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I

(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1771/2003
of 7 October 2003
amending Regulation (EC) No 2803/2000 as regards the opening and increase of autonomous
Community tariff quotas for certain fishery products**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 26 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Community supplies of certain fishery products currently depend on imports from third countries. It is therefore in the Community's interest to suspend in part or in whole the customs duties for the products in question, in order not to jeopardise the development prospects of the fish production in the Community and to ensure an adequate supply to satisfy user industries. Council Regulation (EC) No 2803/2000 of 14 December 2000 opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas for certain fishery products ⁽¹⁾ has therefore suspended tariff quota for certain fishery products for a certain period.
- (2) The Commission has researched the markets and supply needs of user industries for 2003. Having regard to the requirements of the internal and external policies of the Community, certain new tariff quotas for the products in question should be opened and certain existing quotas should be increased to ensure continuation of Community production.

- (3) Regulation (EC) No 2803/2000 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex to Regulation (EC) No 2803/2000 shall be amended as follows:

1. the tariff quotas listed in the Annex to this Regulation for the goods and quota periods set out in that Annex shall be added;
2. for the quota period from 1 January to 31 December 2003:
 - (a) the quota amount of the tariff quota 09.2785 shall be fixed at 20 000 tonnes;
 - (b) the quota amount of the tariff quota 09.2786 shall be fixed at 1 500 tonnes;
 - (c) the quota amount of the tariff quota 09.2794 shall be fixed at 7 000 tonnes.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Luxembourg, 7 October 2003.

For the Council
The President
G. TREMONTI

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 331, 27.12.2000, p. 61.

ANNEX

Order No	CN code	TARIC code	Description	Amount of quota (in tonnes)	Quota duty (%)	Quota period
09.2759	ex 0302 50 10	20	Cod (<i>Gadus morhua</i> , <i>Gadus ogac</i> , <i>Gadus macrocephalus</i>), excluding livers and roes, fresh, chilled or frozen, for processing ^(a) ^(b)	50 000	0	1.1.2003 — 31.12.2003
	ex 0302 50 90	10				
	ex 0303 60 11	10				
	ex 0303 60 19	10				
	ex 0303 60 90	10				
09.2760	ex 0303 78 11	10	Hake (<i>Merluccius</i> spp. excluding <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> , <i>Urophycis</i> spp.), frozen, for processing ^(a) ^(b)	20 000	0	1.1.2003 — 31.12.2003
	ex 0303 78 12	10				
	ex 0303 78 13	10				
	ex 0303 78 19	11 81				
09.2761	ex 0304 20 91	10	Blue grenadier (<i>Macruronus</i> spp.), frozen fillets and other meat, for processing ^(a) ^(b)	15 000	0	1.1.2003 — 31.12.2003
	ex 0304 20 95	70				
	ex 0304 90 97	60				
09.2762	ex 0306 11 10	10	Rock lobster (<i>Palinurus</i> spp., <i>Panulirus</i> spp., <i>Jasus</i> spp.), frozen, for processing ^(a) ^(b)	1 500	6	1.1.2003 — 31.12.2003
	ex 0306 11 90	60				

^(a) Control of the use for this special purpose shall be carried out pursuant to the relevant Community provisions.

^(b) This quota is available for products intended to undergo any operation, unless it is solely for one or more of the following operations:

- cleaning, gutting, tailing, heading,
- cutting (excluding dicing, filleting, production of flaps or cutting of frozen blocks or splitting of frozen interleaved fillet blocks),
- sampling, sorting,
- labelling,
- packing,
- chilling,
- freezing,
- deep freezing,
- thawing, separation.

The quota is not available for products intended, in addition, to undergo treatment (or operations) which gives quota entitlement, where such treatment (or operations) is (are) carried out at retail or catering level. The reduction of customs duties shall apply only to fish intended for human consumption.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1772/2003
of 9 October 2003
establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 of 21 December 1994 on detailed rules for the application of the import arrangements for fruit and vegetables ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1947/2002 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 4(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 lays down, pursuant to the outcome of the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations, the criteria whereby the Commission fixes the standard values for imports from third countries, in respect of the products and periods stipulated in the Annex thereto.

- (2) In compliance with the above criteria, the standard import values must be fixed at the levels set out in the Annex to this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The standard import values referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 3223/94 shall be fixed as indicated in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 10 October 2003.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 October 2003.

For the Commission
J. M. SILVA RODRÍGUEZ
Agriculture Director-General

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 337, 24.12.1994, p. 66.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 299, 1.11.2002, p. 17.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 9 October 2003 establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

(EUR/100 kg)

CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0702 00 00	052	99,9
	060	95,9
	064	110,4
	068	67,7
	096	72,9
	204	138,6
	999	97,6
0707 00 05	052	101,8
	999	101,8
0709 90 70	052	92,6
	999	92,6
0805 50 10	052	81,6
	382	58,3
	388	63,5
	524	77,8
	528	62,7
	999	68,8
0806 10 10	052	106,4
	064	114,9
	508	301,7
	999	174,3
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	060	46,8
	388	74,9
	400	52,1
	508	103,4
	512	110,4
	720	43,7
	800	187,5
	804	105,0
	999	90,5
0808 20 50	052	105,0
	064	55,0
	388	170,0
	720	40,2
	999	92,5

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2020/2001 (OJ L 273, 16.10.2001, p. 6). Code '999' stands for 'of other origin'.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1773/2003**of 9 October 2003****fixing the representative prices and the additional import duties for molasses in the sugar sector**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 of 19 June 2001 on the common organisation of the market in sugar ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 680/2002 ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1422/95 of 23 June 1995 laying down detailed rules of application for imports of molasses in the sugar sector and amending Regulation (EEC) No 785/68 ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 79/2003 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 1(2) and Article 3(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1422/95 stipulates that the cif import price for molasses, hereinafter referred to as the 'representative price', should be set in accordance with Commission Regulation (EEC) No 785/68 ⁽⁵⁾. That price should be fixed for the standard quality defined in Article 1 of the above Regulation.
- (2) The representative price for molasses is calculated at the frontier crossing point into the Community, in this case Amsterdam; that price must be based on the most favourable purchasing opportunities on the world market established on the basis of the quotations or prices on that market adjusted for any deviations from the standard quality. The standard quality for molasses is defined in Regulation (EEC) No 785/68.
- (3) When the most favourable purchasing opportunities on the world market are being established, account must be taken of all available information on offers on the world market, on the prices recorded on important third-country markets and on sales concluded in international trade of which the Commission is aware, either directly or through the Member States. Under Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 785/68, the Commission may for this purpose take an average of several prices as a basis, provided that this average is representative of actual market trends.
- (4) The information must be disregarded if the goods concerned are not of sound and fair marketable quality or if the price quoted in the offer relates only to a small

quantity that is not representative of the market. Offer prices which can be regarded as not representative of actual market trends must also be disregarded.

- (5) If information on molasses of the standard quality is to be comparable, prices must, depending on the quality of the molasses offered, be increased or reduced in the light of the results achieved by applying Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 785/68.
- (6) A representative price may be left unchanged by way of exception for a limited period if the offer price which served as a basis for the previous calculation of the representative price is not available to the Commission and if the offer prices which are available and which appear not to be sufficiently representative of actual market trends would entail sudden and considerable changes in the representative price.
- (7) Where there is a difference between the trigger price for the product in question and the representative price, additional import duties should be fixed under the conditions set out in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1422/95. Should the import duties be suspended pursuant to Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1422/95, specific amounts for these duties should be fixed.
- (8) Application of these provisions will have the effect of fixing the representative prices and the additional import duties for the products in question as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Sugar,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The representative prices and the additional duties applying to imports of the products referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1422/95 are fixed in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 10 October 2003.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 178, 30.6.2001, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 104, 20.4.2002, p. 26.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 141, 24.6.1995, p. 12.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 13, 18.1.2003, p. 4.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 145, 27.6.1968, p. 12.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 October 2003.

