

Commission Decision of 12 November 1997 laying down certain detailed rules for the application of Council Directive 91/496/EEC as regards veterinary checks on live animals to be imported from third countries (Text with EEA relevance) (97/794/EC) (repealed)

## ANNEX I

## Detailed rules for documentary checks on live animals from third countries

1. Each certificate which accompanies a consignment of live animals originating in a third country must be inspected in order to confirm:
  - (a) that it is an original certificate made out in the language of the country of origin and that it is drawn up in at least one of the official languages of the Member States of the border inspection post and of the final destination;
  - (b) that it refers to a third country or part of a third country authorized to export to the Community;
  - (c) that its presentation and content correspond to the specimen drawn up for the live animal and third country concerned;
  - (d) that it consists of a single sheet of paper;
  - (e) that it has been fully completed;
  - (f) that the date of issue of the certificate relates to that of the loading of the live animals for their dispatch towards the Community;
  - (g) that it is made out to a single recipient;
  - (h) that it is signed by the official veterinarian, or where appropriate the representative of the official authority, and shows legibly and in capitals, his name and position, and also where required that the official stamp of the third country and the signature are in a different colour to that of the printing of the certificate;
  - (i) the certificate is not amended except by deletions which must be signed and stamped by the certifying veterinarian.
2. The competent authority must check the written undertaking and the route plan from the external border to the final destination where required to be supplied by the transporter under Directive 91/628/EEC. The written undertaking and the route plan shall be drawn up in at least one of the official languages of the Member States of the border inspection post and of the final destination.

## ANNEX II

Minimum requirements for individual inspection regarding the  
fitness of the animals to travel, clinical examination and sampling  
procedures, of biungulate animals and equidae at border inspection posts

*I. Inspection regarding the fitness of the animals to travel*

In addition to the clinical examination detailed below, an assessment of the animal's fitness for further transport must be made. This assessment shall take account of the length of the journey already undertaken, including the feeding, watering and resting arrangements that had been provided. It shall also take account of the length of the journey that remains to be undertaken including the proposed feeding, watering and resting arrangements during this part of the journey.

The means of transport of the animal must be checked for compliance with the relevant provisions of Directive 91/628/EEC.

## II. *Clinical examination*

The clinical examination shall comprise at least the following:

1. a visual examination of the animal, including an overall assessment of its health status, its ability to move freely, the condition of its skin and mucosae and any evidence of abnormal discharges;
2. monitoring of the respiratory and alimentary systems;
3. random monitoring of the body temperature. This need not be carried out on animals when no abnormalities have been detected under points 1 or 2;
4. palpation is only required when abnormalities have been detected under points 1, 2 or 3.

## III. *Sampling procedure*

Sampling shall be undertaken with a view to checking on compliance with the health requirements laid down in the accompanying veterinary certificate.

1. At least 3 % of the consignments shall be subject to a serological sampling on a monthly basis. At least 10 % of the animals of the consignment shall be sampled, with a minimum of four animals. If problems are found, that percentage must be increased.
2. The official veterinarian may also take any other samples from animals in a consignment.

## ANNEX III

Model of rejection stamp as laid down in Article 6 (6):

