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I

(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 345/2006
of 27 February 2006
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⁾, 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 28 February 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 February 2006.

For the Commission

J. L. DEMARTY

*Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 337, 24.12.1994, p. 66. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 386/2005 (OJ L 62, 9.3.2005, p. 3).

ANNEX

to Commission Regulation of 27 February 2006 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	97,9
	204	41,4
	212	102,9
	999	80,7
0707 00 05	052	125,6
	204	68,1
	999	96,9
0709 10 00	220	57,6
	999	57,6
0709 90 70	052	121,5
	204	50,9
	999	86,2
0805 10 20	052	48,1
	204	53,0
	212	41,9
	220	51,1
	624	64,3
	999	51,7
0805 20 10	204	97,4
	999	97,4
0805 20 30, 0805 20 50, 0805 20 70, 0805 20 90	052	59,6
	204	119,2
	220	48,0
	624	83,2
	662	41,2
	999	70,2
0805 50 10	052	42,0
	220	39,9
	624	57,2
	999	46,4
0808 10 80	388	115,2
	400	135,9
	404	98,0
	528	94,0
	720	83,8
	999	105,4
0808 20 50	052	105,2
	220	60,6
	388	91,0
	400	94,8
	512	68,8
	528	69,4
	720	45,0
	999	76,4

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 750/2005 (OJ L 126, 19.5.2005, p. 12). Code '999' stands for 'of other origin'.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 346/2006**of 27 February 2006****opening a preferential tariff quota for imports of raw cane sugar originating in the ACP States for supply to refineries in the period from 1 March to 30 June 2006**

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⁾, and in particular Article 39(6) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 39(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 provides that, during the marketing years 2001/02 to 2005/06 and in order to ensure adequate supplies to Community refineries, a special reduced rate of duty is to be levied on imports of raw cane sugar originating in States with which the Community has concluded supply agreements on preferential terms. At present such agreements have been concluded by Council Decision 2001/870/EC ⁽²⁾ with the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (ACP countries) listed in Protocol No 3 on ACP sugar attached to Annex V to the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement ⁽³⁾ and with the Republic of India.

(2) Under the agreements in the form of an exchange of letters concluded by Decision 2001/870/EC, the refiners in question must pay a minimum purchase price equal to the guaranteed price for raw sugar, less the adjustment aid set for the marketing year concerned. This minimum price should therefore be set by taking account of the factors applicable in the 2005/06 marketing year.

(3) The quantities of special preferential sugar to be imported are calculated in accordance with Article 39 of Regulation (EC) No 1260/2001 on the basis of an annual Community forecast supply balance.

(4) This supply balance indicated the need to import raw sugar and open at this stage for the 2005/06 marketing year tariff quotas at a special reduced rate of duty provided for in the above agreements so that the Community refineries' supply needs can be met for part of the year.

(5) Quotas have been opened therefore, by Commission Regulation (EC) No 978/2005 ⁽⁴⁾, for the period from 1 July 2005 to 28 February 2006.

(6) Since the production estimates for raw cane sugar are available for the 2005/06 marketing year, a quota should be opened for the second part of the year.

(7) It should be stipulated that Commission Regulation (EC) No 1159/2003 of 30 June 2003 laying down detailed rules of application for the 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2005/06 marketing years for the import of cane sugar under certain tariff quotas and preferential agreements and amending Regulations (EC) No 1464/95 and (EC) No 779/96 ⁽⁵⁾ applies to the new quota.

(8) To enable operators to use up the quantities of special preferential sugar covered by the two quotas opened by Regulation (EC) No 978/2005 for the period from 1 July 2005 to 28 February 2006, the deadline for the submission of licence applications for the quotas should be extended to 30 June 2006.

(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

For the period 1 March to 30 June 2006, a tariff quota is hereby opened under Decision 2001/870/EC for imports of raw cane sugar for refining falling within CN code 1701 11 10, amounting to 60 224 tonnes expressed as white sugar originating in the ACP States signatory to the agreement in the form of an exchange of letters approved by that Decision.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 178, 30.6.2001, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 39/2004 (OJ L 6, 10.1.2004, p. 16).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 325, 8.12.2001, p. 21.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 317, 15.12.2000, p. 3.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 166, 28.6.2005, p. 3.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 162, 1.7.2003, p. 25. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 568/2005 (OJ L 97, 15.4.2005, p. 9).

Article 2

1. A special reduced duty of EUR 0 per 100 kg of standard-quality raw sugar shall apply to imports of the quantity referred to in Article 1.

2. The minimum purchase price to be paid by Community refiners for the period referred to in Article 1 shall be EUR 49,68 per 100 kg of standard-quality raw sugar.

Article 3

Regulation (EC) No 1159/2003 shall apply to the tariff quota opened by this Regulation.

Article 4

The quantities referred to in Article 1(a) and (b) of Regulation (EC) No 978/2005 for which import licence applications have not been submitted before 1 March 2006 may still be requested up to 30 June 2006.

Article 5

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

It shall apply from 1 March 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 February 2006.

For the Commission

Mariann FISCHER BOEL

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 347/2006**of 27 February 2006****fixing the corrective amount applicable to the refund on cereals**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 of 29 September 2003 on the common organisation of the market in cereals ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 15(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 provides that the export refund applicable to cereals on the day on which an application for an export licence is made must be applied on request to exports to be effected during the period of validity of the export licence. In this case, a corrective amount may be applied to the refund.
- (2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down certain detailed rules under Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the granting of export refunds on cereals and the cereals and the measures to be taken in the event of disturbance on the market for cereals ⁽²⁾, allows for the fixing of a corrective amount for the products listed in Article 1(a), (b) and (c) of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003. That corrective amount must be calculated taking account of the factors referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95.

- (3) The world market situation or the specific requirements of certain markets may make it necessary to vary the corrective amount according to destination.
- (4) The corrective amount must be fixed at the same time as the refund and according to the same procedure; it may be altered in the period between fixings.
- (5) It follows from applying the provisions set out above that the corrective amount must be as set out in the Annex hereto.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The corrective amount referred to in Article 1(a), (b) and (c) of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 which is applicable to export refunds fixed in advance except for malt shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 March 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 February 2006.

For the Commission

Mariann FISCHER BOEL

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 78. Regulation as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1154/2005 (OJ L 187, 19.7.2005, p. 11).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 147, 30.6.1995, p. 7. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 777/2004 (OJ L 123, 27.4.2004, p. 50).

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 27 February 2006 fixing the corrective amount applicable to the refund on cereals

(EUR/t)								
Product code	Destination	Current 3	1st period 4	2nd period 5	3rd period 6	4th period 7	5th period 8	6th period 9
1001 10 00 9200	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1001 10 00 9400	A00	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1001 90 91 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1001 90 99 9000	C01	0	- 0,46	- 0,92	- 0,92	- 15,00	—	—
1002 00 00 9000	A00	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1003 00 10 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1003 00 90 9000	C02	0	- 0,46	- 0,92	- 0,92	- 15,00	—	—
1004 00 00 9200	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1004 00 00 9400	C03	0	- 0,46	- 0,92	- 0,92	- 15,00	—	—
1005 10 90 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1005 90 00 9000	A00	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1007 00 90 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1008 20 00 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1101 00 11 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1101 00 15 9100	C01	0	- 0,63	- 1,26	- 1,26	- 20,00	—	—
1101 00 15 9130	C01	0	- 0,59	- 1,18	- 1,18	- 19,00	—	—
1101 00 15 9150	C01	0	- 0,54	- 1,09	- 1,09	- 18,00	—	—
1101 00 15 9170	C01	0	- 0,50	- 1,00	- 1,00	- 17,00	—	—
1101 00 15 9180	C01	0	- 0,47	- 0,94	- 0,94	- 15,00	—	—
1101 00 15 9190	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1101 00 90 9000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1102 10 00 9500	A00	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1102 10 00 9700	A00	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1102 10 00 9900	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1103 11 10 9200	A00	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1103 11 10 9400	A00	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1103 11 10 9900	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1103 11 90 9200	A00	0	0	0	0	0	—	—
1103 11 90 9800	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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) as amended. The numeric destination codes are set out in Regulation (EC) No 2081/2003 (OJ L 313, 28.11.2003, p. 11).

C01: All third countries with the exception of Albania, Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Lichtenstein and Switzerland.

C02: Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Egypt, United Arab Emirates, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lybia, Morocco, Mauritania, Oman, Qatar, Syria, Tunisia and Yemen.

C03: All third countries with the exception of Bulgaria, Norway, Romania, Switzerland and Lichtenstein.