For the Commission
J. M. SILVA RODRÍGUEZ
Agriculture Director-General

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 9 October 2003 fixing the representative prices and additional import duties to imports of molasses in the sugar sector

(in EUR)

CN code	Amount of the representative price in 100 kg net of the product in question	Amount of the additional duty in 100 kg net of the product in question	Amount of the duty to be applied to imports in 100 kg net of the product in question because of suspension as referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1422/95 ⁽²⁾
1703 10 00 ⁽¹⁾	5,94	0,35	—
1703 90 00 ⁽¹⁾	8,66	—	0

⁽¹⁾ For the standard quality as defined in Article 1 of amended Regulation (EEC) No 785/68.

⁽²⁾ This amount replaces, in accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1422/95, the rate of the Common Customs Tariff duty fixed for these products.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1774/2003**of 9 October 2003****fixing the export refunds on white sugar and raw sugar exported in its unaltered state**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 of 19 June 2001 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector ⁽¹⁾, amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 680/2002 ⁽²⁾, and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 27(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 27 of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 provides that the difference between quotations or prices on the world market for the products listed in Article 1(1)(a) of that Regulation and prices for those products within the Community may be covered by an export refund.
- (2) Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 provides that when refunds on white and raw sugar, undenatured and exported in its unaltered state, are being fixed account must be taken of the situation on the Community and world markets in sugar and in particular of the price and cost factors set out in Article 28 of that Regulation. The same Article provides that the economic aspect of the proposed exports should also be taken into account.
- (3) The refund on raw sugar must be fixed in respect of the standard quality. The latter is defined in Annex I, point II, to Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001. Furthermore, this refund should be fixed in accordance with Article 28(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001. Candy sugar is defined in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2135/95 of 7 September 1995 laying down detailed rules of application for the grant of export refunds in the sugar sector ⁽³⁾. The refund thus calculated for sugar containing added flavouring or colouring matter must apply to their sucrose content and, accordingly, be fixed per 1 % of the said content.

- (4) The world market situation or the specific requirements of certain markets may make it necessary to vary the refund for sugar according to destination.
- (5) In special cases, the amount of the refund may be fixed by other legal instruments.
- (6) The refund must be fixed every two weeks. It may be altered in the intervening period.
- (7) It follows from applying the rules set out above to the present situation on the market in sugar and in particular to quotations or prices for sugar within the Community and on the world market that the refund should be as set out in the Annex hereto.
- (8) Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 does not make provision to continue the compensation system for storage costs from 1 July 2001. This should accordingly be taken into account when fixing the refunds granted when the export occurs after 30 September 2001.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Sugar,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The export refunds on the products listed in Article 1(1)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001, undenatured and exported in the natural state, are hereby fixed to the amounts shown in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 10 October 2003.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 October 2003.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 178, 30.6.2001, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 104, 20.4.2002, p. 26.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 214, 8.9.1995, p. 16.

ANNEX

REFUNDS ON WHITE SUGAR AND RAW SUGAR EXPORTED WITHOUT FURTHER PROCESSING

Product code	Destination	Unit of measurement	Amount of refund
1701 11 90 9100	S00	EUR/100 kg	44,96 ⁽¹⁾
1701 11 90 9910	S00	EUR/100 kg	45,72 ⁽¹⁾
1701 12 90 9100	S00	EUR/100 kg	44,96 ⁽¹⁾
1701 12 90 9910	S00	EUR/100 kg	45,72 ⁽¹⁾
1701 91 00 9000	S00	EUR/1 % of sucrose × 100 kg product net	0,4888
1701 99 10 9100	S00	EUR/100 kg	48,88
1701 99 10 9910	S00	EUR/100 kg	49,70
1701 99 10 9950	S00	EUR/100 kg	49,70
1701 99 90 9100	S00	EUR/1 % of sucrose × 100 kg of net product	0,4888

NB: The product codes and the 'A' series destination codes are set out in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 (OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1).

The numeric destination codes are set out in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1779/2002 (OJ L 269, 5.10.2002, p. 6).

The other destinations are:

S00: all destinations (third countries, other territories, victualling and destinations treated as exports from the Community) with the exception of Albania, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro (including Kosovo, as defined in UN Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999) and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, save for sugar incorporated in the products referred to in Article 1(2)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 (OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 29).

⁽¹⁾ This amount is applicable to raw sugar with a yield of 92 %. Where the yield for exported raw sugar differs from 92 %, the refund amount applicable shall be calculated in accordance with Article 28(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001.

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1775/2003
of 9 October 2003**

fixing the maximum export refund for white sugar to certain third countries for the ninth partial invitation to tender issued within the framework of the standing invitation to tender provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1290/2003

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 of 19 June 2001 on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 680/2002 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 27(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1290/2003 of 18 July 2003 on a standing invitation to tender to determine levies and/or refunds on exports of white sugar ⁽³⁾, for the 2003/2004 marketing year, requires partial invitations to tender to be issued for the export of this sugar to certain third countries.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 9(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1290/2003 a maximum export refund shall be fixed, as the case may be, account being taken in particular of the state and foreseeable development of the Community and world markets in sugar, for the partial invitation to tender in question.

(3) Following an examination of the tenders submitted in response to the ninth partial invitation to tender, the provisions set out in Article 1 should be adopted.

(4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Sugar,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the ninth partial invitation to tender for white sugar issued pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1290/2003 the maximum amount of the export refund to certain third countries is fixed at 52,776 EUR/100 kg.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 10 October 2003.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 October 2003.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 178, 30.6.2001, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 104, 20.4.2002, p. 26.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 181, 19.7.2003, p. 7.

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

Information on the date of entry into force of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Kiribati on fishing within the Kiribati fishing zone ⁽¹⁾

The European Community and the Government of the Republic of Kiribati notified each other, on 18 June 2003 and 16 September 2003 respectively, of the completion of their internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Agreement.

The Agreement consequently entered into force on 16 September 2003 in accordance with Article 16 thereof.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 126, 22.5.2003, p. 1.

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 7 October 2003

amending Annex E to Council Directive 91/68/EEC and Annexes I and II to Decision 93/198/EEC as regards the updating of the model health certificates relating to ovine and caprine animals

(notified under document number C(2003) 3511)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2003/708/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine, ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat or meat products from third countries ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 807/2003 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 11 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/68/EEC of 28 January 1991 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in ovine and caprine animals ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Council Directive 2003/50/EC ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 14(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The specimen veterinary certificate for trade in ovine and caprine animals for breeding is set down in Model III of Annex E to Directive 91/68/EEC.
- (2) Commission Decision 93/198/EEC of 17 February 1993, as last amended by Decision 2002/261/EC ⁽⁵⁾, lays down a model for the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for the importation of domestic ovine and caprine animals from third countries ⁽⁶⁾.
- (3) In accordance with Part I of Chapter A of Annex VIII and Chapter E of Annex IX to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2001 laying down rules for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies ⁽⁷⁾, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1234/2003 ⁽⁸⁾, certain restric-

tions on trade in and imports of ovine and caprine animals have been removed under the condition that these animals are of the ARR/ARR prion protein genotype.

- (4) It is necessary to align the animal health certificate Model III in Annex E to Directive 91/68/EEC and the model certificates in Annexes I and II to Decision 93/198/EEC with the updated rules.
- (5) Directive 91/68/EEC and Decision 93/198/EEC should therefore 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

Model III in Annex E to Directive 91/68/EEC is replaced by the text in Annex I to this Decision.

