

COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 July 1979

amending Decisions 78/693/EEC, 78/694/EEC, 78/695/EEC and 79/238/EEC
concerning the health conditions for imports of fresh meat from Argentina,
Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay

(79/690/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12
December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection
problems upon importation of bovine animals and
swine and fresh meat from third countries⁽¹⁾, as last
amended by Directive 77/98/EEC⁽²⁾, and in particular
Articles 16 and 28 thereof,

Whereas under Article 19 of Directive 72/462/EEC
the health provisions do not apply to fresh meat
imported by authorization of the Member State of
destination for uses other than human consumption;

Whereas veterinary inspection conditions apply to
imports of fresh meat irrespective of their destination;
whereas conditions concerning fresh meat from Argen-
tina, Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay were laid down
respectively by Commission Decisions 78/693/EEC,
78/694/EEC, 78/695/EEC⁽³⁾, and 79/238/EEC⁽⁴⁾;

Whereas, after due examination, the authorizations
provided for in the said Article 19 can be extended to
imports of trimmed lungs of bovine animals for use
exclusively in the manufacture of pet food, provided
that strict conditions relating to transport, treatment
and utilization are met;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision
are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing
Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following Article 1a is hereby inserted in Deci-
sion 78/693/EEC:

'Article 1a

1. By way of derogation from Article 1 (2)
Member States may also authorize the importation
of trimmed lungs of bovine animals which present

the guarantees laid down in the accompanying
health certificate corresponding with the specimen
given in Annex D and which are to be used exclu-
sively in the manufacture of pet food.

2. The authorization mentioned in paragraph 1
shall be given only to a processing establishment
approved by the national authorities and under
continuous veterinary supervision and on condi-
tion that a guarantee is provided that the raw mate-
rial will be used only for the specified purpose,
without risk of contact with any product which
remains unsterilized, and that it will not leave the
establishment in its original state, except in case of
necessity where it is officially consigned to an
animal carcass destruction plant under the control
of an official veterinarian. In addition the
following minimum conditions shall be met:

- (a) before arrival in Community territory the raw
material shall be enclosed in leak-proof
containers which shall bear the mark 'Use
restricted to the manufacture of pet food'; the
accompanying documents shall be endorsed
'Use restricted to the manufacture of pet food',
together with the name and address of the
consignee;
- (b) the raw material shall be transported from the
point of arrival in Community territory in
vehicles or containers or other means of trans-
port which are leak-proof, duly sealed, to the
processing establishment approved by the
national authorities and under continuous vete-
rinary supervision.

However, in case of necessity, the raw material
may be consigned temporarily to an approved
cold store which is under continuous veteri-
nary supervision provided the above conditions
are met;

- (c) on arrival in the territory of the Member State
of destination and before dispatch of the raw
material to the approved processing establish-
ment, notification of intending dispatch shall
be made by the quickest route possible to the
local official veterinarian;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 81.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 236, 26. 8. 1978, pp. 19, 29 and 37.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 53, 3. 3. 1979, p. 33.

(d) the raw material, during manufacture, shall be sterilized in tins in such a way as to achieve a minimum Fc value of 3 and a veterinary inspection shall be made to ensure that the finished product has actually achieved that value ;

(e) the vehicles and containers or any other means of transport referred to in (b) and all equipment and utensils which come into contact with the raw material before sterilization shall be cleansed and disinfected and packagings shall be destroyed in an incinerator.

3. The authorization mentioned in paragraph 1 shall be notified to the competent authorities of Member States through which the raw material will pass.

Article 2

The following Article 1a is hereby inserted in Decisions 78/694/EEC, 78/695/EEC and 79/238/EEC :

Article 1a

1. By way of derogation from Article 1 (2) Member States may also authorize the importation of trimmed lungs of bovine animals which present the guarantees laid down in the accompanying health certificate corresponding with the specimen given in Annex C and which are to be used exclusively in the manufacture of pet food.

2. The authorization mentioned in paragraph 1 shall be given only to a processing establishment approved by the national authorities and under continuous veterinary supervision and on condition that a guarantee is provided that the raw material will be used only for the specified purpose, without risk of contact with any product which remains unsterilized, and that it will not leave the establishment in its original state, except in case of necessity where it is officially consigned to an animal carcase destruction plant under the control of an official veterinarian. In addition the following minimum conditions shall be met :

(a) before arrival in Community territory the raw material shall be enclosed in leak-proof containers which shall bear the mark 'Use restricted to the manufacture of pet food'; the accompanying documents shall be endorsed 'Use restricted to the manufacture of pet food', together with the name and address of the consignee ;

(b) the raw material shall be transported from the point of arrival in Community territory in vehicles or containers or other means of transport which are leak-proof, duly sealed, to the

processing establishment approved by the national authorities and under continuous veterinary supervision.

However, in case of necessity, the raw material may be consigned temporarily to an approved cold store which is under continuous veterinary supervision provided the above conditions are met ;

(c) on arrival in the territory of the Member State of destination and before dispatch of the raw material to the approved processing establishment, notification of intended dispatch shall be made by the quickest route possible to the local official veterinarian ;

(d) the raw material, during manufacture, shall be sterilized in tins in such a way as to achieve a minimum Fc value of 3 and a veterinary inspection shall be made to ensure that the finished product has actually achieved that value ;

(e) the vehicles and containers or any other means of transport referred to in (b) and all equipment and utensils which come into contact with the raw material before sterilization shall be cleansed and disinfected and packagings shall be destroyed in an incinerator.

3. The authorization mentioned in paragraph 1 shall be notified to the competent authorities of Member States through which the raw material will pass.

Article 3

The following shall be added to footnote (1) of Annex D to Decision 78/693/EEC and of Annex C to Decisions 78/694/EEC, 78/695/EEC and 79/238/EEC :

'However, according to the conditions laid down in Article 1a, the following may also be authorized for importation : trimmed lungs of bovine animals, intended exclusively for the manufacture of pet food, from which tracheae and main bronchi and the mediastinal and bronchial lymphatic glands have been removed.'

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 July 1979.

For the Commission

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