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 348/2006**of 27 February 2006****fixing the export refunds on malt**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 of 29 September 2003 on the common organisation of the market in cereals ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 13(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 provides that the difference between quotations or prices on the world market for the products listed in Article 1 of that Regulation and prices for those products within the Community may be covered by an export refund.
- (2) The refunds must be fixed taking into account the factors referred to in Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down certain detailed rules under Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the granting of export refunds on cereals and the measures to be taken in the event of disturbance on the market for cereals ⁽²⁾.
- (3) The refund applicable in the case of malts must be calculated with amount taken of the quantity of cereals required to manufacture the products in question. The said quantities are laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1501/95.

- (4) The world market situation or the specific requirements of certain markets may make it necessary to vary the refund for certain products according to destination.
- (5) The refund must be fixed once a month. It may be altered in the intervening period.
- (6) It follows from applying these rules to the present situation on markets in cereals, and in particular to quotations or prices for these products within the Community and on the world market, that the refunds should be as set out in the Annex hereto.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The export refunds on malt listed in Article 1(c) of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 March 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 February 2006.

For the Commission

Mariann FISCHER BOEL

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 78. Regulation as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1154/2005 (OJ L 187, 19.7.2005, p. 11).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 147, 30.6.1995, p. 7. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 777/2004 (OJ L 123, 27.4.2004, p. 50).

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to the Commission Regulation of 27 February 2006 fixing the export refunds on malt

Product code	Destination	Unit of measurement	Amount of refunds
1107 10 19 9000	A00	EUR/t	0,00
1107 10 99 9000	A00	EUR/t	0,00
1107 20 00 9000	A00	EUR/t	0,00

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) as amended.

The numeric destination codes are set out in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2081/2003 (OJ L 313, 28.11.2003, p. 11).

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 349/2006
of 27 February 2006
fixing the corrective amount applicable to the refund on malt

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 of 29 September 2003 on the common organization of the market in cereals ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 15(2),

Whereas:

- (1) Article 14(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 provides that the export refund applicable to cereals on the day on which application for an export licence is made must be applied on request to exports to be effected during the period of validity of the export licence. In this case, a corrective amount may be applied to the refund.
- (2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1501/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down certain detailed rules under Council Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the granting of export refunds on cereals and the measures to be taken in the event of disturbance on the market for cereals ⁽²⁾ allows for the fixing of a corrective amount for the malt referred

to in Article 1(1)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003. That corrective amount must be calculated taking account of the factors referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1501/95.

- (3) It follows from applying the provisions set out above that the corrective amount must be as set out in the Annex hereto.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The corrective amount referred to in Article 15(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 which is applicable to export refunds fixed in advance in respect of malt shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 March 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 February 2006.

For the Commission

Mariann FISCHER BOEL

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 78. Regulation as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1154/2005 (OJ L 187, 19.7.2005, p. 11).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 147, 30.6.1995, p. 7. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 777/2004 (OJ L 123, 27.4.2004, p. 50).

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 27 February 2006 fixing the corrective amount applicable to the refund on malt

(EUR/t)

Product code	Destination	Current 3	1st period 4	2nd period 5	3rd period 6	4th period 7	5th period 8
1107 10 11 9000	A00	0	0	0	0	0	0
1107 10 19 9000	A00	0	0	0	0	0	0
1107 10 91 9000	A00	0	0	0	0	0	0
1107 10 99 9000	A00	0	0	0	0	0	0
1107 20 00 9000	A00	0	0	0	0	0	0

(EUR/t)

Product code	Destination	6th period 9	7th period 10	8th period 11	9th period 12	10th period 13	11th period 14
1107 10 11 9000	A00	0	0	0	0	0	0
1107 10 19 9000	A00	0	0	0	0	0	0
1107 10 91 9000	A00	0	0	0	0	0	0
1107 10 99 9000	A00	0	0	0	0	0	0
1107 20 00 9000	A00	0	0	0	0	0	0

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) as amended.

The numeric destination codes are set out in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2081/2003 (OJ L 313, 28.11.2003, p. 11).

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 350/2006**of 27 February 2006****fixing the refunds applicable to cereal and rice sector products supplied as Community and national food aid**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 of 29 September 2003 on the common organisation of the market in cereals ⁽¹⁾ and in particular Article 13(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organisation of the market in rice ⁽²⁾ and in particular Article 13(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2681/74 of 21 October 1974 on Community financing of expenditure incurred in respect of the supply of agricultural products as food aid ⁽³⁾ lays down that the portion of the expenditure corresponding to the export refunds on the products in question fixed under Community rules is to be charged to the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guarantee Section.
- (2) In order to make it easier to draw up and manage the budget for Community food aid actions and to enable the Member States to know the extent of Community participation in the financing of national food aid actions, the level of the refunds granted for these actions should be determined.

- (3) The general and implementing rules provided for in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 1784/2003 and in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 on export refunds are applicable *mutatis mutandis* to the abovementioned operations.
- (4) The specific criteria to be used for calculating the export refund on rice are set out in Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For Community and national food aid operations under international agreements or other supplementary programmes, and other Community free supply measures, the refunds applicable to cereals and rice sector products shall be as set out in the Annex.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 March 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 February 2006.

For the Commission

Mariann FISCHER BOEL

Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 270, 21.10.2003, p. 78. Regulation as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1154/2005 (OJ L 187, 19.7.2005, p. 11).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18. Regulation as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 411/2002 (OJ L 62, 5.3.2002, p. 27).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 288, 25.10.1974, p. 1.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 27 February 2006 fixing the refunds applicable to cereal and rice sector products supplied as Community and national food aid

(EUR/t)

Product code	Refund
1001 10 00 9400	0,00
1001 90 99 9000	0,00
1002 00 00 9000	0,00
1003 00 90 9000	0,00
1005 90 00 9000	0,00
1006 30 92 9100	0,00
1006 30 92 9900	0,00
1006 30 94 9100	0,00
1006 30 94 9900	0,00
1006 30 96 9100	0,00
1006 30 96 9900	0,00
1006 30 98 9100	0,00
1006 30 98 9900	0,00
1006 30 65 9900	0,00
1007 00 90 9000	0,00
1101 00 15 9100	0,00
1101 00 15 9130	0,00
1102 10 00 9500	0,00
1102 20 10 9200	47,39
1102 20 10 9400	40,62
1103 11 10 9200	0,00
1103 13 10 9100	60,93
1104 12 90 9100	0,00

NB: The product codes are defined in Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3846/87 (OJ L 366, 24.12.1987, p. 1), amended.

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 21 December 2005

concluding the Additional Protocol to the Agreement on Trade, Development and Cooperation between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of South Africa, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic to the European Union

(2006/166/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

the Community and the Member States on 25 June 2005
in accordance with Council Decision 2005/206/EC ⁽²⁾.

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 310, in conjunction with the second sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 300(2), and the second subparagraph of Article 300(3) thereof,

(2) Pending its entry into force, the Additional Protocol has been applied on a provisional basis as from 1 May 2004.

Having regard to the 2003 Act of Accession, and in particular Article 6(2) thereof,

(3) The Additional Protocol should be concluded,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Article 1

Having regard to the assent of the European Parliament ⁽¹⁾,

The Additional Protocol to the Agreement on Trade, Development and Cooperation between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of South Africa, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia, and the Slovak Republic to the European Union, is hereby approved on behalf of the Community and its Member States.

Whereas:

(1) The Additional Protocol to the Agreement on Trade, Development and Cooperation between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of South Africa, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the 10 new Member States to the European Union, was signed on behalf of

The text of the Additional Protocol ⁽³⁾ is attached to this Decision.

⁽¹⁾ Not yet published in the Official Journal.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 68, 15.3.2005, p. 32.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 68, 15.3.2005, p. 33.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the Community and its Member States, give the notification provided for in Article 9(2) of the Additional Protocol.

Done at Brussels, 21 December 2005.

For the Council

The President

B. BRADSHAW

COUNCIL DECISION

of 21 February 2006

on the conclusion of a Protocol to the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or in Iceland or Norway

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2006/167/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 63 point (1)(a), in conjunction with the first sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 300(2) and the first subparagraph of Article 300(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament ⁽¹⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission, on behalf of the European Community, has negotiated with the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway a Protocol to the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or in Iceland or Norway.
- (2) The Protocol was signed on behalf of the European Community on 29 June 2005, subject to conclusion at a later date, in accordance with the Decision of 13 June 2005.
- (3) This Protocol should be approved.
- (4) The United Kingdom and Ireland, in accordance with Article 3 of the Protocol on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland annexed to the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Community, will take part in adopting and applying this Decision.

- (5) In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of the Protocol on the position of Denmark annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty establishing the European Community, Denmark is not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it or subject to its application,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Protocol to the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or in Iceland or Norway is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Protocol is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall give the notification provided for by the second paragraph of Article 5 of the Protocol ⁽²⁾.

Article 3

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 21 February 2006.