Article 2

Decision 93/198/EEC is amended as follows:

1. Annex I is replaced by the text in Annex II to this Decision.
2. Annex II is replaced by the text in Annex III to this Decision

Article 3

This Decision shall apply from 13 October 2003.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 36.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 46, 19.2.1991, p. 19.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 169, 8.7.2003, p. 51.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 86, 6.4.1993, p. 34.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 91, 6.4.2002, p. 31.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 147, 31.5.2001, p. 1.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 173, 11.7.2003, p. 6.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 7 October 2003.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

Model III

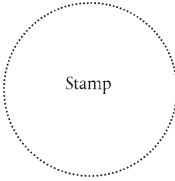
1. Consignor (name and address in full)		HEALTH CERTIFICATE ⁽¹⁾ FOR TRADE BETWEEN MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION IN OVINE AND CAPRINE ANIMALS FOR BREEDING																			
		No	ORIGINAL																		
		3. MEMBER STATE.....																			
2. Consignee (name and address in full)		4. Competent Authority 4.1. Ministry: 4.2. Department:																			
5. Place of loading:																					
6. Means of transport ⁽²⁾ 6.1. Type 6.2. Identification		7. Establishment(s) of origin 7.1. Name and address of the holding ⁽⁴⁾ 7.2. Name, address and registration number of approved assembly centre ⁽⁴⁾																			
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11. Origin of the animals The animals were either: (a) born and have been reared since birth on Community territory ⁽⁴⁾ or (b) imported from a third country satisfying the animal health conditions laid down in Commission Decision 93/198/EEC in accordance with Article 8 of Directive 72/462/EEC ⁽⁴⁾																					

12. Health information

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify, that the animals described above meet the following requirements:

- 12.1. they have been inspected today (within 24 hours prior to loading) and show no clinical sign of disease;
- 12.2. they are not animals which are to be destroyed under a scheme to eradicate a contagious or infectious disease;
- 12.3. they were not obtained from a holding which is the subject of a prohibition on animal health grounds and they have not been in contact with animals from such a holding, it being understood that:
 - 12.3.1. such prohibition is connected with the outbreak of one of the following diseases to which the animals are susceptible:
 - brucellosis,
 - rabies,
 - anthrax;
 - 12.3.2. after slaughter and/or destruction of the last animal suffering from or susceptible to one of the above diseases, the duration of the prohibition must be at least:
 - 42 days in a case of brucellosis,
 - 30 days in a case of rabies,
 - 15 days in a case of anthrax;
 - 12.3.3. they do not come from a holding nor have been in contact with animals from a holding in a protection zone which has been set up under Community legislation and which animals are prohibited to leave;
 - 12.3.4. they are not the subject of animal health measures pursuant to Community legislation on foot-and-mouth disease nor have they been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease;
- 12.4. they have remained on a single holding of origin for a period of at least 30 days prior to loading, or since birth in the holding of origin where the animals are less than 30 days old, and no animal of the ovine or caprine species has been introduced into the holding of origin during the last 21 days prior to loading and no biungulate animal imported from a third country has been introduced into the holding of origin during the 30 days prior to dispatch from the holding of origin, unless those animals were introduced in accordance with Article 4a (2) of Directive 91/68/EEC;
- 12.5. they comply with the additional guarantees provided for in Articles 7 or 8 of Council Directive 91/68/EEC and laid down for the Member State of destination or part of its territory [insert Member State or part of its territory] in Commission Decision/...../EC ⁽⁴⁾.
- 12.6. they comply with at least one the following conditions in 12.6.1., 12.6.2. or 12.6.3. and therefore qualify for admission to an ovine or caprine holding which is officially brucellosis-free, (*B. melitensis*) ⁽⁴⁾:
 - 12.6.1. the holding of origin is situated in a Member State or part of its territory [insert name of Member State or part of its territory] which is recognised as being officially brucellosis-free in accordance with Commission Decision/...../EC ⁽⁴⁾, or
 - 12.6.2. they come from an officially brucellosis-free (*B. melitensis*) holding ⁽⁴⁾; or
 - 12.6.3. they come from a brucellosis-free (*B. melitensis*) holding and
 - (i) they are identified individually, and
 - (ii) they have never been vaccinated against brucellosis or if they have been vaccinated were so vaccinated more than two years previously or they are females over two years old which were vaccinated before the age of seven months, and
 - (iii) they were isolated under official supervision on the holding of origin and, during such isolation, underwent, with negative results, two tests for brucellosis in accordance with Annex C to Directive 91/68/EEC, separated by an interval of at least six weeks ⁽⁴⁾;
- 12.7. they comply with at least one of the conditions in 12.7.1., 12.7.2. or 12.7.3. and therefore qualify for admission to an ovine or caprine holding which is brucellosis-free, (*B. melitensis*) ⁽⁴⁾:
 - 12.7.1. they come from an officially brucellosis-free (*B. melitensis*) holding ⁽⁴⁾; or
 - 12.7.2. they come from a brucellosis-free (*B. melitensis*) holding ⁽⁴⁾; or

12.7.3.	until the qualifying date under eradication plans approved pursuant to Decision 90/242/EEC, they originate from a holding other than that referred to in 12.7.1. and 12.7.2. and satisfy the following conditions: (i) they are identified individually, and (ii) they originate from a holding in which all the animals of species susceptible to brucellosis (<i>B. melitensis</i>) have been free of clinical symptoms or any other symptoms of brucellosis for at least 12 months; and (iii) either: — they have not been vaccinated against brucellosis (<i>B. melitensis</i>) in the last two years, and — they were isolated under veterinary supervision on the holding of origin and, during such isolation, underwent, with negative results, two tests for brucellosis in accordance with Annex C to Directive 91/68/EEC, separated by an interval of at least six weeks ⁽⁴⁾, or — they were vaccinated with Rev. 1 vaccine before the age of seven months but not later than 15 days before their introduction into the holding of destination ⁽⁴⁾;
12.8.	as regards contagious epididymitis of rams (<i>B. ovis</i>), where uncastrated breeding rams are concerned, they must: (i) come from a holding on which no case of contagious epididymitis of rams (<i>B. ovis</i>) has been recorded in the past 12 months, and (ii) have been kept permanently on that holding for the 60 days preceding consignment, and (iii) have undergone, within 30 days prior to consignment, with a negative result, a test to detect contagious epididymitis of rams (<i>B. ovis</i>) in accordance with Annex D to Directive 91/68/EEC;
12.9.	to the best of the knowledge of the undersigned and according to the written declaration made by the owner, they were not obtained from a holding nor have been in contact with animals from a holding in which the following diseases have been clinically detected: (i) within the last six months, contagious agalactia of sheep (<i>Mycoplasma agalactiae</i>) and contagious agalactia of goats (<i>Mycoplasma agalactiae</i>, <i>M. capricolum</i>, <i>M. mycoides</i> subsp. <i>mycoides</i> large colony), (ii) within the last 12 months, paratuberculosis or caseous lymphadenitis, (iii) within the last three years, pulmonary adenomatosis, maedi/visna or caprine viral arthritis/encephalitis. However, this time limit is reduced to 12 months if animals affected by maedi/visna or caprine viral arthritis/encephalitis have been slaughtered and the remaining animals have reacted negatively to two tests;
12.10.	as regards scrapie, the animals:
12.10.1.1.	either have been kept continuously since birth or for the last three years on a holding or holdings which have satisfied the following requirements for at least three years ⁽⁴⁾: (i) it is/they are subject to regular official veterinary checks, (ii) the animals are marked, (iii) no case of scrapie has been confirmed, (iv) checking by sampling of old female animals intended for culling is carried out on the holding(s), (v) females are introduced into the holding(s) only if they come from a holding which complies with the same requirements; or
12.10.1.2.	are sheep of the ARR/ARR prion protein genotype, as defined in Annex I to Commission Decision 2002/1003/EC ⁽⁴⁾, and
12.10.2.	if they are destined for a Member State which benefits, for all or part of its territory, from the provisions laid down in point (b) or (c) of Part I in Chapter A in Annex VIII to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 they comply with the additional guarantees laid down for the Member State of destination or part of its territory [insert Member State or part of its territory] in Commission Regulation (EC) No/..... ⁽⁴⁾.
13.1.	The animals were transported using means of transport and containment which had, beforehand, been cleaned and disinfected using an officially approved disinfectant, and in such a way as to provide effective protection of the animals' health status.
13.2.	Based on the official documentation accompanying the animals the consignment covered by this health certificate started the journey on [insert date] ⁽⁵⁾.
13.3.	At the time of inspection the animals were fit to be transported on the intended journey in accordance with the provisions of Directive 91/628/EEC ⁽⁶⁾.
14.	This certificate is valid for 10 days from the date of inspection.

