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COMMISSION DECISION

of 9 July 2004

amending Annex E to Council Directive 91/68/EEC and Annex I to Council Decision 79/542/EEC as regards the updating of the model health certificates relating to ovine and caprine animals

(notified under document number C(2004) 1926)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2004/554/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⁾, and in particular Article 11(2) 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⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 14(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The model of veterinary certificate for intra-Community trade in ovine and caprine animals for breeding is laid down as model III of Annex E to Directive 91/68/EEC.

(2) The model of veterinary certificate for imports of domestic ovine and caprine animals from third countries is laid down as 'OVI-X' in part 2 of Annex I to Council Decision 79/542/EEC of 21 December 1976 drawing up a list of third countries or parts of third countries, and laying down animal and public health and veterinary certification conditions, for importation into the Community of certain live animals and their fresh meat⁽³⁾.

(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⁽⁴⁾, certain requirements on trade in and imports of ovine and caprine animals for breeding have been changed in order to reflect a more vigorous approach as regards scrapie eradication.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28. Directive, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 807/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 36).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 46, 19.2.1991, p. 19. Directive, as last amended by Directive 2003/50/EC (OJ L 169, 8.7.2003, p. 51).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 146, 14.6.1979, p. 15. Decision as last amended by Commission Decision 2004/372/EC (OJ L 118, 23.4.2004, p. 45).

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 147, 31.5.2001, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 876/2004 (OJ L 162, 30.4.2004, p. 52).

- (4) It is necessary to align the animal health certificate model III in Annex E to Directive 91/68/EEC and the model certificate OVI-X in Annex I to Decision 79/542/EEC with the updated rules.
- (5) Directive 91/68/EEC and Decision 79/542/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 Annex I to this Decision.

Article 2

Model OVI-X in PART 2 of Annex I to Decision 79/542/EEC is replaced by Annex II to this Decision.

Article 3

This Decision shall apply from 1 June 2004.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 9 July 2004.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

‘MODEL III

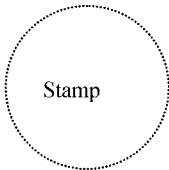
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2. Consignee (name and address in full)	3. MEMBER STATE:															
5. Place of loading:	4. Competent authority 4.1 Ministry: 4.2 Department:															
6. Means of transport ⁽²⁾																
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12. 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 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 of 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;
 - (ii) they originate from a holding in which all the animals of species susceptible to brucellosis (*B. melitensis*) 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 (*B. melitensis*) 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, and
 - they were not vaccinated in the 15 days before the date of emission of this health certificate⁽⁴⁾;
- 12.8. as regards contagious epididymitis of rams (*B. ovis*), where uncastrated breeding rams are concerned, they must:
- (i) come from a holding on which no case of contagious epididymitis of rams (*B. ovis*) 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 (*B. ovis*) 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 (*Mycoplasma agalactiae*) and contagious agalactia of goats (*Mycoplasma agalactiae*, *M. capricolum*, *M. mycoides subsp. mycoides* 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 fulfil the requirements provided for in point (a) of part I of Chapter A of Annex VIII to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001;
- 12.10.1. 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 Council 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

‘MODEL OVI-X

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9. **Public Health attestation**

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify, that the animals described in this certificate:

- 9.1. come from holdings which have 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 anthrax, for the last six months in the case of rabies, and, have not been in contact with animals from holdings which did not satisfy these conditions;
- 9.2. have not received:
- any stilbene or thyrostatic substances,
 - oestrogenic, androgenic, gestagenic or β - agonist substances for purposes other than therapeutic or zootechnic treatment (as defined in Council Directive 96/22/EC).