For the Council
The President
K. GASTINGER

⁽¹⁾ Opinion delivered on 13 December 2005 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽²⁾ The date of entry into force of the Protocol shall be the first day of the second month following notification by the Contracting Parties.

PROTOCOL

to the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or in Iceland or Norway

THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY,

and

THE REPUBLIC OF ICELAND,

and

THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY,

hereinafter referred to as 'the Contracting Parties',

BEARING IN MIND that the Protocol on the position of Denmark, annexed to the Treaty on the European Union and to the Treaty establishing the European Community, provides that no measure adopted pursuant to Title IV of the Treaty establishing the European Community shall be binding upon or applicable in Denmark,

REFERRING to Article 12 of the Agreement between the European Community, the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or in Iceland or Norway (hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement between the European Community, Iceland and Norway') which states that the Kingdom of Denmark may request to participate in that Agreement,

NOTING that Denmark by letter dated 16 February 2001 requested to participate in the Agreement between the European Community, Iceland and Norway,

RECALLING that according to Article 12 of the Agreement between the European Community, Iceland and Norway, the conditions for such participation by the Kingdom of Denmark shall be determined by the Contracting Parties, acting with the consent of Denmark, in a Protocol to that Agreement,

CONSIDERING that it was appropriate, in the first place, for Denmark and the Community to conclude an Agreement in order to settle, in particular, matters relating to the jurisdiction of the Court of Justice and to the coordination between the Community and Denmark regarding international agreements,

CONSIDERING the Agreement between the Community and Denmark on the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in Denmark or any other Member State of the European Union and 'Eurodac' for the comparison of fingerprints for the effective application of the Dublin Convention (hereinafter called 'the Agreement between the European Community and Denmark'),

CONSIDERING that it is therefore necessary to fix the conditions whereby Denmark participates in the Agreement between the European Community, Iceland and Norway and in particular it is necessary to establish rights and obligations between Iceland and Norway and Denmark,

NOTING that the entry into force of this Protocol is based on the consent of Denmark, in accordance with its constitutional requirements,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Kingdom of Denmark shall participate in the Agreement between the Community, Iceland and Norway, under the conditions set out in the Agreement between the European Community and Denmark and this Protocol.

Article 2

1. The provisions of the 'Dublin II Regulation' ⁽¹⁾, which is annexed to this Protocol and forms part thereof, together with its implementing measures adopted pursuant to Article 27(2) of the 'Dublin II Regulation' shall, under international law, apply to the relations between Denmark, on the one hand, and Iceland and Norway, on the other hand.

2. The provisions of the 'Eurodac Regulation' ⁽²⁾, which is annexed to this Protocol and forms part thereof, together with its implementing measures adopted pursuant to Article 22 or 23(2) of the 'Eurodac Regulation' shall, under international law, apply to the relations between Denmark, on the one hand, and Iceland and Norway, on the other hand.

3. Amendments to the Acts referred to under paragraph 1 and 2 which are notified by Denmark to the Commission in accordance with Article 3 of the Agreement between the European Community and Denmark and which are notified by Iceland and Norway to the Commission in accordance with Article 4 of the Agreement between the European Community, Iceland and Norway shall, under international law, apply to the relations between Denmark, on the one hand, and Iceland and Norway, on the other hand.

4. Implementing measures adopted pursuant to Article 27(2) of the 'Dublin II Regulation' and implementing measures adopted pursuant to Article 22 or 23(2) of the 'Eurodac Regulation' which are notified by Denmark to the Commission in accordance with Article 4 of the Agreement between the European Community and Denmark and which are notified by Iceland and Norway to the Commission in accordance with Article 4 of the Agreement between the European Community, Iceland and Norway shall, under international law, apply to the relations between Denmark, on the one hand, and Iceland and Norway, on the other hand.

Article 3

Iceland and Norway shall be entitled to submit statements of case or written observations to the Court of Justice in cases where a question has been referred to it by a Danish court or tribunal for a preliminary ruling in accordance with Article 6(1) of the Agreement between the European Community and Denmark.

Article 4

1. In the case of a complaint by Norway or Iceland concerning the application or the interpretation by Denmark of this Protocol, Norway or Iceland may ask that the matter be officially entered as a matter of dispute on the agenda of the Joint Committee.

2. In the case of a complaint by Denmark concerning the application or the interpretation by Norway or Iceland of this Protocol, Denmark shall be entitled to ask the Commission to enter officially the matter as a matter of dispute on the agenda of the Joint Committee. The matter shall be placed on agenda by the Commission.

3. The Joint Committee shall have 90 days from the date of the adoption of the agenda on which the dispute has been entered within which to settle the dispute. For this purpose, Denmark shall be entitled to make observations to the Joint Committee.

4. In a case where a dispute is settled by the Joint Committee in a manner that it requires implementation in Denmark, Denmark shall, within the timeframe envisaged in paragraph 3, notify the Parties whether or not it will implement the content of the settlement. In a case where Denmark notifies its decision not to implement the content of the settlement, paragraph 5 shall apply.

5. In a case where the dispute cannot be settled by the Joint Committee within the period envisaged in paragraph 3, a further period of 90 days shall be observed for reaching a final settlement. If the Joint Committee has not taken a decision at the end of that period this Protocol shall be considered terminated at the end of the last day of that period.

Article 5

This Protocol is subject to ratification or approval by the Contracting Parties. Instruments of ratification or approval shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the Council who shall act as depositary.

⁽¹⁾ Council Regulation (EC) No 343/2003 of 18 February 2003 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national (OJ L 50, 25.2.2003, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ Council Regulation (EC) No 2725/2000 of 11 December 2000 concerning the establishment of 'Eurodac' for the comparison of fingerprints for the effective application of the Dublin Convention (OJ L 316, 15.12.2000, p. 1).

This Protocol shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the notification by the Contracting Parties of the completion of their respective procedures required for this purpose.

The entry into force of this Protocol is also subject to the prior receipt by the depositary of a Note from the Kingdom of Denmark to the effect that the Kingdom of Denmark assents to the provisions contained in this Protocol and declares that it shall apply the provisions referred to in Article 2 in its mutual relations with Iceland and Norway.

Article 6

Each Contracting Party may terminate this Protocol by written declaration to the depositary. Such declaration shall take effect six months after its deposition.

This Protocol shall cease to be effective if the Agreement between the Community and Denmark is terminated.

This Protocol shall cease to be effective if either the Community or both Iceland and Norway have denounced it.

ANNEX TO THE PROTOCOL

Council Regulation (EC) No 343/2003 of 18 February 2003 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national (OJ L 50, 25.2.2003, p. 1)

Council Regulation (EC) No 2725/2000 of 11 December 2000 concerning the establishment of 'Eurodac' for the comparison of fingerprints for the effective application of the Dublin Convention (OJ L 316, 15.12.2000, p. 1)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 4 January 2006

establishing the animal health and veterinary certification requirements for imports into the Community of bovine embryos and repealing Decision 2005/217/EC

(notified under document number C(2005) 5796)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2006/168/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 89/556/EEC of 25 September 1989 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in and importation from third countries of embryos of domestic animals of the bovine species ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 7(1) and Article 9(1)(b) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Directive 89/556/EEC sets out the animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in and importation from third countries of fresh and frozen embryos of domestic animals of the bovine species.
- (2) That Directive provides, *inter alia*, that bovine embryos are not to be sent from one Member State to another unless they have been conceived by artificial insemination or *in vitro* fertilisation using semen from a donor sire standing at a semen collection centre approved by the competent authority for the collection, processing and storage of semen or semen imported in accordance with Council Directive 88/407/EEC of 14 June 1988 laying down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in and imports of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species ⁽²⁾.
- (3) Commission Decision 92/452/EEC of 30 July 1992 establishing lists of embryo collection teams and embryo production teams approved in third countries for export of bovine embryos to the Community ⁽³⁾,

provides that Member States are to import such embryos from third countries only if they have been collected, processed, including *in vitro* fertilisation, and stored by embryo collection teams included in the lists in that Decision.

- (4) Following trade problems relating to new, stricter requirements for bovine semen used for fertilisation introduced by Commission Decision 92/471/EEC ⁽⁴⁾, the Commission adopted Decision 2005/217/EC of 9 March 2005 establishing the animal health conditions and the veterinary certification requirements for imports into the Community of bovine embryos ⁽⁵⁾.
- (5) Decision 2005/217/EC allows for a transitional period expiring on 31 December 2006 for imports of bovine embryos collected or produced before 1 January 2006 and conceived using semen not fully complying with Directive 88/407/EEC on condition that such embryos are implanted into female bovine animals present in the Member State of destination and are excluded from intra-Community trade.
- (6) The International Embryo Transfer Society (IETS) has assessed as negligible the risk of transmission of certain contagious diseases via embryos to recipients or offspring, provided that the embryos are handled properly between their collection and their transfer. That position is also that of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) as far as *in vivo* derived embryos are concerned. Nevertheless, in the interests of animal health, appropriate safeguards should be taken upstream with regard to semen used for fertilisation, in particular with respect to *in vitro* generated embryos.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 302, 19.10.1989, p. 1. Directive as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 194, 22.7.1988, p. 10. Directive as last amended by Commission Decision 2004/101/EC (OJ L 30, 4.2.2004, p. 15).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 250, 29.8.1992, p. 40. Decision as last amended by Decision 2005/774/EC (OJ L 291, 5.11.2005, p. 46).