14.1. Official stamp and signature 	14.2. Done at: [insert place of inspection]
	14.3. Done on: [insert date of inspection]
	14.4. Signature of official veterinarian [insert name and capacity in block capitals]

Indicative notes

- (¹) Health certificates may be drawn up only for animals which are to be transported in the same railway wagon, truck/lorry, aircraft or boat/ship, which originate from the same holding and which are being sent to the same consignee.
- (²) Give the registration number in the case of railway wagons and lorries/trucks, the flight number in the case of aircraft and the name in case of boats and ships.
- (³) State number and location.
- (⁴) Delete where not applicable.
- (⁵) In the case where a consignment is grouped in an assembly centre and comprises animals that were loaded on different dates, the date at which the journey commenced for the whole consignment is considered to be the earliest date when any part of the consignment left the holding of origin.
- (⁶) This statement does not exempt transporters from their obligations in accordance with Community provisions in force in particular regarding the fitness of animals to be transported.*

ANNEX II

ANNEX I

PART 1(a)

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for domestic ovine and caprine animals for immediate slaughter intended for consignment to the European Community

Note for the importer:

This certificate is only for veterinary purposes and the original must accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection post. It covers only animals transported in the same railway wagon, lorry, aircraft or ship, consigned to the same destination and intended to be taken immediately on arrival in the Member State of destination direct to a slaughterhouse and to be slaughtered not later than five working days after their entry in accordance with Article 13 of Council Directive 72/462/EEC. It must be completed on the date of loading and all time limits referred to expire on that date.

Code No ⁽¹⁾

Exporting country:

Ministry:

Competent issuing authority:

Country of destination:

I. **Number of animals:**
(in words)

II. **Identification of animals:**

The animals to be exported must bear an individual number which permits tracing of their premises of origin and an indelible red mark on their heads identifying them as animals for slaughter.

Number of Animals	Official identification number	Species (ovine/caprine)	Breed	Age	Sex

III. **Origin of animals**

Name(s) and address(es) of premises of origin:
.....
.....

IV. **Destination of animals**

The animals will be sent from:
.....
(place of loading)

to:
(country and place of destination)

⁽¹⁾ Issued by the central competent authority.

by railway wagon/lorry/aircraft/ship:

(indicate means of transport and registration marks, flight number or registered name, as appropriate)

Name and address of consignor:

Name and address of consignee:

V. Health information

I, the undersigned, being an official veterinarian of:
(exporting country)

do hereby certify that:

1. (2)
(exporting country) (region)

has been free from foot-and-mouth disease for the two years immediately prior to export, has not practised vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease during the 12 months immediately prior to export, does not permit animals into its territory vaccinated less than one year previously and the animals to be exported have not been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease.

2. (2)
(exporting country) (region)

has been free from the following diseases:

— for 12 months immediately prior to export from rinderpest, bluetongue, contagious caprine pleuro-pneumonia, peste des petits ruminants, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, sheep pox, goat pox, Rift Valley fever and during this time vaccination against any of these diseases has not been carried out,

— for six months immediately prior to export from vesicular stomatitis.

3. The animals to be exported:

(a) were born on the territory of (2)
(exporting country) (region)

and have remained there since birth if less than three months old

or

have remained continuously on the territory of (2)
(exporting country) (region)

for at least three months prior to the day of loading

or

were imported into (2)
(exporting country) (region)

not less than three months ago from a Member State of the European Community or from a third country included in Part I of the Annex to Council Decision 79/542/EEC, in accordance with veterinary conditions at least as strict as the relevant requirements of Directive 72/462/EEC, including any subsidiary decisions;

(delete unwanted reference)

(2) Only to be completed if the authorisation to export to the Community is restricted to certain regions of the third country concerned.

(b) have remained for the last 30 days or since birth, if less than 30 days old, on a holding in the centre of an area of 20 km in diameter in which, according to official findings, there has been no occurrence of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, bluetongue, contagious caprine pleuro-pneumonia, peste des petits ruminants, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, sheep pox, goat pox, Rift Valley fever or vesicular stomatitis during the last 30 days;

(c) in respect of scrapie:

(i) either they were born in and continuously reared on holdings in which a case of scrapie has never been diagnosed ⁽³⁾,

or

(ii) they are sheep of the ARR/ARR prion protein genotype, as defined in Annex I to Commission Decision 2002/1003/EC, coming from a holding where no case of scrapie has been reported in the last six months ⁽³⁾,

and

(iii) If they are destined for a Member State which benefits, for all or part of its territory, from the provisions laid down in point (b) or (c) of Chapter A(I) of Annex VIII to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, comply with the guarantees provided for in the programmes referred to in that point ⁽³⁾;

(d) come from a holding which has been free from any official prohibition on health grounds:

- for the last 42 days in the case of brucellosis,
- for the last 30 days in the case of rabies,
- for the last 15 days in the case of anthrax,

and have not been in contact with animals from holdings which do not satisfy these conditions;

(e) were examined by an official veterinarian of.....
(name of exporting country)

within 24 hours of loading and showed no clinical sign of disease;

(f) are not animals to be destroyed under a national programme for the eradication of disease;

(g) have not received thyrostatic, oestrogenic, androgenic or gestagenic substances for fattening purposes;

(h) were obtained:

— from a holding

or

— from

.....
(name of market)

a market officially authorised, under conditions at least as severe as those of Annex II to Commission Decision 91/189/EEC, for the export of ovine and caprine animals for immediate slaughter to the European Community,

and were assembled at:

.....
(name of assembly point)

and until dispatched onto the territory of the European Community they did not come into contact with any cloven-hoofed animals other than those meeting the requirements of this certificate and were not at any place other than a place situated at the centre of an area of 20 km diameter in which, according to official findings by the veterinary authorities of

.....
(name of exporting country)

⁽¹⁾ Delete where not applicable.

there had been no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, bluetongue, contagious caprine pleuro-pneumonia, peste des petits ruminants, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, sheep pox, goat pox, Rift Valley fever or vesicular stomatitis during the previous 30 days;

(delete reference to holding, market or assembly point as appropriate)

4. any transport vehicles or containers in which they were loaded were previously cleansed and disinfected with an officially authorised disinfectant and so constructed that faeces, urine, litter or fodder could not flow or fall out of the vehicle during transportation.
- VI. Protocols for the approval of any markets through which the animals to which this certificate applies may have passed were in accordance with Annex II to Decision 91/189/EEC.
- VII. The certificate is valid for 10 days from the date of loading. In the case of transport by ship the time is prolonged by the time of the voyage.

