

Commission Decision of 6 November 2007 concerning certain protection measures against foot-and-mouth disease in Cyprus (notified under document number C(2007) 5452) (Text with EEA relevance) (2007/718/EC)

*Article 3*

**Meat products**

1 Cyprus shall not dispatch meat products, including treated stomachs, bladders and intestines, of animals of the bovine, ovine, caprine and porcine species and other ruminants (meat products) coming from the areas listed in *Annex I* or prepared using meat obtained from animals originating in those areas.

2 The prohibition set out in paragraph 1 shall not apply to meat products, including treated stomachs, bladders and intestines, bearing the health mark in accordance with Chapter III of Section I of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 854/2004, provided that the meat products:

- a are clearly identified and have been transported and stored since the date of production separately from meat products not eligible, in accordance with this Decision, for dispatch outside the areas listed in *Annex I*;
- b comply with one of the following conditions:
  - (i) they are made from meats described in Article 2(4)(b), or
  - (ii) they have undergone at least one of the relevant treatments laid down for foot-and-mouth disease in Part 1 of Annex III to Directive 2002/99/EC.

Compliance with the conditions set out in the first subparagraph shall be checked by the competent veterinary authority under the supervision of the central veterinary authorities.

The central veterinary authorities shall communicate to the other Member States and the Commission a list of the establishments which they have approved for the purpose of application of this paragraph.

3 Meat products dispatched from Cyprus to other Member States shall be accompanied by an official certificate, which shall bear the following words:

Meat products, including treated stomachs, bladders and intestines, conforming to Commission Decision 2007/718/EC of 6 November 2007 concerning certain protection measures against foot-and-mouth disease in Cyprus.

4 By way of derogation from paragraph 3 it shall be sufficient, in the case of meat products which comply with the requirements of paragraph 2 and have been processed in an establishment operating Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) and an auditable standard operating procedure which ensures that standards for treatment are met and recorded, that compliance with the conditions required for the treatment laid down in point (b)(ii) of the first subparagraph of paragraph 2 is stated in the commercial document accompanying the consignment, endorsed in accordance with Article 9(1).

5 By way of derogation from paragraph 3 it shall be sufficient, in the case of meat products heat treated in accordance with point (b)(ii) of the first subparagraph of paragraph 2 in hermetically sealed containers so as to ensure that they are shelf stable, to be accompanied by a commercial document stating the heat treatment applied.