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## COMMISSION

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 31 October 2003

**laying down animal health requirements and the veterinary certification for the import of animal casings from third countries**

(notified under document number C(2003) 3988)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2003/779/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/118/EEC of 17 December 1992 laying down animal health and public health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of products not subject to the said requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A(1) to Directive 89/662/EEC and, as regards pathogens, to Directive 90/425/EEC <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Commission Decision 2003/721/EC <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 10(2)(a) and (c) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 94/187/EC of 18 March 1994 laying down animal health requirements and the veterinary certification for the import of animal casings from third countries <sup>(3)</sup> has been substantially amended several times <sup>(4)</sup>. In the interests of clarity and rationality, the said Decision should be codified.
- (2) Annex I(2) to Directive 92/118/EEC allows the importation from any third country of animal casings which have undergone a prescribed treatment.
- (3) The animal health conditions and veterinary certification must be laid down in order to guarantee that the prescribed treatment of the casings is carried out.
- (4) 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*

Member States shall authorise the importation from any third country of animal casings accompanied by a health certificate as laid down in Annex I, which shall consist of one sheet and shall be completed in at least one official language of the Member State carrying out the import control.

*Article 2*

Decision 94/187/EC is repealed.

References to the repealed Decision shall be construed as references to this Decision and read in accordance with the correlation table in Annex III.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 31 October 2003.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 49.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 260, 11.10.2003, p. 21.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 89, 6.4.1994, p. 18.

<sup>(4)</sup> See Annex II to this Decision.

## ANNEX I

**ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE****for animal casings intended for dispatch to the European Community**

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

Country of destination: .....

Reference No of the health certificate: .....

Exporting country: .....

Responsible ministry: .....

Certifying department: .....

**I. Identification of casings**

Casings of .....  
(species)

Nature of packaging: .....

Number of packages: .....

Net weight: .....

**II. Origin of casings**

Address(es) and veterinary control number(s) of the approved establishment(s): .....

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**III. Destination of casings**

The casings will be sent from .....  
(place of loading)

to .....  
(country and place of destination)

by the following means of transport: .....

Number of the seal (1): .....

Name and address of consignor: .....

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Name and address of consignee: .....

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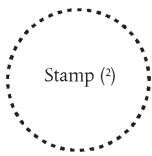
(1) Optional.

IV. **Attestation**

The undersigned official veterinarian certifies that the casings described above:

- (a) come from plants approved by the competent authority;
- (b) have been cleaned, scraped and:
  - salted <sup>(1)</sup> with NaCl for 30 days,
  - or
  - bleached <sup>(1)</sup>
  - or
  - dried after scraping <sup>(1)</sup>;
- (c) have undergone all precautions to avoid recontamination after treatment.

Done at ..... (place) , ..... (date)



.....  
(signature of the official veterinarian <sup>(2)</sup>)

.....  
(name in capital letters)

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<sup>(1)</sup> Delete as appropriate.  
<sup>(2)</sup> The signature and the stamp must be in a colour different to that of the printing.

## ANNEX II

**Repealed Decision and its successive amendments**

Decision 94/187/EC	(OJ L 89, 6.4.1994, p. 18)
Decision 94/461/EC, Article 2 only	(OJ L 189, 23.7.1994, p. 88)
Decision 94/775/EC, Article 2 only	(OJ L 310, 3.12.1994, p. 77)
Decision 95/88/EC, Article 1 only	(OJ L 69, 29.3.1995, p. 45)
Decision 95/230/EC, Article 1 only	(OJ L 154, 5.7.1995, p. 19)
Decision 96/106/EC, Article 1 only	(OJ L 24, 31.1.1996, p. 34)

## ANNEX III

**CORRELATION TABLE**

Decision 94/187/EC	This Decision
Article 1	Article 1
—	Article 2
Article 2	—
Article 3	Article 3
Annex	Annex I
—	Annex II
—	Annex III