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 270, 15.9.1992, p. 27. Decision as last amended by Decision 2004/786/EC (OJ L 346, 23.11.2004, p. 32).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 69, 16.3.2005, p. 41.

- (7) Community requirements for imports of bovine embryos derived by natural (*in vivo*) fertilisation and produced by *in vitro* fertilisation, in particular as regards semen used for fertilisation, should therefore be adapted.

requirements set out in the model veterinary certificate in Annex II.

Article 3

Imports of *in vitro* produced embryos

- (8) In the light of the risk assessment carried out by the IETS and in line with the recommendations of the OIE, the conditions governing imports of *in vivo* derived bovine embryos should be simplified while stricter animal health requirements should be maintained for imports of *in vitro* produced embryos, with special restrictions where the *zona pellucida* has been damaged during the process.

1. Member States shall authorise imports of embryos which are produced by *in vitro* fertilisation using semen complying with Directive 88/407/EEC and which meet the animal health requirements set out in the model veterinary certificate in Annex III to this Decision.

- (9) In the interests of clarity of Community legislation, Decision 2005/217/EC should be repealed and replaced by this Decision.

2. Member States shall authorise imports of embryos which are produced by *in vitro* fertilisation using semen produced in approved semen collection centres or stored in semen storage centres in third countries listed in Annex I to Commission Decision 2004/639/EC⁽¹⁾ and which comply with the animal health requirements set out in the model veterinary certificate in Annex IV to this Decision on condition that such embryos are:

- (10) However, in order to enable economic operators to adapt to the new requirements set out in this Decision it is appropriate to provide for a transitional period whereby imports of embryos of domestic animals of the bovine species collected or produced before 1 January 2006 may, subject to certain conditions, be imported into the Community according to the requirements set out in Annex V to this Decision.

(a) excluded from intra-Community trade; and

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

(b) implanted exclusively into female bovine animals present in the Member State of destination indicated in the veterinary certificate.

Article 4

Transitional measures

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

By way of derogation from Articles 2 and 3, Member States shall authorise, until 31 December 2006, the importation of embryos from the third countries listed in Annex I provided that such embryos comply with:

Article 1

General conditions for imports of embryos

Member States shall authorise imports of embryos of domestic animals of the bovine species (embryos) collected or produced in a third country listed in Annex I to this Decision by approved embryo collection or production teams listed in the Annex to Decision 92/452/EEC.

(a) the animal health requirements set out in the model veterinary certificate in Annex V; and

(b) the following conditions:

Article 2

Imports of *in vivo* derived embryos

Member States shall authorise imports of embryos derived by *in vivo* fertilisation and complying with the animal health

(i) they must be collected or produced before 1 January 2006;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 292, 15.9.2004, p. 21.

- (ii) they must only be used for implantation into female bovine animals present in the Member State of destination indicated in the veterinary certificate;

Article 6

Applicability

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 2006.

- (iii) they must be excluded from intra-Community trade;

Article 7

Addressees

- (iv) they must be accompanied by such a certificate duly completed before 1 January 2007.

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 4 January 2006.

Article 5

Repeal

Decision 2005/217/EC is repealed.

For the Commission

Markos KYPRIANOU

Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

ISO code	Country	Applicable Veterinary Certificate			Remarks
AR	Argentina	ANNEX II	ANNEX III	ANNEX IV	
AU	Australia	ANNEX II	ANNEX III	ANNEX IV	The additional guarantees set out in point 11.5.2 of the certificate in Annex II and in points 11.6.2 of the certificates in Annexes III and IV are compulsory.
CA	Canada	ANNEX II	ANNEX III	ANNEX IV	
CH	Switzerland (*)	ANNEX II	ANNEX III	ANNEX IV	
HR	Croatia	ANNEX II	ANNEX III	ANNEX IV	
IL	Israel	ANNEX II	ANNEX III	ANNEX IV	
MK	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (**)	ANNEX II	ANNEX III	ANNEX IV	
NZ	New Zealand	ANNEX II	ANNEX III	ANNEX IV	
RO	Romania	ANNEX II	ANNEX III	ANNEX IV	
US	United States of America	ANNEX II	ANNEX III	ANNEX IV	

(*) Without prejudice to specific certification requirements provided for by any relevant Community agreement with third countries.

(**) Provisional code that does not affect the definitive denomination of the country to be attributed after the conclusion of the negotiations currently taking place in the United Nations.

ANNEX II

**In vivo derived embryos of domestic animals of the bovine species for import, collected in accordance with
Council Directive 89/556/EEC**

COUNTRY**Veterinary certificate to EU**

Part I: Details of dispatched consignment	I.1. Consignor ☐ Name Address Postal code		I.2.	I.2.a. Local reference number:				
			I.3. Central Competent Authority					
			I.4. Local Competent Authority					
	I.5. Consignee Name Address Postal code		I.6.					
	I.7. Country of origin	ISO code	I.8. Region of origin	Code	I.9. Country of destination	ISO code	I.10. Region of destination	Code
	I.11. Place of origin Embryo team ☐ Name Approval number Address Name Approval number Address Name Approval number Address		I.12. Place of destination Holding ☐ Embryo team ☐ Approved body ☐ Name Approval number Address Postal code					
	I.13.		I.14. Estimated date and time of arrival					
	I.15. Means of transport Aeroplane ☐ Ship ☐ Railway wagon ☐ Road vehicle ☐ Other ☐ Identification: Documentary references:		I.16. I.17.					
	I.18. Description of commodity			I.19. Commodity code (HS code)				
				I.20. Quantity				
I.21.			I.22. Number of packages					
I.23. Identification of container/Seal number			I.24.					
I.25. Commodity certified for Artificial reproduction ☐								
I.26. For transit to third Country vis-à-vis EU ☐ third country ISO code			I.27. For import or admission into EU ☐ Definitive import ☐					
I.28. Identification of the animals/products Species (Scientific name) Identification mark Category Approval number of the team								

COUNTRY

In vivo-derived bovine embryos

Part II: Certification	II. Health information ☐	II.a. Certificate reference number	II.b. Local reference number
	I, the undersigned, official veterinarian of the Government of, (insert name of exporting country) certify that: 1.1. the embryo collection team identified above: — has been approved in accordance with Chapter I of Annex A to Directive 89/556/EEC, — carried out the collection, processing, storing and transport of the embryos described above in accordance with Chapter II of Annex A to Directive 89/556/EEC, — subject to inspection by an official veterinarian at least twice a year; 1.2. the embryos to be exported were collected in the exporting country, which according to official findings: 1.2.1. was free from rinderpest during the 12 months immediately prior to their collection; 1.2.2. 1.2.2.1. either was free from foot-and-mouth disease during the 12 months immediately prior to their collection and did not carry out vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease during that period ⁽¹⁾; 1.2.2.2. or was not free from foot-and-mouth disease during the 12 months immediately prior to their collection and/or carried out vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease during that period, and — the embryos were not subjected to penetration of the <i>zona pellucida</i>, — the embryos were stored under approved conditions for at least 30 days immediately after their collection, and — the donor females come from holdings on which no animal was vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease during the 30 days prior to collection and no animal of a susceptible species showed clinical signs of foot-and-mouth disease during the 30 days prior to, and at least the 30 days after, the embryos were collected ⁽¹⁾; 1.3. 1.3.1. within a 10 km radius of the premises on which the embryos to be exported were collected and processed, according to official findings there was no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, vesicular stomatitis, Rift Valley fever or contagious bovine pleuropneumonia in the 30 days immediately prior to their collection and, in the case of embryos certified under 1.2.2.2, in the 30 days after their collection as well; 1.3.2. from the time of collection until 30 days thereafter (or, in the case of fresh embryos, until the day of dispatch), the embryos to be exported were stored at all times on approved premises within a 10-km radius of which, according to official findings, there was no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease, vesicular stomatitis or Rift Valley fever; 1.4. the donor females: 1.4.1. were located, during the 30 days immediately prior to collection of the embryos to be exported, on premises within a 10 km radius of which, according to official findings, there was no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease, bluetongue, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, vesicular stomatitis, Rift Valley fever or contagious bovine pleuropneumonia; 1.4.2. showed no clinical signs of disease on the day of collection: 1.4.3. spent the six months immediately prior to collection within the territory of the exporting country in no more than two herds: — which, according to official findings, were free from tuberculosis during that time, — which, according to official findings, were free from brucellosis during that time, — which were free from enzootic bovine leukosis or in which no animal showed clinical signs of enzootic bovine leukosis during the previous three years, — in which no bovine animal showed clinical signs of infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/infectious pustular vulvo-vaginitis during the previous 12 months;		