10. **Animal Health attestation**

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

- 10.1. they come from the territory with code:.....⁽³⁾ which, at the date of issuing this certificate:
- ^{(5) either} [(a) has been free for 24 months from foot-and-mouth disease, for 12 months from rinderpest, bluetongue, Rift valley fever, peste des petits ruminants, sheep pox and goat pox, contagious caprine pleuropneumonia and epizootic haemorrhagic disease and for six months from vesicular stomatitis; and]
- ^{(5) or} [(a)(i) has been free for 12 months from rinderpest, bluetongue, Rift valley fever, pest of small ruminants, sheep pox and goat pox, contagious caprine pleuro-pneumonia and epizootic haemorrhagic disease, and for six months from vesicular stomatitis; and
- (ii) has been considered free from foot-and-mouth disease, since (date), without having had cases/outbreaks afterwards, and authorised to export these animals by Commission Decision ----/----/EC, of (date); and]
- (b) where during the last 12 months, no vaccination against these diseases has been carried out and imports of domestic cloven-hoofed animals vaccinated against these diseases are not permitted;
- 10.2. they have remained in the territory described under point 10.1 since birth, or for at least the last six months before dispatch to the European Community and without contact with imported cloven-hoofed animals for the last 30 days;
- 10.3. they have remained since birth or at least 40 days in the holding(s) described under point 6.1 before dispatch:
- (a) in and around which, in an area with a 150 km radius, there has been no case/outbreak of bluetongue and epizootic haemorrhagic disease during the previous 100 days, and
- (b) in and around which, in an area with a 20 km radius, there has been no case/outbreak of the other diseases mentioned under point 10.1 during the previous 40 days;
- 10.4. according to my knowledge and to the written declaration made by the owner, the animals:
- (a) do not come from holdings, and have not been in contact with animals of a holding, in which the following diseases have been clinically detected:
- (i) contagious agalactia of sheep or goats (*Mycoplasma agalactiae*, *Mycoplasma capricolum*, *Mycoplasma mycoides* var. *mycoides* large colony), within the last six months;
- (ii) paratuberculosis and caseous lymphadenitis, within the last 12 months;
- (iii) pulmonary adenomatosis, within the last three years; and
- (iv) Maedi/Visna or caprine viral arthritis/encephalitis:
- [within the last three years,]
- ^{(5) either} [within the last 12 months, and all the infected animals were slaughtered and the remaining animals subsequently reacted negatively to two tests carried out at least six months apart;]
- ^{(5) or} (b) are included in an official system for notification of these diseases; and
- (c) have been free from clinical or other evidence of tuberculosis and brucellosis during the three years prior to export;
- 10.5. they are not animals to be killed under a national programme for the eradication of diseases, nor have they been vaccinated against the diseases mentioned under point 10.1;
- 10.6. A. they originate:
- ^{(5) (11) either} [from the territory described under point 3.2, which has been recognised as officially brucellosis-free;]
- ^{(5) or} [from the holding(s) described under point 6.1, where, in respect of brucellosis (*Brucella melitensis*):
- (a) all susceptible animals have been free from clinical or any signs of this disease for the last 12 months;
- (b) a representative number of the ovine and caprine animals over an age of six months are submitted each year to a serological test⁽¹²⁾;

- ^{(5) (13)} either [(c) all ovine or caprine animals have not been vaccinated against this disease, save those vaccinated with Rev. 1 vaccine more than two years ago;
- (d) the last two tests ⁽¹⁴⁾, separated by an interval of at least six months, carried out the (date) and the (date) on all ovine and caprine animals over six months of age gave negative results; and]
- ⁽⁵⁾ or [(c) ovine or caprine animals under the age of 7 months are vaccinated against this disease with Rev. 1 vaccine;
- (d) the last two tests ⁽¹⁴⁾, separated by an interval of at least six months, carried out:
- the (date) and the (date) on all non-vaccinated ovine and caprine animals over six months of age, and
 - the (date) and the (date) on all vaccinated ovine and caprine animals over 18 months of age gave negative results, and]

(e) there are only ovine and caprine animals that fulfil at least the above conditions and requirements;]

⁽⁵⁾ [10.6.B. the uncastrated rams have been kept continuously during the previous 60 days in a holding where no case of contagious epididymitis (*Brucella ovis*) has been diagnosed in the last 12 months and, these rams have undergone during the previous 30 days a complement fixation test to detect contagious epididymitis with a result of less than 50 IU/ml;]

10.6.C. In respect of scrapie

^{(5) (16)} [10.6.C.1. 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, the animals comply with the guarantees provided for in the programmes referred to in that point and the animals comply with the guarantees requested by the EU Member States of destination regarding scrapie, and]

either

⁽⁵⁾ [10.6.C.2. are animals intended for production born in and continuously reared on holdings in which a case of scrapie has never been diagnosed;]

^{(5) (15)} [10.6.C.2. for animals for breeding certified before and including 30 June 2004 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:

