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(Preparatory Acts)

COMMISSION

Proposal for a Council Directive on public health and animal health problems affecting the importation of meat products from third countries

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas the Community has made arrangements concerning intra-Community trade in meat products as regards health requirements by Council Directive 77/99/EEC (1), as last amended by Directive . . .;

Whereas the Community has made arrangements concerning intra-Community trade in meat products as regards animal health requirements by Council Directive 80/215/EEC (2), as last amended by Directive . . .;

Whereas there is a need for Community arrangements applicable to imports of meat products from third countries;

Whereas, pending the entry into force of Community rules on imports of poultrymeat from third countries, poultrymeat products should be excluded from the scope of this Directive;

Whereas in this connection the animal health conditions subject to which the Member States authorize importation of meat products should be laid down;

Whereas those conditions should be drawn up in the light of the animal health situation in third countries or parts thereof;

Whereas Council Directive 72/462/EEC (3), as last amended by Directive . . ., laid down the animal health conditions applicable to imports of fresh meat from certain third countries or parts thereof; whereas those animal health criteria may be applied to imports of meat products;

Whereas Directive 72/462/EEC does not take into consideration the animal health situation in certain third countries or parts thereof; whereas additional animal health conditions should therefore be laid down for imports of meat products from these third countries or parts thereof in order to avoid the introduction of certain diseases into the Community;

Whereas the aim should be not to authorize imports of meat products from countries in which there are cases of contagious animal diseases from which the Community is free and which therefore present a danger to Community livestock or from countries which have been free from such diseases for too short a time;

Whereas there are meat treatments available, however, which can eliminate the danger of contamination and which thus offer the possibility of authorizing imports of certain categories of meat products from those third countries;

Whereas it should be laid down that fresh meat intended for the manufacture of meat products must come from approved establishments; whereas such establishments must satisfy the conditions laid down in Directive 72/462/EEC:

(1) OJ No L 26, 31. 1. 1977, p. 85.
(2) OJ No L 47, 21. 2. 1980, p. 4.
(3) OJ No L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.

Whereas it should be laid down that meat products must come from approved establishments, whereas those establishments must satisfy the conditions laid down in Directive 77/99/EEC;

Whereas the health standards to which meat products and meat intended for the preparation of meat products must conform should also be laid down;

Whereas, in order to check that the provisions of this Directive are observed by the exporting third country, a system of inspection on the spot by Community veterinary experts should be established;

Whereas the production of an animal health certificate and a public health certificate drawn up by an official veterinarian in the exporting third country is the most appropriate means of ensuring that a consignment of meat products may be admitted for importation;

Whereas meat products should be subject, whatever the customs procedure under which they are declared, to a check on the accompanying documents on arrival on Community territory in order to prevent the forwarding of meat products which are not accompanied by the requisite certificates, which come from a third country or part thereof from which importation is not authorized or which are not accompanied by the proper certificates;

Whereas, to check that the provisions of this Directive are observed by the exporting third country and to prevent importation of dangerous meat products. Member States should ensure that each consignment of meat products undergoes a physical inspection relating to both public health and animal health aspects before being released for consumption on the territory of the Community; whereas implementing rules to ensure that such import inspections are carried out in a uniform way should be adopted in accordance with a procedure involving close cooperation between the Commission and the Member States;

Whereas checks on meat products are carried out in the general interest of the Community; whereas it should therefore be laid down that they are to be undertaken at posts approved on the basis of Community criteria and in accordance with a Community procedure;

Whereas each Member State must be free to halt immediately imports from a third country where a contagious animal disease breaks out or spreads which is likely to endanger public or animal health; whereas in such cases, without prejudice to any amendments to the list of countries and establishments authorized to export to the Community, the attitude of the Member States to the third country in question must be coordinated without delay,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

CHAPTER I

General provisions

Article 1

1. This Directive lays down the conditions as regards public health and animal health applicable to the importation of meat products from third countries with the exception of those applicable to the importation of meat products which are prepared wholly or partly from fresh poultrymeat or from meat products containing poultrymeat.