1.5. the embryos to be exported provide the following additional guarantees ⁽³⁾:

1.5.1. either the embryos were collected in the exporting country, which according to official findings is free from Akabane disease ⁽¹⁾,

1.5.2. or the embryos were collected in the exporting country, which according to official findings is not free from Akabane disease ⁽¹⁾, and

- the embryos were not subjected to penetration of the *zona pellucida*,
- the embryos were stored under approved conditions for at least 30 days immediately after their collection, and
- the donor females underwent a serum neutralisation test for Akabane disease, carried out on a blood sample taken not less than 21 days following their collection ⁽¹⁾ and giving negative results;

1.6. the embryos to be exported were conceived by artificial insemination using semen coming from semen collection or storage centres approved for the collection, processing and/or storage of semen by the competent authority of a country listed in Annex I to Commission Decision 2004/639/EC ⁽⁴⁾ or by the competent authority of a Member State of the European Community.

Notes

⁽¹⁾ Delete as appropriate.

⁽²⁾ (Box reference No I.28 in Part I):

Identification mark: corresponding to the identification on the straw of the donor cows and the date of collection.

Category: specify if (a) penetration or (b) non penetration of *zona pellucida*.

Approval number of the team: to be filled in if different from box No I.11.

⁽³⁾ See remarks for exporting country concerned in Annex I to Decision 2006/168/EC.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 292, 15.9.2004, p. 21.

⁽⁵⁾ The signature and the stamp must be of a different colour from that of the printed form.

NB: This certificate must:

- (a) be drawn up in at least one official language of the Member State of destination and of the Member State where the embryos will enter Community territory;
- (b) be made out to a single consignee;
- (c) accompany the embryos in the original.

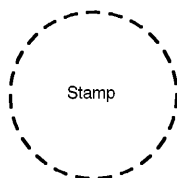
Official veterinarian

Name (in capital letters):

Qualification and title

Date:

Signature:



ANNEX III

***In vitro* produced embryos of domestic animals of the bovine species for import, conceived using semen
complying with Council Directive 88/407/EEC**

COUNTRY

Veterinary certificate to EU

Part I: Details of dispatched consignment	I.1. Consignor ☐ Name Address Postal code		I.2.	I.2.a. Local reference number:	
			I.3. Central Competent Authority		
			I.4. Local Competent Authority		
	I.5. Consignee Name Address Postal code		I.6.		
	I.7. Country of origin	ISO code	I.8. Region of origin	Code	I.9. Country of destination
					ISO code
			I.10. Region of destination		Code
	I.11. Place of origin Embryo team ☐ Name Approval number Address Name Approval number Address Name Approval number Address		I.12. Place of destination Holding ☐ Embryo team ☐ Approved body ☐ Name Approval number Address Postal code		
	I.13.		I.14. Estimated date and time of arrival		
	I.15. Means of transport Aeroplane ☐ Ship ☐ Railway wagon ☐ Road vehicle ☐ Other ☐ Identification: Documentary references:		I.16.		
		I.17.			
I.18. Description of commodity			I.19. Commodity code (HS code)		
			I.20. Quantity		
I.21.			I.22. Number of packages		
I.23. Identification of container/Seal number			I.24.		
I.25. Commodity certified for Artificial reproduction ☐					
I.26. For transit to third country vis-à-vis EU ☐ third country ISO code			I.27. For import or admission into EU ☐ Definitive import ☐		
I.28. Identification of the animals/products Species (Scientific name) Identification mark Category					

COUNTRY

In vitro produced bovine embryos

Part II: Certification	II. Health information ☐	II.a. Certificate reference number	II.b. Local reference number
	I, the undersigned, official veterinarian of the Government of, (insert name of exporting country) certify that: 1.1. the embryo production team identified above: — has been approved in accordance with Chapter I of Annex A to Directive 89/556/EEC, — carried out the production, processing, storing and transport of the embryos described above in accordance with Chapter II of Annex A to Directive 89/556/EEC, — is subject to inspection by an official veterinarian at least twice a year. 1.2. the embryos to be exported were produced in the exporting country, which according to official findings: 1.2.1. was free from rinderpest during the 12 months immediately prior to their production; 1.2.2. 1.2.2.1. either was free from foot-and-mouth disease during the 12 months immediately prior to their production and did not carry out vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease during that period ⁽¹⁾, 1.2.2.2. or was not free from foot-and-mouth disease during the 12 months immediately prior to their production and/or carried out vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease during that period, and — the embryos were produced without penetration of the <i>zona pellucida</i>, — the embryos were stored under approved conditions for at least 30 days immediately after their production, and — the donor females come from holdings on which no animal was vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease during the 30 days prior to collection and no animal of a susceptible species showed clinical signs of foot-and-mouth disease during the 30 days prior to, and at least the 30 days after, the oocytes were collected ⁽¹⁾; 1.3. the oocytes used in the production of the embryos to be exported were collected from donor females complying with the following requirements: 1.3.1. the donor females: — were kept in a bluetongue virus-free country or zone for at least 60 days prior to, and during, collection of the oocytes ⁽¹⁾, or 1.3.2. — were kept during a seasonally free period or protected from the competent vector <i>Culicoides</i> for at least 60 days prior to, and during, the collection of the oocytes, and the embryos were produced without penetration of the <i>zona pellucida</i>, except if the donors underwent a serological test to detect antibodies to the bluetongue virus group, carried out in accordance with the Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals between 21 and 60 days after collection and giving negative results and the embryos were stored for at least 30 days ⁽¹⁾, or 1.3.3. — underwent a serological test to detect antibodies to the bluetongue virus group, carried out in accordance with the Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals between 21 and 60 days after collection and giving negative results, and the embryos were stored for at least 30 days ⁽¹⁾, or 1.3.4. — underwent an agent identification test, carried out in accordance with the Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals on a blood sample taken on the day of collection or the day of slaughtering and giving negative results – the embryos having been produced, in the latter case, without penetration of the <i>zona pellucida</i> ⁽¹⁾;		

1.4.

1.4.1. within a 10 km radius of the premises on which the oocytes used in the production of the embryos to be exported were collected and processed, according to official findings there was no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease, bluetongue, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, vesicular stomatitis, Rift Valley fever or contagious bovine pleuropneumonia in the 30 days immediately prior to their collection and, in the case of embryos certified under 11.2.2.2, in the 30 days after their collection as well;

1.4.2. from the time of collection until 30 days thereafter, the embryos to be exported were stored at all times on approved premises within a 10 km radius of which, according to official findings, there was no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease, vesicular stomatitis or Rift Valley fever;

1.5. the donors of oocytes used in the production of the embryos to be exported:

1.5.1. were located, during the 30 days immediately prior to collection of the oocytes, on premises within a 10 km radius of which, according to official findings, there was no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease, bluetongue, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, contagious vesicular stomatitis, Rift Valley fever or contagious bovine pleuropneumonia;

1.5.2. showed no clinical signs of disease on the day of collection;

1.5.3. spent the six months immediately prior to collection within the territory of the exporting country in no more than two herds:

- which, according to official findings, were free from tuberculosis during that time,
- which, according to official findings, were free from brucellosis during that time,
- which were free from enzootic bovine leukosis or in which no animal showed clinical signs of enzootic bovine leukosis during the previous three years,
- in which no bovine animal showed clinical signs of infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/infectious pustular vulvo-vaginitis during the previous 12 months;

1.6. the embryos to be exported provide the following additional guarantees ⁽³⁾:

1.6.1. either the embryos to be exported were produced in the exporting country, which according to official findings is free from Akabane disease ⁽¹⁾,

1.6.2. or the embryos were produced in the exporting country, which according to official findings is not free from Akabane disease ⁽¹⁾, and

- the embryos were produced without penetration of the *zona pellucida*;
- the embryos were stored under approved conditions for at least 30 days immediately after production, and
- the donors of the oocytes used in the production of embryos underwent a serum neutralisation test for Akabane disease giving negative results and carried out on a blood sample taken not less than 21 days following their collection, or an agent identification test carried out in accordance with the Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals on a blood sample taken on the day of slaughtering ⁽¹⁾;

1.7. the embryos to be exported were conceived by *in vitro* fertilisation using semen coming from semen collection or storage centres located in a Member State of the European Community or in a third country and approved in accordance with Article 5(1) and Article 9(1) respectively of Directive 88/407/EEC ⁽⁵⁾.