 - they are subject to regular official veterinary checks,
 - the animals are marked,
 - checking by sampling of old female animals intended for culling is carried out on the holding, and
 - female sheep are introduced into the holding only if they come from a holding which complies with the above requirements;]

^{(5) (15)} [10.6.C.2. for animals certified between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2007: they were born in and continuously reared on holdings which have satisfied the following requirements:

 1. no case of scrapie has ever been diagnosed; and
 2. for at least three years prior to certification;
 - 2.1. the holdings are subject to regular official veterinary checks;
 - 2.2. the animals on the holdings are marked;
 - 2.3.1. old female animals intended for culling are checked by sampling; and
 - 2.3.2. all animals over the age of 18 months on these holdings which have died or been killed after 1 July 2004 (except the animals killed in the framework of a disease eradication campaign or slaughtered for human consumption) have been examined for scrapie in accordance with the laboratory methods laid down in Annex X, Chapter C, point 3.2(b), to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001;
 - 2.4.1. females are introduced into the holding only if they come from holdings which comply with the requirements in 1, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3.1 and
 - 2.4.2. from 1 July 2004, ovine and caprine animals, with the exception of sheep of the ARR/ARR prion protein genotype have been introduced into the holding only if they come from holdings which comply with the requirements in 1, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3.1, 2.3.2 and 2.4.1]

(5)(15)	[10.6.C.2. for animals certified after 1 July 2007: 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: - they are subject to regular official veterinary checks, - the animals are marked, - all animals over the age of 18 months which have died or been killed on the holdings (except the animals killed in the framework of a disease eradication campaign or slaughtered for human consumption) have been examined for scrapie in accordance with the laboratory methods laid down in Annex X, Chapter C, point 3.2(b) to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, and - ovine and caprine animals, with the exception of sheep of the ARR/ARR prion protein genotype have been introduced into the holding only if they come from holdings which complies with the above requirements] (5) or [10.6.C.3. 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;]
(5)(17)	[10.6.D. the animals have reacted negatively to a serological test for the detection of antibodies for bluetongue and epizootic-haemorrhagic-disease, carried out on two occasions on samples of blood taken at the beginning of the isolation/quarantine period and at least 28 days later on(date) and on(date), the second of which must have been taken within 10 days of export;] 10.7. they are/were (5) dispatched from their holding(s) of origin, without passing through any market, (5) either [directly to the European Community,] (5) or [to the officially authorised assembly centre described under point 6.2 situated within the territory described under point 10.1,] and, until dispatched to the European Community: (a) they did not come in contact with other cloven-hoofed animals not complying with at least the same health requirements as described in this certificate; and (b) they were not at any place where, or around which within a 20 kms radius, during the previous 30 days there has been a case/outbreak of any of the diseases mentioned under point 10.1; <u>10.8.</u> any transport vehicles or containers in which they were loaded were cleaned and disinfected before loading with an officially authorised disinfectant; <u>10.9.</u> they were examined by an official veterinarian within 24 hours of loading and showed no clinical sign of disease; <u>10.10.</u> they have been loaded for dispatch to the European Community the (18) in the means of transport described under point 7 above that were cleaned and disinfected before loading with an official authorised disinfectant and so constructed that faeces, urine, litter or fodder could not flow or fall out of the vehicle or container during transportation.
11.	Animal transport attestation I, the undersigned official veterinarian, hereby certify, that the animals described above have been treated before and at the time of loading in accordance with the relevant provisions of Council Directive 91/628/EEC, in particular as regards watering and feeding, and they are fit for the intended transport.
	Official stamp and signature Done at on (signature of official veterinarian) (stamp) (name in capital letters, qualifications and title)

