

Commission Decision of 28 April 2004 amending Commission Decision 2000/585/EC as regards the animal health conditions and veterinary certification for rabbit meat and certain wild and farmed game meat transiting or being temporarily stored in the Community (notified under document number C(2004)1560) (Text with EEA relevance) (2004/413/EC)

*Article 1*

Commission Decision 2000/585/EC is amended as follows:

1. The following Article 2a is inserted:

*Article 2a*

Member States shall ensure that consignments of rabbit and game meat for human consumption introduced into the territory of the Community and which are destined for a third country either by transit immediately or after storage in accordance with Articles 12 (4) or 13 of Directive 97/78/EC, and not intended for importation into the EC shall comply with the following requirements:

- (a) they shall come from the territory of a third country or a part thereof listed in Annex I to this Decision for the import of fresh meat of that species.
- (b) they shall meet the specific animal health guarantees and conditions for the species concerned set out in Annex II and in the corresponding model animal health certificate drawn up under Annex III.
- (c) they shall be accompanied by an animal health certificate established in accordance with the model K laid down in Annex III, signed by an official veterinarian of the competent veterinary services of the third country concerned.
- (d) they are certified as acceptable for transit or storage (as appropriate) on the Common Veterinary Entry Document by the Official Veterinarian of the Border Inspection Post of introduction.

2. The following Article 2b is inserted:

*Article 2b*

1. By way of derogation from Article 2a Member States shall authorise the transit by road or by rail through the Community, between designated Community border inspection posts listed in Annex to Decision 2001/881/EC, of consignments coming from and destined to Russia directly or via another third country provided that the following conditions are met:

- a the consignment shall be sealed with a serially numbered seal at the border inspection post of entry to the EC by the veterinary services of the competent authority;
- b the documents accompanying the consignment and referred to in Article 7 of Directive 97/78/EC shall be stamped "ONLY FOR TRANSIT TO RUSSIA VIA THE EC" on each page by the official veterinarian of the competent authority responsible for the BIP;
- c the procedural requirements provided for in Article 11 of Directive 97/78/EC shall be complied with;

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- d the consignment is certified as acceptable for transit on the Common Veterinary Entry Document by the Official Veterinarian of the Border Inspection Post of introduction.
- 2 unloading or storage, as defined in Article 12 (4) or Article 13 of Directive 97/78/EC, on EC territory of such consignments shall not be allowed.
- 3 regular audits shall be made by the competent authority to ensure that the number of consignments and the quantities of products leaving the EC territory matches the number and quantities entering.
3. The Annexes are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall apply from 1 May 2004.

Article 1 point 1 and the Annex shall only apply from 1 January 2005.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 28 April 2004.

*For the Commission*

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*Member of the Commission*

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