Notes

⁽¹⁾ Delete as appropriate.

⁽²⁾ (Box reference No I.28 in Part I):

Identification mark: corresponding to the identification of the donor cows and the date of collection.

Category: specify if a) penetration or b) non penetration of *zona pellucida*.

⁽³⁾ See remarks for exporting country concerned in Annex I to Decision 2006/168/EC.

⁽⁴⁾ The signature and the stamp must be of a different colour from that of the printed form.

⁽⁵⁾ Semen collection and storage centres approved in accordance with EC legislation are listed on the Commission's website http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/index_en.htm.

NB: This certificate must:

- (a) be drawn up in at least one official language of the Member State of destination and of the Member State where the embryos will enter Community territory;
- (b) be made out to a single consignee;
- (c) accompany the embryos in the original.

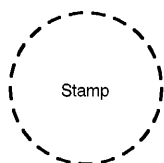
Official veterinarian

Name (in capital letters):

Qualification and title

Date:

Signature:



ANNEX IV

***In vitro* produced embryos of domestic animals of the bovine species conceived using semen coming from semen collection or storage centres approved by the competent authority of the exporting country**

COUNTRY

Veterinary certificate to EU

Part I: Details of dispatched consignment	I.1. Consignor ☐ Name Address Postal code				I.2.		I.2.a. Local reference number:	
					I.3. Central Competent Authority			
					I.4. Local Competent Authority			
	I.5. Consignee Name Address Postal code				I.6.			
	I.7. Country of origin		ISO code	I.8. Region of origin		Code	I.9. Country of destination	
							I.10. Region of destination	
							Code	
	I.11. Place of origin Embryo team ☐ Name Approval number Address Name Approval number Address Name Approval number Address				I.12. Place of destination Holding ☐ Embryo team ☐ Approved body ☐ Name Approval number Address Postal code			
	I.13.				I.14. Estimated date and time of arrival			
	I.15. Means of transport Aeroplane ☐ Ship ☐ Railway wagon ☐ Road vehicle ☐ Other ☐ Identification: Documentary references:				I.16.			
				I.17.				
I.18. Description of commodity						I.19. Commodity code (HS code)		
						I.20. Quantity		
I.21.						I.22. Number of packages		
I.23. Identification of container/Seal number						I.24.		
I.25. Commodity certified for Artificial reproduction ☐								
I.26. For transit to third country vis-à-vis EU ☐ third country ISO code				I.27. For import or admission into EU ☐ Definitive import ☐				
I.28. Identification of the animals/products Species (Scientific name) Identification mark Category								

COUNTRY

In vitro produced bovine embryos using semen from
semen centres approved by the exporting country

Part II: Certification	II. Health information ☐	II.a. Certificate reference number	II.b. Local reference number
	I, the undersigned, official veterinarian of the Government of, (insert name of exporting country) certify that: 1.1. the embryo production team identified above: — has been approved in accordance with Chapter I of Annex A to Directive 89/556/EEC, — carried out the production, processing, storing and transport of the embryos described above in accordance with Chapter II of Annex A to Directive 89/556/EEC, — is subject to inspection by an official veterinarian at least twice a year; 1.2. the embryos to be exported were produced in the exporting country, which according to official findings: 1.2.1. was free from rinderpest during the 12 months immediately prior to the production of the embryos; 1.2.2. 1.2.2.1. either was free from foot-and-mouth disease during the 12 months immediately prior to the production of the embryos and did not carry out vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease during that period ⁽¹⁾, 1.2.2.2. or was not free from foot-and-mouth disease during the 12 months immediately prior to the production of the embryos and/or carried out vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease during that period, and — the embryos were produced without penetration of the <i>zona pellucida</i>, — the embryos were stored under approved conditions for at least 30 days immediately after production, and — the donor females come from holdings on which no animal was vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease during the 30 days prior to collection and no animal of a susceptible species showed clinical signs of foot-and-mouth disease during the 30 days prior to, and at least the 30 days after, the oocytes were collected ⁽¹⁾; 1.3. the oocytes used in the production of the embryos to be exported were collected from donor females complying with the following requirements: 1.3.1. the donor females: — were kept in a bluetongue virus-free country or zone for at least 60 days prior to, and during, the collection of the oocytes ⁽¹⁾, or 1.3.2. — were kept during a seasonally free period or protected from the competent vector <i>Culicoides</i> for at least 60 days prior to, and during, the collection of the oocytes and the embryos were produced without penetration of the <i>zona pellucida</i>, except if the donors underwent a serological test to detect antibodies to the bluetongue virus group, carried out in accordance with the Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals between 21 and 60 days after collection and giving negative results, and the embryos were stored for at least 30 days ⁽¹⁾, or 1.3.3. — underwent a serological test to detect antibodies to the bluetongue virus group, carried out in accordance with the Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals between 21 and 60 days after collection and giving negative results, and the embryos were stored for at least 30 days ⁽¹⁾, or 1.3.4. — underwent an agent identification test, carried out in accordance with the Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals on a blood sample taken on the day of collection or the day of slaughtering and giving negative results — the embryos having been produced, in the latter case, without penetration of the <i>zona pellucida</i> ⁽¹⁾;		

1.4.

1.4.1. within a 10 km radius of the premises on which the oocytes used in the production of the embryos to be exported were collected and processed, according to official findings there was no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease, bluetongue, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, vesicular stomatitis, Rift Valley fever or contagious bovine pleuropneumonia in the 30 days immediately prior to their collection and, in the case of embryos certified under 11.2.2.2, in the 30 days after their collection as well;

1.4.2. from the time of collection until 30 days thereafter, the embryos to be exported were stored at all times on approved premises within a 10 km radius of which, according to official findings, there was no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease, vesicular stomatitis or Rift Valley fever;

1.5. the donors of oocytes used in the production of the embryos to be exported:

1.5.1. were located, during the 30 days immediately prior to collection of the oocytes, on premises within a 10 km radius of which, according to official findings, there was no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease, bluetongue, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, contagious vesicular stomatitis, Rift Valley fever or contagious bovine pleuropneumonia;

1.5.2. showed no clinical signs of disease on the day of collection;

1.5.3. spent the six months immediately prior to collection within the territory of the exporting country in no more than two herds:

- which, according to official findings, were free from tuberculosis during that time,
- which, according to official findings, were free from brucellosis during that time,
- which were free from enzootic bovine leukosis or in which no animal showed clinical signs of enzootic bovine leukosis during the previous three years,
- in which no bovine animal showed clinical signs of infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/infectious pustular vulvo-vaginitis during the previous 12 months;

1.6. the embryos to be exported provide the following additional guarantees ⁽³⁾:

1.6.1. either the embryos to be exported were produced in the exporting country, which according to official findings is free from Akabane disease ⁽¹⁾,

1.6.2. or the embryos to be exported were produced in the exporting country, which according to official findings is not free from Akabane disease ⁽¹⁾, and

- they were produced without penetration of the *zona pellucida*;
- they were stored under approved conditions for at least 30 days immediately after production, and
- the donors of the oocytes used in the production of the embryos underwent a serum neutralisation test for Akabane disease giving negative results, carried out on a blood sample taken not less than 21 days following their collection, or an agent identification test carried out in accordance with the Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals on a blood sample taken on the day of slaughtering ⁽¹⁾;

1.7. the embryos to be exported were conceived by *in vitro* fertilisation using semen coming from semen collection or storage centres approved for the collection, processing and/or storage of semen by the competent authority of a country listed in Annex I to Commission Decision 2004/639/EC ⁽⁵⁾ or by the competent authority of a Member State of the European Community.

Notes

⁽¹⁾ Delete as appropriate.

⁽²⁾ (Box reference No I.28 in Part I):

Identification mark: corresponding to the identification of the donor cows and the date of collection.

Category: specify if (a) penetration or (b) non penetration of *zona pellucida*.

⁽³⁾ See remarks for exporting country concerned in Annex I to Decision 2006/168/EC.

⁽⁴⁾ The signature and the stamp must be of a different colour from that of the printed form.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 292, 15.9.2004, p. 21.

NB: This certificate must:

- (a) be drawn up in at least one official language of the Member State of destination and of the Member State where the embryos will enter Community territory;
- (b) be made out to a single consignee;
- (c) accompany the embryos in the original.

Information: in accordance with Article 3(a) of Council Directive 89/556/EEC, embryos imported under the conditions laid down in this certificate are excluded from intra-Community trade.

