

Council Directive of 25 September 1989 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in and importation from third countries of embryos of domestic animals of the bovine species (89/556/EEC)

CHAPTER I

General provisions

Article 1

1 This Directive defines the animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in and importation from third countries of fresh and frozen embryos of domestic animals of the bovine species.

[^{F12} This Directive shall not apply to embryos derived by transfer of nuclei.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by [Council Directive 93/52/EEC of 24 June 1993 amending Directive 89/556/EEC on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in and importation from third countries of embryos of domestic animals of the bovine species.](#)

Article 2

For the purposes of this Directive, the definitions contained in Article 2 of Directive 64/432/EEC and Article 2 of Directive 72/462/EEC shall apply as necessary.

Moreover:

- (a) ‘embryo’ means the initial stage of development of a domestic animal of the bovine species while it is capable of being transferred to a recipient dam;
- (b) ‘embryo collection team’ means an officially approved group of technicians or structure supervised by a team veterinarian competent to perform the collection, processing and storage of embryos according to the conditions set out in Annex A;
- (c) ‘team veterinarian’ means the veterinarian responsible for the supervision of an embryo collection team in accordance with the conditions laid down in Annex A;
- (d) ‘consignment of embryos’ means a quantity of embryos removed in one operation from a single donor and covered by a single certificate;
- (e) ‘country of collection’ means the Member State or third country in which embryos are produced, collected, processed and, where necessary, stored, and from which they are sent to a Member State;
- (f) ‘approved diagnostic laboratory’ means a laboratory situated in the territory of a Member State or third country approved by the competent veterinary authority to carry out the diagnostic tests laid down in this Directive[^{F1}];
- (g) ‘[^{F2}embryo production team’ means an officially approved embryo collection team for *in vitro* fertilization in accordance with the conditions laid down in the relevant Annex.]

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Textual Amendments

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- F2** Inserted by Council Directive 93/52/EEC of 24 June 1993 amending Directive 89/556/EEC on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in and importation from third countries of embryos of domestic animals of the bovine species.