SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 2(2)(a)

The animal health criteria

1. The legislation of the third country relevant to animal disease prevention and control.

2. Whether the third country is capable of guaranteeing the implementation of its enacted legislation, and whether the organization of its veterinary and inspection services enables the country effectively to undertake or supervise such services.

3. The animal health requirements applying to the production, manufacture, handling, storage and dispatch of products of animal origin intended for the United Kingdom.

4. The assurances which the competent veterinary authority of the third country can give regarding compliance or equivalence with the relevant animal health conditions.

5. Any experience of marketing the product from the third country and the results of any import controls carried out.

6. The results of inspections or audits carried out in the third country, in particular the results of the assessment of the competent authorities or any report with regard to such inspections or audits.

7. The health status of livestock, other domestic animals and wildlife and the environmental situation in the third country, with particular regard to exotic, notifiable or reportable animal diseases in the United Kingdom, and any aspects of the general animal health situation in the country which might pose a risk to the health and environmental situation of the United Kingdom.

8. The regularity, speed and accuracy with which the third country supplies information on the existence of infectious or contagious animal diseases in its territory, particularly the notifiable diseases listed by the OIE or, in the case of diseases of aquaculture animals, the notifiable diseases listed in the Aquatic Animal Health Code of the OIE which provides standards for the improvement of aquatic animal health worldwide that have been formally adopted by the World Assembly of OIE Delegates.

9. The rules on the prevention and control of infectious or contagious animal diseases in force in the third country and their implementation, including rules on imports from other countries.