 10 km for at least 30 days;
5. only in the case of psittaciforms (?): outbreaks of psittacosis have not been reported in the holding of origin during the last 60 days;
6. the birds described in this certificate meet the following requirements:
  - (a) they have been examined on the day of loading and show no clinical signs or suspicion of infectious disease and are fit to travel;
  - (b) they have not been vaccinated against Newcastle disease.

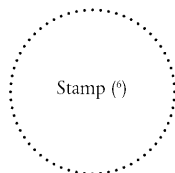
**III. Transport information:**

The birds described in this certificate are transported in crates or cages which:

- contain only birds coming from the same establishment;
- contain only birds of the same species or which consist of different compartments, each compartment containing only birds of the same species;
- bear the name, the address and a specific registration number of the holding of origin and a specific identification number of the individual crate or cage;
- are constructed in such a way so as to:
  - preclude the loss of excrement and to minimise the loss of feathers during transport;
  - allow visual inspection of the birds;
  - allow cleansing and disinfection;
- are being used for the first time or have been, as well as the vehicle in which they are loaded, cleansed and disinfected before loading in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority;
- in case of air transport, are at least in accordance with the most recent IATA (International Air Transport Association) rules governing the transport of live animals;
- in case of CITES-listed species the birds are to be transported according to the 'CITES guidelines for transport'.

This certificate is valid for five days.

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



.....  
(signature of official veterinarian) (\*)

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

(\*) Only applicable in case of psittaciforms.  
 (?) Delete if not applicable.  
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**IV. Supplementary health information:**

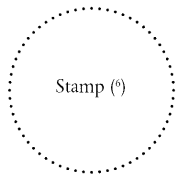
from the official veterinarian present at the time of loading in the final means of transport (i. e. aeroplane) if means of transport different from above.

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify, that I have inspected the birds on ..... (date) at ..... (time) and found no clinical signs or suspicion of infectious disease, and that they are fit to travel.

Flight details: airline ..... flight number: .....

This certificate is valid for five days.

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



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(signature of official veterinarian) (\*)

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

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