Done at , on

.....
(signature of the official veterinarian) ⁽⁴⁾

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

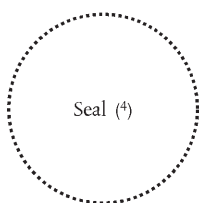
- VIII. **Declaration by the captain of the aircraft or master of the ship** (only to be completed when transport includes, even for part of the journey, transport by aircraft or ship).

I, the undersigned, captain of aircraft (flight No.....)/master of ship (name.....), declare that the animals referred to in paragraph IV above have remained on board the aircraft/ship during the flight/voyage from in (exporting country) to in the European Community and that the aircraft/ship did not land/call at any place outside (exporting country) en route to the European Community other than (Ports or airports of call en route).

Done at , on
(Port or airport of arrival) (Date of arrival)

.....
(Signature of captain or master) ⁽⁴⁾

.....
(Name in capital letters and title)



⁽⁴⁾ The signature and the stamp must be in a colour different to that of the printing.

PART 1(b)**ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE****for domestic ovine and caprine animals for immediate slaughter intended for consignment to the European Community***Note for the importer:*

This certificate is only for veterinary purposes and the original must accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection post. It covers only animals transported in the same railway wagon, lorry, aircraft or ship, consigned to the same destination and intended to be taken immediately on arrival in the Member State of destination direct to a slaughterhouse and to be slaughtered not later than five working days after their entry in accordance with Article 13 of Council Directive 72/462/EEC. It must be completed on the date of loading and all time limits referred to expire on that date.

Code No ⁽¹⁾

Exporting country:

Ministry:

Competent issuing authority:

Country of destination:

I. **Number of animals:**
(in words)

II. **Identification of animals:**

The animals to be exported must bear an individual number which permits tracing of their premises of origin and an indelible red mark on their heads identifying them as animals for slaughter.

Number of Animals	Official identification number	Species (ovine/caprine)	Breed	Age	Sex

III. **Origin of animals**

Name(s) and address(es) of premises of origin:

.....

.....

IV. **Destination of animals**

The animals will be sent from:

.....

(place of loading)

to:

(country and place of destination)

⁽¹⁾ Issued by the central competent authority.

by railway wagon/lorry/aircraft/ship:

(indicate means of transport and registration marks, flight number or registered name, as appropriate)

Name and address of consignor:

Name and address of consignee:

V. Health information

I, the undersigned, being an official veterinarian of:
(exporting country)

do hereby certify that

1. (2)
(exporting country) (region)

has been free from foot-and-mouth disease for the two years immediately prior to export, has not practised vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease during the 12 months immediately prior to export, does not permit animals into its territory vaccinated less than one year previously and the animals to be exported have not been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease.

2. (2)
(exporting country) (region)

has been free from the following diseases:

— for 12 months immediately prior to export from rinderpest, bluetongue, contagious caprine pleuro-pneumonia, peste des petits ruminants, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, sheep pox, goat pox, Rift Valley fever and during this time vaccination against any of these diseases has not been carried out,

— for six months immediately prior to export from vesicular stomatitis.

3. The animals to be exported:

(a) were born on the territory of

..... (2)
(exporting country) (region)

and have remained there since birth if less than three months old

or

have remained continuously on the territory of

..... (2)
(exporting country) (region)

for at least three months prior to the day of loading

or

were imported into

..... (2)
(exporting country) (region)

not less than three months ago from a Member State of the European Community or from a third country included in Part 1 of the Annex to Council Decision 79/542/EEC, in accordance with veterinary conditions at least as strict as the relevant requirements of Directive 72/462/EEC, including any subsidiary decisions;

(delete unwanted reference)

(2) Only to be completed if the authorisation to export to the Community is restricted to certain regions of the third country concerned.

(b) have remained for the last 30 days or since birth, if less than 30 days old, on a holding in the centre of an area of 20 km in diameter in which, according to official findings, there has been no occurrence of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, bluetongue, contagious caprine pleuro-pneumonia, peste des petits ruminants, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, sheep pox, goat pox, Rift Valley fever or vesicular stomatitis during the last 30 days;

(c) in respect of scrapie:

(i) either they were born in and continuously reared on holdings in which a case of scrapie has never been diagnosed ⁽³⁾,

or

(ii) they are sheep of the ARR/ARR prion protein genotype, as defined in Annex I to Commission Decision 2002/1003/EC, coming from a holding where no case of scrapie has been reported in the last six months ⁽³⁾,

and

(iii) If they are destined for a Member State which benefits, for all or part of its territory, from the provisions laid down in point (b) or (c) of Chapter A(I) of Annex VIII to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, comply with the guarantees provided for in the programmes referred to in that point ⁽³⁾;

(d) come from a holding which has been free from any official prohibition on health grounds:

— for the last 42 days in the case of brucellosis,

— for the last 30 days in the case of rabies,

— for the last 15 days in the case of anthrax,

and have not been in contact with animals from holdings which do not satisfy these conditions;

(e) were examined by an official veterinarian of.....
(name of exporting country)

within 24 hours of loading and showed no clinical sign of disease;

(f) are not animals to be destroyed under a national programme for the eradication of disease;

(g) have not received thyrostatic, oestrogenic, androgenic or gestagenic substances for fattening purposes;

(h) were obtained directly from a holding or holdings without passing through a market and were loaded:

.....
(name of assembly point)

and until dispatched onto the territory of the European Community they did not come into contact with any cloven-hoofed animals other than those meeting the requirements of this certificate and were not at any place other than a place situated at the centre of an area of 20 km diameter in which, according to official findings by the veterinary authorities of

.....
(name of exporting country)

there had been no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, bluetongue, contagious caprine pleuro-pneumonia, peste des petits ruminants, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, sheep pox, goat pox, Rift Valley fever or vesicular stomatitis during the previous 30 days;

4. any transport vehicles or containers in which they were loaded were previously cleansed and disinfected with an officially authorised disinfectant and so constructed that faeces, urine, litter or fodder could not flow or fall out of the vehicle during transportation.

⁽³⁾ Delete where not applicable.

- VI. The certificate is valid for 10 days from the date of loading. In the case of transport by ship the time is prolonged by the time of the voyage.

Done at , on

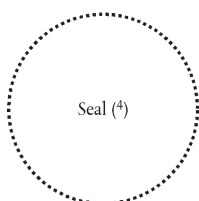
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(name in capital letters, qualifications and title)

- VII. **Declaration by the captain of the aircraft or master of the ship** (only to be completed when transport includes, even for part of the journey, transport by aircraft or ship).

I, the undersigned, captain of aircraft (flight No)/master of ship (name), declare that the animals referred to in paragraph IV above have remained on board the aircraft/ship during the flight/voyage from in (exporting country) to in the European Community and that the aircraft/ship did not land/call at any place outside (exporting country) en route to the European Community other than (Ports or airports of call en route).

Done at , on
(Port or airport of arrival) (Date of arrival)



.....
(Signature of captain or master) ⁽⁴⁾

.....
(Name in capital letters and title)

⁽⁴⁾ The colour of the seal and the signature must be different from the colour of the printing.

ANNEX III

'ANNEX II

PART 1(a)

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

for domestic ovine and caprine animals for fattening intended for consignment to the European Community

Note for the importer:

This certificate is only for veterinary purposes and the original must accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection post. It covers only animals transported in the same railway wagon, lorry, aircraft or ship and consigned to the same destination. It must be completed on the date of loading and all time limits referred to expire on that date.

Code No (1)

Exporting country:

Ministry:

Competent issuing authority:

Country of destination:

I. **Number of animals:**
(in words)

II. **Identification of animals:**

The animals to be exported must bear an individual number which permits tracing of their premises of origin.