2. This Directive shall not apply to imports of:

(a) meat products forming part of travellers' personal luggage and intended for their personal consumption, in so far as the quantity transported does not exceed 1 kilogram per person and provided that the meat products come from a third country from which importation is not prohibited under Article 7;

(b) meat products sent as small packages to private persons, provided that such meat products are not imported by way of trade, that the quantity does not exceed 1 kilogram and that the meat products come from a third country from which importation is not prohibited under Article 7;

(c) meat products for consumption by the crew and passengers carried on means of transport operating internationally. Where meat products of this kind or kitchen waste arising therefrom are unloaded, they must be destroyed. It is not, however, necessary to destroy meat products when they are transferred, directly or after being placed provisionally under customs supervision, from one means of transport to another.

Article 2

For the purposes of this Directive, the definitions given in Article 2 of Directive 72/462/EEC and in Article 2 of Directive 77/99/EEC shall apply as necessary.

Article 3

1. In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 19, one or more lists shall be drawn up of the establishments authorized for the importation of meat products. The list or lists may be amended or supplemented in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 18.

2. In deciding whether an establishment may appear on one of the lists referred to in paragraph 1, particular account shall be taken of:

(a) the assurances which the third country can offer with regard to compliance with this Directive;

(b) compliance in each particular case with the relevant provisions of this Directive and with Annex A to Directive 77/99/EEC;

(c) the organization of the meat product inspection service or services of the third country or part of that country, the powers of such service or services and the supervision to which it/they is/are subject.

3. An establishment may not appear on the list or lists provided for in paragraph 1 unless it is situated in one of the third countries or parts thereof referred to in Articles 4, 5 or 6 and has, in addition, been officially approved by the competent authorities of the third country for exporting to the Community. Such approval shall be subject to observance of the following requirements:

(a) compliance with the relevant provisions of Annex A to Directive 77/99/EEC;

(b) constant supervision by an official veterinarian of the third country.

4. The list or lists referred to in paragraph 1 and any amendments thereto shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

CHAPTER II

Animal health conditions

Article 4

1. Member States shall authorize the importation of meat products satisfying the conditions laid down in paragraph 2 and originating on the territory or parts of the territory of third countries if imports of fresh meat from those territories or parts of territories are permitted under Directive 72/462/EEC.

2. The meat products referred to in paragraph 1 must have been produced wholly or partly from fresh meat:

(a) satisfying the requirements of Directive 72/462/EEC, and in particular Articles 14 and 15 thereof, and the animal health conditions laid down pursuant to Article 16 of that Directive;

(b) originating in a Member State and satisfying the requirements of Articles 3 and 4 of Directive 72/461/EEC.

Article 5

1. By way of derogation from Article 4, Member States shall authorize the importation of meat products satisfying the requirements laid down in paragraph 2 and originating in parts of the territory of third countries referred to under Article 4 from which imports of fresh meat are not authorized under Directive 72/462/EEC.

2. The meat products referred to in paragraph 1 must satisfy the following requirements.

(a) the meat product must have been produced wholly or partly either from fresh meat as referred to in Article 4 (2) or from fresh meat not in accordance with the requirements of Article 4 (2) originating in the processing third country and bearing the mark provided for in Annex C;

(b) to prevent any risk of transmission of contagious diseases of animals, the meat product must have undergone a heat treatment in a hermetically sealed container with an Fc value of 3,00 or more. However, other treatments may be accepted in accordance with the procedure of Article 19. For this purpose the animal health situation in both the part of the territory of the exporting third country and the different parts of the territory of the Community must be taken into account.

Article 6

1. By way of derogation from Article 4, Member States shall authorize the importation of meat products satisfying the conditions laid down in paragraph 2 and originating in third countries from which the importation of fresh meat is not authorized under Directive 72/462/EEC.