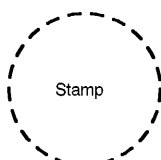
Official veterinarian

Name (in capital letters):

Qualification and title

Date:

Signature:



ANNEX V

**VETERINARY CERTIFICATE EMBRYOS OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS OF THE BOVINE SPECIES FOR IMPORTS
COLLECTED OR PRODUCED BEFORE 1 JANUARY 2006**

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D. HEALTH INFORMATION

11. I, the undersigned official veterinarian of the Government of
(insert name of exporting country)

certify that:

11.1. the embryo collection ⁽¹⁾/production ⁽¹⁾ team identified above:

- is approved in accordance with Chapter I of Annex A to Council Directive 89/556/EEC ⁽³⁾,
- carried out the collection, processing, production ⁽¹⁾ and storing and transport of the embryos described above in accordance with Chapter II of Annex A to Directive 89/556/EEC,
- is subjected at least twice a year to inspection by an official veterinarian;

11.2. the embryos to be exported were collected ⁽¹⁾ or produced ⁽¹⁾ in the exporting country, which according to official findings:

11.2.1. has been free from rinderpest during 12 months immediately prior to the collection ⁽¹⁾ or production ⁽¹⁾ of the embryos;

11.2.2.

11.2.2.1. either has been free from foot-and-mouth disease during the 12 months immediately prior to collection ⁽¹⁾ or production ⁽¹⁾ of the embryos and has not practiced vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease during this period ⁽¹⁾ ,

or

11.2.2.2. has not been free from foot-and-mouth disease for the 12 months immediately prior to the collection ⁽¹⁾ or production ⁽¹⁾ of the embryos and/or has practised vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease during this period, and

- the embryos have been stored in approved conditions for a minimum period of 30 days immediately after collection, and
- the donor females and the donors of ovaries, oocytes and other tissues used in the production of embryos come from a holding in which no animal has shown clinical signs of foot-and-mouth disease nor was vaccinated against foot-and-mouth disease during the 30 days prior to collection ⁽¹⁾;

11.2.3.

11.2.3.1. either has been free from bluetongue and epizootic haemorrhagic disease (EHD) for the 12 months immediately prior to collection ⁽¹⁾ or production ⁽¹⁾ of the embryos to be exported and has not practiced vaccination against these diseases during this period ⁽¹⁾ ,

or

11.2.3.2. has not been free from bluetongue and epizootic haemorrhagic disease (EHD) for the 12 months immediately prior to collection ⁽¹⁾ or production ⁽¹⁾ of the embryos to be exported and/or has practised vaccination against these diseases during this period, and

- the embryos have been stored in approved conditions for a minimum period of 30 days immediately after collection, and
- the donor females and the donors of ovaries, oocytes and other tissues used in the production of embryos were subjected to an agar gel immuno diffusion test and a serum neutralisation test for the detection of antibodies against the epizootic haemorrhagic disease virus carried out with negative results on a blood sample taken not less than 21 days following collection ⁽¹⁾;

11.3.

11.3.1. the premises on which the embryos to be exported or the ovaries, oocytes and other tissues used in the production of embryos to be exported were collected and processed were at the time of collection situated in the centre of an area of 20 km diameter in which according to official findings there had been no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease, bluetongue, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, vesicular stomatitis, Rift Valley fever or contagious bovine pleuropneumonia for 30 days immediately prior to collection and in the case of embryos certified under 11.2.2.2 and 11.2.3.2 for 30 days after collection;

11.3.2. between the time of collection or production of the embryos to be exported and their dispatch, they were stored continuously in approved premises which were situated in the centre of an area of 20 km in diameter in which according to official findings there was no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease, vesicular stomatitis or Rift Valley fever;

11.4. the donor females and the donors of ovaries, oocytes and other tissues used in the production of embryos:

11.4.1. were located during the 30 days immediately prior to collection of the embryos to be exported in premises situated in the centre of an area of 20 km in diameter in which according to official findings there was during this period no incidence of foot-and-mouth disease, bluetongue, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, vesicular stomatitis, Rift Valley fever or contagious bovine pleuropneumonia;

11.4.2. showed no clinical sign of disease on the day of collection;

11.4.3. have spent the six months immediately prior to collection in the territory of the exporting country in a maximum of two herds:

- which, according to official findings, have been free from tuberculosis,
- which, according to official findings, have been free from brucellosis,
- which have been free from enzootic bovine leukosis or in which no bovine animal has shown clinical signs of enzootic bovine leukosis during the previous three years,
- in which no bovine animal has shown clinical signs of infectious bovine rhinotracheitis/infectious pustular vulvo-vaginitis during the previous 12 months;

11.5. the embryos comply with the following additional guarantees ⁽⁴⁾:

11.5.1. either the embryos to be exported were collected ⁽¹⁾ or produced ⁽¹⁾ in the exporting country, which according to official findings is free of Akabane disease ⁽¹⁾,

or

11.5.2. the embryos to be exported were collected ⁽¹⁾ or produced ⁽¹⁾ in the exporting country, which according to official findings is not free of Akabane disease ⁽¹⁾, and

- the embryos have been stored in approved conditions for a minimum period of 30 days immediately after collection, and
- the donor females and the donors of ovaries, oocytes and other tissues used in the production of embryos were subjected to a serum neutralisation test for Akabane disease carried out with negative results on a blood sample taken not less than 21 days following collection ⁽¹⁾.

11.6. The embryos to be exported were conceived as a result of artificial insemination or *in vitro* fertilisation with semen from a donor sire standing at a semen collection centre approved by the competent authority for the collection, processing and storage of semen or with semen imported from the European Community.

E. VALIDITY

12. Date and place	13. Name and qualification of the official veterinarian	14. Signature and stamp of the official veterinarian ⁽⁵⁾

Note for guidance:

⁽¹⁾ Delete as appropriate.

⁽²⁾ Corresponding to the identification of the donor cows and date of collection.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 302, 19.10.1989, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ See the remarks for the exporting country concerned in Annex I to Decision 2006/168/EC (OJ L 57, 28.2.2006, p. 19).

⁽⁵⁾ The signature and the stamp must be in a colour different to that of printing.

Note: This certificate must:

- (a) be drawn up in at least one of the official languages of the Member State of destination and the Member State where the embryos will enter Community territory;
- (b) be made out to a single consignee;
- (c) accompany the embryos in the original;
- (d) not to be used after the date indicated in Article 4 of Decision 2006/168/EC.

Information: In accordance with Article 3(a) of Council Directive 89/556/EEC, embryos imported under the conditions laid down in this certificate are not eligible for intra-Community trade.

COMMISSION DECISION

of 21 February 2006

amending Decision 93/52/EEC as regards the declaration that Poland and certain provinces or regions of Italy are free of brucellosis (*B. melitensis*) and Decision 2003/467/EC as regards the declaration that certain provinces or regions of Italy are free of bovine tuberculosis, bovine brucellosis and enzootic bovine leucosis

(notified under document number C(2006) 490)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2006/169/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 64/432/EEC of 26 June 1964 on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Annex A(I)(4), Annex A(II)(7) and Annex D(I)(E) thereto,

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 Annex A, Chapter 1, point II thereto,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Decision 93/52/EEC of 21 December 1992 recording the compliance by certain Member States or regions with the requirements relating to brucellosis (*B. melitensis*) and according them the status of a Member State or region officially free of the disease ⁽³⁾ lists the regions of Member States which are recognised as officially free of brucellosis (*B. melitensis*) in accordance with Directive 91/68/EEC.

(2) Poland, as regards the whole territory, submitted to the Commission documentation demonstrating compliance with the conditions provided for in Annex A, Chapter 1, paragraph II(1)(b) to Directive 91/68/EEC. In addition, Poland has undertaken to comply with certain other conditions laid down in Directive 91/68/EEC concerning random checks to be carried out following recognition of Poland as brucellosis-free.

(3) Poland should therefore be recognised as officially free of brucellosis (*B. melitensis*) as regards ovine or caprine holdings.

(4) In the Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia, in the province of Savona in the Region of Liguria, in the province of Isernia in the Region of Molise and in the province of Pescara in the Region of Abruzzo, at least 99,8 % of the ovine or caprine holdings are officially brucellosis-free holdings. In addition, those provinces and region have undertaken to comply with certain other conditions laid down in Directive 91/68/EEC concerning random checks to be carried out following recognition of the concerned provinces as brucellosis-free.

(5) The Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia, the province of Savona in the Region of Liguria, the province of Isernia in the Region of Molise and the province of Pescara in the Region of Abruzzo should therefore be recognised as officially free of brucellosis (*B. melitensis*) as regards ovine or caprine holdings.

(6) Directive 64/432/EEC provides that Member States or parts or regions thereof may be declared officially free of tuberculosis, brucellosis and enzootic bovine leucosis as regards bovine herds subject to compliance with certain conditions set out in that Directive.