Number of animals	Official identification number	Species (ovine/caprine)	Breed	Age	Sex

III. **Origin of animals**

Name(s) and address(es) of premises of origin:
.....
.....

IV. **Destination of animals**

The animals will be sent from:
.....
(place of loading)
to:
.....
(country and place of destination)

(1) Issued by the central competent authority.

by railway wagon/lorry/aircraft/ship:

.....
(indicate means of transport and registration marks, flight number or registered name, as appropriate)

Name and address of consignor:

.....

Name and address of consignee:

.....

V. Health information

I, the undersigned, being an official veterinarian of:

(exporting country)

do hereby certify that:

1. (2)
(exporting country) (region)

has been free from foot-and-mouth disease for the two years immediately prior to export, has not practised vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease during the 12 months immediately prior to export, does not permit animals into its territory vaccinated less than one year previously and the animals to be exported have not been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease.

2. (2)
(exporting country) (region)

has been free from the following diseases:

- for 12 months immediately prior to export from rinderpest, bluetongue, contagious caprine pleuro-pneumonia, peste des petits ruminants, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, sheep pox, goat pox, Rift Valley fever and during this time vaccination against any of these diseases has not been carried out,
- for six months immediately prior to export from vesicular stomatitis.

3. The animals described in this certificate:

(a) are marked in such a way that they can readily be traced to their holding(s) of origin;

(b) have been subjected with negative result to the following test(s) and conform to the following guarantees, as required by a Member State in application of Article 7 or 8 of Council Directive 91/68/EEC (3)

.....
(complete or delete as required by the importing Member State)

(c) have remained during the past 30 days, or since birth if less than 30 days old, on a holding or holdings situated in the centre of an area of 20 km diameter in which, according to official findings, there has been no occurrence of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, bluetongue, contagious caprine pleuro-pneumonia, peste des petits ruminants, epizootic haemorrhagic disease sheep pox, goat pox, Rift Valley fever or vesicular stomatitis during the last 30 days;

(d) in respect of scrapie:

(i) either they were born in and continuously reared on holdings in which a case of scrapie has never been diagnosed (3)

or

(ii) they are sheep of the ARR/ARR prion protein genotype, as defined in Annex I to Commission Decision 2002/1003/EC, coming from a holding where no case of scrapie has been reported in the last six months (3)

and

(2) Only to be completed if the authorisation to export to the Community is restricted to certain regions of the third country concerned.

(3) Delete as appropriate.

(⁴) Where more than one holding of origin is involved the date of the most recent test on each holding must be clearly indicated.

satisfy the provisions of Annex II, Part 1c, Chapter 1, paragraph D to Decision 93/198/EEC, laying down the standards to be met by animals being added to a holding with officially brucellosis-free status including two serological tests performed on
(date of first test)

and (4) with negative results (3);
(date of second test)

OR

- (ii) originate from a holding meeting the requirements for brucellosis-free holdings laid down in Annex II, Part 1c, Chapter 2 to Decision 93/198/EEC on which the most recent test of all eligible animals was carried out on (4)

.....
(date)

with negative results (3);

OR

satisfy the provisions of Annex II, Part 1c, Chapter 2, paragraph D to Decision 93/198/EEC, laying down the standards to be met by animals being added to a holding with brucellosis-free status including where appropriate two serological tests performed on
(date of first test)

and (4)
(date of second test)

with negative results (3)

OR

- (iii) originate from (3)
(country) (region)

which has been recognised as satisfying the requirements for officially brucellosis-free status and is included in the list in the Annex, Part 5 to Commission Decision 97/232/EC(3);

- (g) were obtained directly from a holding or holdings without passing through a market and

were loaded at (5)
(name of loading place)

and until dispatched onto the territory of the European Community they did not come into contact with any cloven-hoofed animals other than those meeting the requirements of this certificate and were not at any place other than a place situated at the centre of an area of 20 km diameter in which, according to official findings by the veterinary authorities of

.....
(name of exporting country)

there had been no incidence of foot-and-mouth-disease, rinderpest, bluetongue, contagious caprine pleuro-pneumonia, peste des petits ruminants, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, sheep pox, goat pox, Rift Valley fever or vesicular stomatitis during the previous 30 days.

4. Any transport vehicles or containers in which they were loaded were previously cleansed and disinfected with an officially authorised disinfectant and so constructed that faeces, urine, litter or fodder could not flow or fall out of the vehicle during transportation.

- VI. The certificate is valid for 10 days from the date of loading. In the case of transport by ship the time is prolonged by the time of the voyage.

Done at on

.....
(signature of the official veterinarian) (5)

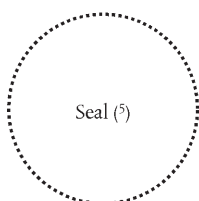
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(name in capital letters, qualifications and title)

(5) The colour of the seal and the signature must be different from the colour of the printing.

VII. **Declaration by the captain of the aircraft or master of the ship** (only to be completed when transport includes, even for part of the journey, transport by aircraft or ship).

I, the undersigned, captain of aircraft (flight No)/ master of ship (name) declare that the animals referred to in paragraph IV above have remained on board the aircraft/ship during the flight/voyage from in (exporting country) to in the European Community and that the aircraft/ship did not land/call at any place outside (exporting country) en route to the European Community other than: (Ports or airports of call en route).

Done at , on
(Port or airport of arrival) (Date of arrival)



.....
(Signature of captain or master)⁽⁵⁾

.....
(Name in capital letters and title)

⁽⁵⁾ The colour of the seal and the signature must be different from the colour of the printing.

PART 1(b)**ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE****for domestic ovine and caprine animals for breeding intended for consignment to the European Community***Note for the importer:*

This certificate is only for veterinary purposes and the original must accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection post. It covers only animals transported in the same railway wagon, lorry, aircraft or ship and consigned to the same destination. It must be completed on the date of loading and all time limits referred to expire on that date.

Code No ⁽¹⁾

Exporting country:

Ministry:

Competent issuing authority:

Country of destination:

I. **Number of animals:**
(in words)

II. **Identification of animals:**

The animals to be exported must bear an individual number which permits tracing of their premises of origin.

Number of animals	Official identification number	Species (ovine/caprine)	Breed	Age	Sex

III. **Origin of animals**

Name(s) and address(es) of premises of origin:

.....

.....

IV. **Destination of animals**

The animals will be sent from:

.....

(place of loading)

to:

.....

(country and place of destination)

⁽¹⁾ Issued by the central competent authority.

by railway wagon/lorry/aircraft/ship:

(indicate means of transport and registration marks, flight number of registered name, as appropriate)

Name and address of consignor:

Name and address of consignee:

V. Health information

I, the undersigned, being an official veterinarian of:
(exporting country)

do hereby certify that:

1. (2)
(exporting country) (region)

has been free from foot-and-mouth disease for the two years immediately prior to export, has not practised vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease during the 12 months immediately prior to export does not permit animals into its territory vaccinated less than one year previously and the animals to be exported have not been vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease.

2. (2)
(exporting country) (region)

has been free from the following diseases:

- for 12 months immediately prior to export from rinderpest, bluetongue, contagious caprine pleuro-pneumonia, peste des petits ruminants, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, sheep pox, goat pox, Rift Valley fever and during this time vaccination against any of these diseases has not been carried out,
- for 6 months immediately prior to export from vesicular stomatitis.

