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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2019 No. 795**

**The Import of and Trade in Animals and Animal  
Products (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019**

**PART 4**

Amendments to retained direct EU legislation

**Commission Decision 2000/572/EC laying down the animal and public health and veterinary certification conditions for imports of meat preparations into the Community from third countries**

**11.**—(1) Commission Decision 2000/572/EC laying down the animal and public health and veterinary certification conditions for imports of meat preparations into the Community from third countries is amended as follows.

(2) In Article 1—

- (a) number the existing text as paragraph 1;
- (b) after paragraph 1, insert—

“2. In this Decision:

“the appropriate authority” means the Secretary of State (in relation to England), the Welsh Ministers (in relation to Wales), the Scottish Ministers (in relation to Scotland) and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (in relation to Northern Ireland); but “the appropriate authority” is the Secretary of State if consent is given by:

- (a) in relation to Wales, the Welsh Ministers;
- (b) in relation to Scotland, the Scottish Ministers;
- (c) in relation to Northern Ireland, the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs;

“meat preparations” means fresh meat, including meat that has been reduced to fragments, which has had foodstuffs, seasonings or additives added to it or which has undergone processes insufficient to modify the internal muscle fibre structure of the meat and thus to eliminate the characteristics of fresh meat;

“third country” means any country other than a member State or the British Islands.

**3.** For the purposes of this Decision, Articles 12(4) and 13 of Directive 1997/78 are to be read as if:

- (a) any reference to ‘Community’ were replaced by a reference to ‘national’;
- (b) in Article 12(4)(b), in the second indent, as if the words from “or” to the end were omitted;
- (c) in Article 13(2)(b), ‘Member State from which the products are delivered’ were replaced by ‘the United Kingdom’;

- (d) in Article 13(4), ‘Member State from which the products are supplied’ were replaced by ‘the United Kingdom’;
  - (e) Article 13(6):
    - (i) enabled the appropriate authority to publish from time to time detailed rules for the application of Article 13, including the checking procedures to be carried out on departure and during transport and delivery of the products due to be delivered directly on board means of sea transport, including proof that such products have reached their legal destination, and
    - (ii) did not include the reference to the procedure laid down in Article 29;
  - (f) any duty to provide information to the Commission or to Member States (other than the Member State of destination) were omitted.”.
- (3) In Article 4—
- (a) in paragraph 2, for “and conforming to the model laid down in Annex II”, substitute “in accordance with a certificate as published by the appropriate authority from time to time”;
  - (b) in paragraph 3, for “at least one of the official languages of the Member State of introduction into the Community”, substitute “English and may also appear in other languages”.
- (4) In Article 4a—
- (a) for the words before point (a), substitute—

“The appropriate authority must ensure that consignments of meat preparations for human consumption which are introduced onto their territory and are destined for a third country by transit, either immediately or after storage in accordance with Articles 12(4) or 13 of [Directive 97/78/EC](#), and which are not intended for importation into the United Kingdom, comply with the following requirements:”;
  - (b) for point (a) substitute—

“(a) they shall come from the territory of a third country, or part of a third country, listed in Annex II, Part 1 to Regulation [\(EC\) No 206/2010](#) for the import of fresh meat of those species or which is listed in Annex I, Part 1 to Regulation [\(EC\) No 798/2008](#) for the import of fresh poultry meat or listed in Annex I, Part 1 to Regulation [\(EC\) No 119/2009](#) for the import of rabbit and game meat;”;
  - (c) in point (b), for the words from “one of the corresponding” to the end, substitute “the animal health certificate for the import of fresh meat of a specified species, poultry meat, or rabbit and game meat as published by the appropriate authority from time to time”;
  - (d) in point (c), for “established in accordance with the model laid down in Annex III”, substitute “for transit and storage of meat preparations as published by the appropriate authority from time to time”.
- (5) Omit Articles 4b and 7.
- (6) Omit Annexes 2 and 3.