Notes

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| <p>(1)</p> <p>(2)</p> <p>(3)</p> <p>(4)</p> <p>(5)</p> <p>(6)</p> | <p>Live sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>) intended for breeding or production.</p> <p>After importation the animals must be conveyed without delay to the holding of destination where they shall remain for a minimum period of 30 days before further movement outside the holding, except in the case of a dispatch to a slaughterhouse.</p> <p>Issued by the competent authority.</p> <p>Country and code of territory as appearing in part I of Annex I to Council Decision 79/542/EEC (as last amended).</p> <p>The registration number(s) of rail-wagon or lorry and the name of the ship should be given as appropriate. If known, the flight number of the aircraft.</p> <p>In case of transport in containers or boxes, the total number, their registration and seal numbers, if present, should be indicated under point 7.3.</p> <p>Keep as appropriate.</p> <p>Complete if appropriate.</p> |
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- (7) The assembly centre must fulfil the conditions for its approval, as laid down in part 3.B of this Annex I.
- (8) The animals must bear :
- (a) an individual number which permits tracing of their premises of origin. Specify the identification system (i.e. tag, tattoos, brand, chip, transponder) and the anatomic place used in the animal;
 - (b) an ear tag that includes the ISO code of the exporting country.
- In case of a consignment of more than one animal species, indicate also "ovine" and "caprine" as appropriate.
- (9) Age (months). Sex (M = male, F = female, C = castrated).
- (10) Tests carried out in the animal, when appropriate, before dispatch for exportation. Use, as appropriate, in the following order the codes identifying the diseases tested for in accordance with point (12) Brucellosis (*B. melitensis* and *B. ovis*) - code "BRL" - , point 13 Bluetongue - code "BTG"- and Epizootic-haemorrhagic-disease - code "EHD"-.
- (11) Only for a territory appearing with the entry "V" in column 6 of Part 1 of Annex I to Council Decision 79/542/EEC (as last amended).
- (12) The representative number of animals to be tested for brucellosis must, for each holding, consist of:
- all non-castrated male animals, which have not been vaccinated against brucellosis, over six months old,
 - all non-castrated male animals, which have been vaccinated against brucellosis, over 18 months old,
 - all animals brought onto the holding since the previous tests, and
 - 25 % of females which are of reproductive age (sexually mature) or in milk, within a minimum of 50 females.
- (13) This must be completed when the destination is a Member State or part of a Member State laid down in one of the Annexes to Commission Decision 93/52/EEC (as last amended).
- (14) In accordance with Part 3.C of this Annex I.
Where more than one holding of origin is involved the date of the most recent test on each holding must be clearly indicated.
- (15) In the case of animals intended, exclusively, for breeding purposes.
- (16) Guarantees in relation to a programme of control of scrapie, as requested by the EU Member State of destination, in application of Article 15 and Annex IX, Chapter E of Regulation (EC) No 999/2001.
- (17) Supplementary guarantees to be provided when required in column 5 "SG" of part 1 of Annex I to Decision 79/542/EEC (as last amended), with the entry "A". Tests for Bluetongue and for Epizootic-haemorrhagic-disease in accordance with Part 3.C of this Annex I.
- (18) Date of loading. Imports of these animals shall not be allowed when the animals were loaded either prior to the date of authorisation for exportation to the European Community of the territory mentioned under (3), or during a period where restrictive measures have been adopted by the European Community against imports of these animals from this territory.'

COMMISSION DECISION

of 15 July 2004

on the eligibility of expenditure to be incurred by certain Member States in 2004 for the collection and management of the data needed to conduct the common fisheries policy

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(Only the Spanish, Danish, German, Greek, English, French, Italian, Dutch, Portuguese, Finnish and Swedish texts are authentic)

(2004/555/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 2000/439/EC of 29 June 2000 on a financial contribution from the Community towards the expenditure incurred by Member States in collecting data and for financing studies and pilot projects for carrying out the common fisheries policy⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 4(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Decision 2000/439/EC lays down the conditions whereby the Member States may receive a contribution from the Community for expenditure incurred in their national programmes as provided for in Council Regulation (EC) No 1543/2000 of 29 June 2000 establishing a Community framework for the collection and management of the data needed to conduct the common fisheries policy⁽²⁾. Pursuant to that Decision the Commission, on the basis of the information provided by the Member States, decides each year on the eligibility of the expenditure forecast by the Member States and on the amount of the financial assistance from the Community for the following year.

(2) The Commission has received updates of the five-year programmes from Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom that describe the data they intend to collect between 1 January 2004 and 31 December 2004 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1543/2000. They have also submitted applications for a financial contribution for the expenditure referred to in Article 4 of Decision 2000/439/EC.

(3) Pursuant to Article 6 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1639/2001 of 25 July 2001 establishing the minimum and extended Community programmes for the collection

of data in the fisheries sector and laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1543/2000⁽³⁾, the Commission has examined Member States' national programmes for 2004 and has assessed the eligibility of the expenditure on the basis of those programmes. A first instalment should be delivered to the Member States concerned in accordance with Article 6(1)(a) of Decision 2000/439/EC on the basis of that assessment.