3. The animals described in this certificate:

- (a) are marked in such a way that they can readily be traced to their holding(s) of origin;
- (b) have been subjected with negative result to the following test(s) and conform to the following guarantees, as required by a Member State in application of Article 7 or 8 of Council Directive 91/68/EEC ⁽³⁾

.....
(complete or delete as required by the importing Member State)

- (c) have remained during the past 30 days, or since birth if less than 30 days old, on a holding or holdings situated in the centre of an area of 20 km diameter in which, according to official findings, there has been no occurrence of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, bluetongue, contagious caprine pleuro-pneumonia, peste des petits ruminants, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, sheep pox, goat pox, Rift Valley fever or vesicular stomatitis during the last 30 days

- (d) in respect of scrapie:

- (i) either they were born in and continuously reared on holdings in which a case of scrapie has never been diagnosed and which have satisfied the following requirements for at least three years:
 - it is subject to regular official veterinary checks,
 - the animals are marked,
 - no case of scrapie has been confirmed,
 - checking by sampling of old female animals intended for culling is carried out on the holding,
 - females are introduced into the holding only if they come from a holding which complies with the same requirements ⁽³⁾;

or

- (ii) they are sheep of the ARR/ARR prion protein genotype, as defined in Annex I to Commission Decision 2002/1003/EC, coming from a holding where no case of scrapie has been reported in the last six months ⁽³⁾

and

⁽²⁾ Only to be completed if the authorisation to export to the Community is restricted to certain regions of the third country concerned.

⁽³⁾ Delete as appropriate.

nor have they come from a holding or been in contact with animals from a holding in an area subject to animal health restrictions:

(⁴) Where more than one holding of origin is involved the date of the most recent test on each holding must be clearly indicated.

4. Any transport vehicles or containers in which they were loaded were previously cleansed and disinfected with an officially authorised disinfectant and so constructed that faeces, urine, litter or fodder could not flow or fall out of the vehicle during transportation.

VI. **The certificate is valid for 10 days from the date of loading. In the case of transport by ship the time is prolonged by the time of the voyage.**

Done at....., on

.....
(signature of the official veterinarian) ⁽⁵⁾

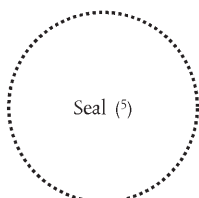
.....
(name in capital letters, qualifications and title)

VII. **Declaration by the captain of the aircraft or master of the ship** (only to be completed when transport includes, even for part of the journey, transport by aircraft or ship).

I, the undersigned, captain of aircraft (flight No.....)/ master of ship (name) declare that the animals referred to in paragraph IV above have remained on board the aircraft/ship during the flight/voyage from in (exporting country) to in the European Community and that the aircraft/ship did not land/call at any place outside (exporting country) en route to the European Community other than: (Ports or airports of call en route)

Done at....., on
(Port or airport of arrival) (Date of arrival)

.....
(Signature of captain or master) ⁽⁵⁾



.....
(Name in capital letters and title)

⁽⁵⁾ The colour of the seal and the signature must be different from the colour of the printing.

COMMISSION DECISION
of 9 October 2003
setting up a European Consumer Consultative Group

(2003/709/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Whereas:

- (1) Within the framework of consumer protection as provided for in Article 153 of the Treaty it is appropriate for the Commission to consult consumers on problems concerning the protection of their interests at Community level.
- (2) Since 1973 the Commission has been assisted by a forum created for this purpose by consecutive Decisions, the latest one being Commission Decision 2000/323/EC of 4 May 2000 setting up a Consumer Committee ⁽¹⁾.
- (3) That Decision should be adapted to the evolution of the political and legal framework to take into account the accession of new Member States and the need for harmonising the definitions of consumer organisations with those used in other Community legislation. At the same time the possibility to associate representatives of other organisations should be provided for. Moreover, in accordance with the rules on the creation of Committees ⁽²⁾, the current Consumer Committee should be renamed 'European Consumer Consultative Group'.
- (4) It is further appropriate to increase the transparency and the efficiency of the operation of the Group, in particular by amending the procedure for the nomination of the candidates, making the term of office of members representing national consumer organisations renewable only once, putting in place effective reporting mechanisms and providing for the adoption of the rules of procedure of the Group.
- (5) Given the rather extensive nature of the amendments, Decision 2000/323/EC should be replaced for the sake of clarity,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. The Commission hereby sets up a European Consumer Consultative Group, hereinafter referred to as 'the Group'.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 111, 9.5.2000, p. 30.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 (OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23); Commission Decision of 24 July 2000, SEC(2000) 1230.

2. The Group may be consulted by the Commission on all problems relating to the protection of consumer interests at Community level.

Article 2

1. The Group shall be composed of:

- (a) one member representing national consumer organisations from each Member State;
- (b) one member from each European consumer organisation.

2. For the purposes of this Decision 'national consumer organisations' means consumer organisations representative, in accordance with national rules or practice, of consumers and active at national level.

3. For the purposes of this Decision 'European consumer organisations' means consumer organisations fulfilling one of the two following sets of criteria: they must:

- (a) 1. be non-governmental, non-profit-making, independent of industry, commercial and business or other conflicting interests and have as their primary objectives and activities the promotion and protection of the health, safety and economic interests of consumers in the Community, and
2. have been mandated to represent the interests of consumers at Community level by national consumer organisations in at least half of the Member States that are representative, in accordance with national rules or practice, of consumers and are active at regional or national level, and
3. have provided to the Commission satisfactory accounts of their membership, internal rules and sources of funding, or

- (b) 1. be non-governmental, non-profit-making, independent of industry, commercial and business or other conflicting interests, and have as their primary objectives and activities to represent consumer interests in the standardisation process at Community level, and

2. have been mandated in at least two-thirds of the Member States to represent the interests of consumers at Community level by
 - bodies representative, in accordance with national rules or practice, of national consumer organisations in the Member States, or
 - in the absence of such bodies, by national consumer organisations in the Member States that are representative, in accordance with national rules and practice, of consumers and are active at national level.

Article 3

1. The members of the Group representing national consumer organisations shall be appointed by the Commission on a proposal from the national bodies representing consumer organisations set up by Member States, where they exist, or from the competent national authorities.
2. Members representing European consumer organisations shall be appointed by the Commission on a proposal from the European consumer organisations.
3. A number of alternates equal to the number of the members of the Group shall be appointed under the same conditions as the members. The alternate shall automatically replace a member who is absent or indisposed.
4. The Commission shall publish the list of members and alternates in the C Series of the *Official Journal of the European Union*, for information purposes.

Article 4

The term of office of the members shall be three years and shall be renewable, only once for members representing national consumer organisations, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 3.

At the end of the three-year period, the members shall remain in office until a replacement is found or until their term of office is renewed.

The term of office of the members shall lapse before the end of the three-year period in the event of their resignation, retirement or death. It may also be terminated should the organisation, body or authorities which put them forward as candidates request their replacement. They shall be replaced for the remainder of the three-year period in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 3.

Article 5

Membership shall not confer entitlement to remuneration.

Article 6

1. On the proposal of the Commission, the Group may invite representatives of other organisations which have the promotion of consumer interests as one of their principal objectives and actively work at European level to this end, to be associated to its work.
2. The Group may invite any person having special expertise on a point on the agenda to participate in its work as an expert.

Article 7

1. The Group shall meet in the form and according to the timetable determined by the Commission. The Commission shall chair the meetings of the Group. The Commission shall provide secretarial services for the Group and organise its work.
2. The discussions in the Group shall be based on the requests for opinion made by the Commission. When requesting an opinion, the Commission may fix the deadline within which the opinion is to be delivered.
3. The group shall adopt its own rules of procedure on the basis of proposals made by the Commission.
4. The members of the Group representing national consumer organisations shall inform and consult the associations they are representing on the Group. Each member shall put in place effective reporting mechanisms to inform systematically all consumer organisations at national level on the work of the Group and shall convey their views in return.
5. The Group shall present a report on its activities to the assembly of consumer organisations convened annually by the Commission.

