

Council Directive of 14 June 1988 laying down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in and imports of deep-frozen semen of domestic animals of the bovine species (88/407/EEC)

CHAPTER III

Imports from third countries

Article 10

1 Semen must come from animals which, immediately prior to collection of their semen, have remained for at least six months in the territory of a third country on the list drawn up in accordance with Article 8 (1).

2 Without prejudice to Article 8 (1) and paragraph 1 of this Article, the Member States shall not authorize the importation of semen from a third country on the list unless the semen complies with the animal health requirements adopted, in accordance with [^{F1}the procedure referred to in Article 18(2)], for imports of semen from that country.

In adopting the requirements referred to in the preceding subparagraph, consideration shall be given to:

- a the health situation in the area surrounding the semen collection centre, with particular reference to the diseases appearing on list A of the International Office of Epizootic Diseases;
- b the state of health of the herd in the semen collection centre, including testing requirements;
- c the state of health of the donor animal and testing requirements;
- d testing requirements in relation to semen.

3 The reference basis for fixing animal health conditions in accordance with paragraph 2 for bovine tuberculosis and brucellosis shall be the standards laid down in Annex A to Directive 64/432/EEC. It may be decided, in accordance with [^{F1}the procedure referred to in Article 18(2)], on a case-by-case basis, to waive these conditions where the third country concerned provides similar animal health guarantees; in that case, animal health conditions at least equivalent to those in Annex A to that Directive shall be laid down in accordance with the same procedure in order to permit the entry of such animals into semen collection centres.

4 Article 4 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by [Council Directive 2003/43/EC of 26 May 2003 amending Directive 88/407/EEC laying down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in and imports of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species.](#)