

Council Directive 2002/99/EC of 16 December 2002 laying down the animal health rules governing the production, processing, distribution and introduction of products of animal origin for human consumption

Article 2

Definitions

For the purposes of this Directive, the definitions in Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety⁽¹⁾ and Directive 97/78/EC shall apply as necessary. The following definitions shall also apply:

1. 'all stages of the production, processing and distribution' means any stage from and including the primary production of a food of animal origin, up to and including its storage, transport, sale or supply to the final consumer;
2. 'introduction' means the bringing of goods into one of the territories listed in Annex I to Directive 97/78/EC for the purpose of placing them under the customs procedures referred to in Article 4(16)(a) to (f) of Council Regulation (EC) No 2913/92 of 12 October 1992 establishing the Community Customs Code⁽²⁾;
3. 'official veterinarian' means a veterinarian qualified to act in that capacity appointed by the competent authority;
4. 'products of animal origin' means products obtained from animals and products obtained therefrom, for human consumption, including live animals where they are prepared for such use.

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- (1) [OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1.](#)
- (2) [OJ L 302, 19.10.1992, p. 1.](#) Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2700/2000 ([OJ L 311, 12.12.2000, p. 17](#)).