Article 8

Without prejudice to Article 287 of the Treaty, the members and alternates of the Group shall not divulge any information obtained from their work in the Group or its working groups when the Commission informs them that the opinion requested or question raised is of a confidential nature.

Article 9

Decision 2000/323/EC is repealed.

Done at Brussels, 9 October 2003.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION DECISION

of 9 October 2003

conferring management of aid on implementing agencies for preaccession measures in agriculture and rural development in the Republic of Lithuania in the preaccession period

(2003/710/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Council Regulation (EC) No 1266/1999 of 21 June 1999 on coordinating aid to the applicant countries in the framework of the preaccession strategy and amending Regulation (EEC) No 3906/89 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 12(2) thereof,

Having regard to the Council Regulation (EC) No 1268/1999 of 21 June 1999 on Community support for preaccession measures for agriculture and rural development in the applicant countries of central and eastern Europe in the preaccession period ⁽²⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 696/2003 ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 4(5) and (6) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Special Programme for agriculture and rural development for the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter Sapard) was approved by Commission Decision of 27 November 2000 ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Decision of 9 September 2003, in accordance with Article 4(5) and (6) of Regulation (EC) No 1268/1999.
- (2) The government of the Republic of Lithuania and the Commission, acting on behalf of the European Community, signed on 5 March 2001 the Multiannual Financing Agreement laying down the technical, legal and administrative framework for the execution of Sapard, as last amended by the Annual Financing Agreement for 2002, signed on 17 February 2003 which finally entered into force on 6 June 2003.
- (3) The National Paying Agency under the Ministry of Agriculture has been appointed by the competent authority of the Republic of Lithuania for the implementation of some of the measures defined in Sapard. The National Fund Department within the Ministry of Finance has been appointed for the financial functions it is due to perform in the framework of the implementation of Sapard.
- (4) On the basis of a case-by-case analysis of the national and sectorial programme/project management capacity, financial control procedures and structures regarding

public finance, as provided for in Article 12(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1266/1999, the Commission adopted the Decision 2001/857/EC of 26 November 2001 conferring management of aid on implementing agencies for preaccession measures in agriculture and rural development in the Republic of Lithuania in the preaccession period ⁽⁵⁾ with regard to certain measures provided for in Sapard.

- (5) The Commission has undertaken a further analysis under Article 12(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1266/1999 in respect of measure 5 'Afforestation of agricultural lands and improvement of forest infrastructure' and measure 8 'Technical assistance, information and publicity campaigns', as provided for in Sapard. The Commission considers that, also with regard to those measures, the Republic of Lithuania complies with the provisions of Articles 4 to 6 and of the Annex to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2222/2000 of 7 June 2000 laying down financial rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1268/1999 on Community support for preaccession measures for agriculture and rural development in the applicant countries of central and eastern Europe in the preaccession period ⁽⁶⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 188/2003 ⁽⁷⁾, and with the minimum conditions set out in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1266/1999.
- (6) It is therefore appropriate to waive the *ex ante* approval requirement provided for in Article 12(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1266/1999 and to confer, with regard to measure 5 and measure 8, on the National Paying Agency under the Ministry of Agriculture and on the National Fund Department within the Ministry of Finance in the Republic of Lithuania, the management of aid on a decentralised basis.
- (7) However, since the verifications carried out by the Commission for measure 5 and measure 8 are based on a system that is not yet fully operating with regard to all relevant elements, it is therefore appropriate to confer the management of Sapard on the National Paying Agency under the Ministry of Agriculture and on the National Fund Department within the Ministry of Finance, according to Article 3(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2222/2000, on a provisional basis.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 161, 26.6.1999, p. 68.⁽²⁾ OJ L 161, 26.6.1999, p. 87.⁽³⁾ OJ L 99, 17.4.2003, p. 24.⁽⁴⁾ C(2000) 3329 final.⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 320, 5.12.2001, p. 44.⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 253, 7.10.2000, p. 5.⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 27, 1.2.2003, p. 14.

- (8) Full conferral of management of Sapard is only envisaged after further verifications, in order to ensure that the system operates satisfactorily, have been carried out and after any recommendations the Commission may issue, with regard to the conferral of management of aid on the National Paying Agency under the Ministry of Agriculture and on the National Fund Department within the Ministry of Finance, have been implemented.
- (9) On 14 July 2003, the Lithuanian Authorities proposed the rules for eligibility of expenditure in accordance with Article 4(1) of section B of the Multiannual Financing Agreement. The Commission is called upon to take a decision in this respect,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The requirement of *ex ante* approval by the Commission of project selection and contracting for measure 5 and measure 8 by the Republic of Lithuania provided for in Article 12(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1266/1999 is hereby waived.

Article 2

Management of the Sapard Programme is conferred on a provisional basis to:

1. The National Paying Agency (Nacionalnė Mokėjimo agentūra) under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania, Gedimino pr. 19, LT-2025, Vilnius, Republic of Lithuania, for the implementation of measure 5, 'Afforestation of agricultural lands and improvement of forest infrastructure' and measure 8, 'Technical assistance, information and publicity campaigns', as defined in the Programme for agricultural and rural development that was approved by

Commission Decision C(2000) 3329 final on 27 November 2000, as last amended by Commission Decision of 9 September 2003; and

2. The National Fund within the Ministry of Finance, J. Tumo-vaižganto 8A/2, LT-2600, Vilnius, Republic of Lithuania, for the financial functions it is due to perform in the framework of the implementation of the Sapard Programme for measures 5 and 8 for the Republic of Lithuania.

Article 3

Expenditure pursuant to this Decision shall be eligible for Community co-finance only if incurred by beneficiaries from the date of this Decision, or if later, the date of the instrument making them a beneficiary for the project in question, except for feasibility and related studies and for technical assistance, information and publicity campaigns, where this date shall be 27 November 2000, provided in all cases it has not been paid by the National Paying Agency prior to the date of this Decision.

Article 4

Without prejudice to any decisions granting aid under the Sapard Programme to individual beneficiaries, the rules for eligibility of expenditure proposed by Lithuania by letter of 14 July 2003 shall apply.

Done at Brussels, 9 October 2003.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

CORRIGENDA**Corrigendum to the Rules of Procedure of the European Economic and Social Committee (adopted by the plenary session on 17 July 2002)**

(Official Journal of the European Communities L 268 of 4 October 2002)

On 26 February 2003, the plenary assembly decided by an absolute majority of its members that Article 32 of the EESC's Rules of Procedure should read as follows:

'Article 32

1. When an opinion or information report is to be produced, the bureau, in accordance with Article 8(4), shall designate the specialised section which is to be responsible for preparing the work in question. Where the matter for consideration is clearly within the purview of a given specialised section, the president shall designate that section and inform the bureau of his/her decision.

2. Where a specialised section that has been designated to prepare an opinion wishes to hear the views of the Consultative Commission on Industrial Change (CCIC) or where the CCIC wishes to set out its views on an opinion allocated to a specialised section, the bureau may authorise the CCIC to draw up a supplementary opinion on one or more of the issues covered by the referral. The bureau may also take this decision on its own initiative. The bureau shall organise the Committee's work in such a way that the CCIC is able to prepare its opinion in good time to be taken into consideration by the specialised section.

The specialised section alone shall be responsible for reporting to the Committee. It shall however append to its opinion the supplementary opinion drawn up by the Consultative Commission on Industrial Change.

3. The president of the specialised section concerned shall be notified by the Committee president of the decision and of the time limit for the completion of the section's work.

4. The Committee president shall inform the members of the Committee of the referral to the section and of the date on which the subject is to be dealt with by the plenary session.'