(7) The lists of regions of Member States declared free of bovine tuberculosis, bovine brucellosis and enzootic bovine leucosis are set out in Commission Decision 2003/467/EC of 23 June 2003 establishing the official tuberculosis, brucellosis and enzootic-bovine-leukosis-free status of certain Member States and regions of Member States as regards bovine herds ⁽⁴⁾.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 121, 29.7.1964, p. 1977/64. Directive as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 (OJ L 3, 5.1.2005, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 46, 19.2.1991, p. 19. Directive as last amended by Commission Decision 2005/932/EC (OJ L 340, 23.12.2005, p. 68).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 13, 21.1.1993, p. 14. Decision as last amended by Decision 2005/764/EC (OJ L 288, 29.10.2005, p. 56).

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 156, 25.6.2003, p. 74. Decision as last amended by Decision 2005/764/EC.

- (8) Italy submitted to the Commission documentation demonstrating compliance with the appropriate conditions provided for in Directive 64/432/EEC as regards the province of Pescara in the Region of Abruzzo in order that that province may be declared officially free of tuberculosis as regards bovine herds.
- (9) Italy submitted to the Commission documentation demonstrating compliance with the appropriate conditions provided for in Directive 64/432/EEC as regards the provinces of Pistoia and Siena in the Region of Toscana, the province of Rieti in the Region of Lazio, the province of Milano in the Region of Lombardia, the provinces of Imperia and Savona in the Region of Liguria, the province of Pescara in the Region of Abruzzo and the Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia in order that those provinces and region may be declared officially free of brucellosis as regards bovine herds.
- (10) Italy also submitted to the Commission documentation demonstrating compliance with the appropriate conditions provided for in Directive 64/432/EEC as regards the provinces of Pesaro, Ancona and Macerata in the Region of Marche, the provinces of Rieti and Frosinone in the Region of Lazio, the province of Imperia in the Region of Liguria, the province of Pescara in the Region of Abruzzo and the Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia in order that those provinces and region may be declared officially free of enzootic bovine leukosis as regards bovine herds.
- (11) Following evaluation of the documentation submitted by Italy, the provinces and the region concerned should be declared officially free of bovine tuberculosis, bovine brucellosis, and of enzootic bovine leukosis respectively.
- (12) Decisions 93/52/EEC and 2003/467/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (13) 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*
- Annexes I and II to Decision 93/52/EEC are amended in accordance with Annex I to this Decision.
- Article 2*
- Annexes I, II and III to Decision 2003/467/EC are amended in accordance with Annex II to this Decision.
- Article 3*
- This Decision is addressed to the Member States.
- Done at Brussels, 21 February 2006.
- For the Commission*
Markos KYPRIANOU
Member of the Commission
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ANNEX I

Annexes I and II to Decision 93/52/EEC are amended as follows:

1. Annex I is replaced by the following:

‘ANNEX I

MEMBER STATES

ISO code	Member State
BE	Belgium
CZ	Czech Republic
DK	Denmark
DE	Germany
IE	Ireland
LU	Luxembourg
HU	Hungary
NL	Netherlands
AT	Austria
PL	Poland
SI	Slovenia
SK	Slovakia
FI	Finland
SE	Sweden
UK	United Kingdom’

2. Annex II is replaced by the following:

‘ANNEX II

In France:

Départements:

Ain, Aisne, Allier, Ardèche, Ardennes, Aube, Aveyron, Cantal, Charente, Charente Maritime, Cher, Corrèze, Côte-d'Or, Côtes-d'Armor, Creuse, Deux-Sèvres, Dordogne, Doubs, Essonne, Eure, Eure-et-Loire, Finistère, Gers, Gironde, Haute-Loire, Haute-Saône, Haute-Vienne, Hauts-de-Seine, Ille-et-Vilaine, Indre, Indre-et-Loire, Jura, Loir-et-Cher, Loire, Loire-Atlantique, Loiret, Lot, Lot-et-Garonne, Lozère, Maine-et-Loire, Manche, Marne, Mayenne, Morbihan, Nièvre, Nord, Oise, Orne, Pas-de-Calais, Puy-de-Dôme, Rhône, Saône-et-Loire, Sarthe, Seine-Maritime, Seine-Saint-Denis, Territoire de Belfort, Val-de-Marne, Val-d'Oise, Vendée, Vienne, Ville de Paris, Vosges, Yonne, Yvelines.

In Italy:

- Region Abruzzo: Province of Pescara.
- Region Friuli Venezia Giulia.
- Region Lazio: Provinces of Rieti, Viterbo.
- Region Liguria: Province of Savona.

- Region Lombardia: Provinces of Bergamo, Brescia, Como, Cremona, Lecco, Lodi, Mantova, Milano, Pavia, Sondrio, Varese.
- Region Marche: Provinces of Ancona, Ascoli Piceno, Macerata, Pesaro, Urbino.
- Region Molise: Province of Isernia.
- Region Piemonte: Provinces of Alessandria, Asti, Biella, Cuneo, Novara, Torino, Verbania, Vercelli.
- Region Sardinia: Provinces of Cagliari, Nuoro, Oristano, Sassari.
- Region Trentino-Alto Adige: Provinces of Bolzano, Trento.
- Region Toscana: Provinces of Arezzo, Firenze, Grosseto, Livorno, Lucca, Massa-Carrara, Pisa, Pistoia, Prato, Siena.
- Region Umbria: Provinces of Perugia, Terni.

In Portugal:

Autonomous Region of the Azores.

In Spain:

Autonomous Region of Canary Islands: Provinces of Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Las Palmas.'

ANNEX II

Annexes I, II and III to Decision 2003/467/EC are amended as follows:

1. In Annex I, Chapter 2 is replaced by the following:

‘CHAPTER 2**Officially tuberculosis-free regions of Member States**

In Italy:

- Region Abruzzo: Province of Pescara.
- Region Lombardia: Provinces of Bergamo, Como, Lecco, Sondrio.
- Region Marche: Province of Ascoli Piceno.
- Region Toscana: Provinces of Grosseto, Prato.
- Region Trentino-Alto Adige: Provinces of Bolzano, Trento.’

2. In Annex II, Chapter 2 is replaced by the following:

‘CHAPTER 2**Officially brucellosis-free regions of Member States**

In Italy:

- Region Abruzzo: Province of Pescara.
- Region Emilia-Romagna: Provinces of Bologna, Ferrara, Forlì-Cesena, Modena, Parma, Piacenza, Ravenna, Reggio Emilia, Rimini.
- Region Friuli Venezia Giulia.
- Region Lazio: Province of Rieti.
- Region Liguria: Provinces of Imperia, Savona.
- Region Lombardia: Provinces of Bergamo, Brescia, Como, Cremona, Lecco, Lodi, Mantova, Milano, Pavia, Sondrio, Varese.
- Region Marche: Province of Ascoli Piceno.
- Region Piemonte: Provinces of Alessandria, Asti, Biella, Novara, Verbania, Vercelli.
- Region Sardinia: Provinces of Cagliari, Nuoro, Oristano, Sassari.
- Region Toscana: Provinces of Arezzo, Grosseto, Livorno, Lucca, Pisa, Pistoia, Prato, Siena.
- Region Trentino-Alto Adige: Provinces of Bolzano, Trento.
- Region Umbria: Provinces of Perugia, Terni.

In Portugal:

- Autonomous Region of Azores: Islands of Pico, Graciosa, Flores, Corvo.

In the United Kingdom:

- Great Britain: England, Scotland, Wales.’

3. In Annex III, Chapter 2 is replaced by the following:

‘CHAPTER 2**Officially enzootic bovine leukosis-free regions of Member States**

In Italy:

- Region Abruzzo: Province of Pescara.
- Region Emilia-Romagna: Provinces of Bologna, Ferrara, Forlì-Cesena, Modena, Parma, Piacenza, Ravenna, Reggio Emilia, Rimini.

- Region Friuli Venezia Giulia.
 - Region Lazio: Provinces of Frosinone, Rieti.
 - Region Liguria: Province of Imperia.
 - Region Lombardia: Provinces of Bergamo, Brescia, Como, Cremona, Lecco, Lodi, Mantova, Milano, Pavia, Sondrio, Varese.
 - Region Marche: Provinces of Ancona, Ascoli Piceno, Macerata, Pesaro.
 - Region Piemonte: Provinces of Alessandria, Asti, Biella, Cuneo, Novara, Torino, Verbania, Vercelli.
 - Region Toscana: Provinces of Arezzo, Firenze, Grosseto, Livorno, Lucca, Massa-Carrara, Pisa, Pistoia, Prato, Siena.
 - Region Trentino-Alto Adige: Provinces of Bolzano, Trento.
 - Region Umbria: Provinces of Perugia, Terni.
 - Region Val d'Aosta: Province of Aosta.'
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