(4) A second instalment is to be forwarded, in 2005, following the transmission and acceptance by the Commission of a financial and technical report of activity detailing the state of completion of the aims set at the time of drawing-up the minimum and extended programmes, in accordance with Article 6(1)(b) of Decision 2000/439/EC and Article 6(2) of Regulation 1639/2001.

(5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Fisheries and Aquaculture,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

This Decision establishes for 2004 the amount of the eligible expenditure for each Member State and the rates of the Community financial contribution for the collection and management of the data needed to conduct the common fisheries policy.

Article 2

Expenditure incurred in collecting and managing of the data needed to conduct the common fisheries policy, as set out in Annex I, shall qualify for a financial contribution from the Community not exceeding 50 % of the eligible expenditure for the minimum programme as provided for in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1543/2000.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 176, 15.7.2000, p. 42.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 176, 15.7.2000, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 222, 17.8.2001, p. 53.

Article 3

Expenditure incurred in collecting and managing of the data needed to conduct the common fisheries policy, as set out in Annex II, shall qualify for a financial contribution from the Community not exceeding 35 % of the eligible expenditure for the extended programme as provided for in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1543/2000.

Article 4

1. The Community shall pay a first instalment of 50 % of the financial contribution set out in Annexes I and II.
2. A second instalment shall be delivered in 2005, after the reception and approval of a financial and a technical report as provided for in Article 6(1)(b) of Decision 2000/439/EC.

Article 5

1. The euro exchange rate used to calculate the amounts eligible under this Decision shall be the rate in force in May 2003.

2. The expenditure declarations and applications for advances in national currency received from the Member States not participating in the third stage of economic and monetary union shall be converted into euro at the rate in force for the month in which those declarations and applications are received by the Commission.

Article 6

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, Ireland, the Italian Republic, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Portuguese Republic, the Republic of Finland, the Kingdom of Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 15 July 2004.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

of 9 July 2004

amending Decision ECB/2003/15 of 28 November 2003 on the approval of the volume of coin issuance in 2004

(ECB/2004/14)

(2004/556/EC)

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community and in particular to Article 106(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Since 1 January 1999 the European Central Bank (ECB) has had the exclusive right to approve the volume of euro coins that the Member States that have adopted the euro (hereinafter the participating Member States) may issue.
- (2) Based on the estimates of demand for euro coins in 2004 that the participating Member States submitted to the ECB, the ECB approved the total volume of euro coins intended for circulation and euro collector coins not intended for circulation in 2004 in Decision ECB/2003/15 of 28 November 2003 on the approval of the volume of coin issuance in 2004⁽¹⁾.
- (3) Until now in one participating Member State the estimates underlying Decision ECB/2003/15 were insufficient due to higher than expected demand for euro coins in 2004, as well as to unforeseen economic developments. As a result, this participating Member State now has to obtain the ECB's approval before issuing additional euro coins in 2004.
- (4) On 1 June 2004 the Italian Ministry for Economic Affairs and Finance asked the ECB to approve an increase of 200 million EUR in the volume of euro coins intended for circulation that Italy may issue in 2004.

- (5) The ECB approves the abovementioned request for an increase in the volume of euro coins intended for circulation that Italy may issue in 2004. As a result, the table in Article 1 of Decision ECB/2003/15 needs to be replaced,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The table in Article 1 of Decision ECB/2003/15 is replaced by the following:

(EUR million)

	Issuance of coins intended for circulation and issuance of collector coins (not intended for circulation) in 2004
Belgium	203,0
Germany	1 035,0
Greece	207,4
Spain	860,0
France	668,9
Ireland	151,0
Italy	370,8
Luxembourg	70,0
Netherlands	175,0
Austria	212,0
Portugal	230,0
Finland	60,0

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the participating Member States.

Done at Frankfurt am Main, 9 July 2004.

The President of the ECB
Jean-Claude TRICHET

⁽¹⁾ Decision 2003/860/EC of the European Central Bank of 28 November 2003 on the approval of the volume of coin issuance in 2004 (ECB/2003/15) (OJ L 324, 11.12.2003, p. 57).