2. The meat products referred to in paragraph 1 must satisfy the conditions specified in Article 5 (2) (a). Moreover, in order to prevent any risk of transmission of contagious diseases of animals, the meat product must have undergone a heat treatment in a hermetically sealed container with an Fc value of 3,00 or more. However, other treatments may be accepted in accordance with the procedure of Article 19. For this purpose the animal health situation in

both the exporting third country and the different parts of the territory of the Community must be taken into account.

Article 7

1. Without prejudice to Articles 5 and 6, if a contagious animal disease breaks out or spreads in a third country for which a list of establishments has been drawn up in accordance with Article 3 (1) and the disease can be carried by meat products and is likely to endanger public health or the health of the livestock in one of the Member States or if any other reason connected with animal health justifies it, the Member State concerned or, in accordance with the procedure of Article 18, the Commission may prohibit the importation of those products coming directly or indirectly either from the third country as a whole or from part of its territory.

2. Measures taken by the Member States under paragraph 1 and the withdrawal of such measures must be communicated immediately to the other Member States and the Commission, together with the reasons therefor.

The Standing Veterinary Committee shall meet as soon as possible after such communication and shall decide, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 18, whether those measures should be amended, in particular in order to ensure their coordination with measures adopted by the other Member States, or withdrawn.

If the situation referred to in paragraph 1 arises and if it appears necessary that other Member States should also apply the measures taken pursuant to that paragraph, amended where necessary in accordance with the second subparagraph, appropriate provisions shall be adopted under the procedure laid down in Article 18.

3. Resumption of importation from the third country concerned shall be authorized in accordance with the same procedure.

CHAPTER III

Public health conditions

Article 8

Member States shall not authorize importation of meat products from third countries unless the following conditions are fulfilled:

1. The fresh meat used for the production of meat products intended for export or for the meat products referred to in paragraph 3 and intended for the production of other meat products must have been obtained:

   (a) in an establishment appearing on one of the lists drawn up pursuant to Directive 72/462/EEC, or

   (b) in an establishment appearing on one of the lists drawn up pursuant to Council Directive 64/433/EEC (1), or

   (c) in an establishment situated in a third country or a part of a third country defined in Articles 5 and 6 and appearing on the list referred to in Article 10.

2. The fresh meat referred to in paragraph 1 must:

   (a) have been obtained in accordance with the relevant conditions laid down in Articles 17 and 18 of Directive 72/462/EEC or Article 3 of Directive 64/433/EEC;

   (b) fulfil the relevant cinditions laid down in Chapter III of Annex A to Directive 77/99/EEC. The provisions relating to sealing referred to in Chapter XIV, point 68 of Annex I to Directive 64/433/EEC, remain applicable.

3. The meat products used for the production of other meat products must have been obtained in an establishment appearing on the list referred to in Article 3, or in an establishment appearing on one of the lists referred to in Article 6 of Directive 77/99/EEC.

Article 9

The importation of meat products coming from third countries shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. They must have been obtained in an establishment appearing on the list drawn up pursuant to Article 3 (1).

2. Such establishments must comply with the provisions of Chapter I of Annex A to Directive 77/99/EEC.

3. They must have been processed in conditions of hygiene complying with Chapter II of Annex A to Directive 77/99/EEC.

4. They must have undergone one of the treatments or a combination of the treatments provided for in Directive 77/99/EEC.

5. They must have undergone inspection by an official veterinarian in accordance with Chapter IV of Annex A to Directive 77/99/EEC.

   In carrying out such inspection, the official veterinarian may be aided by assistants reporting to him. Such assistants must:

(1) OJ No 121, 29. 7. 1964, p. 2012/64.

(a) be appointed by the central competent authority of the exporting country in accordance with the provisions in force;

(b) have received appropriate training;

(c) have a status ensuring that they are independent of those in charge of the establishments;

(d) have no power of decision concerning the final result of the inspection.

6. They must satisfy the standards laid down in Chapter V of Annex A to Directive 77/99/EEC.

7. In the event of wrapping and packaging, they must have been wrapped and packaged in accordance with Chapter VI of Annex A to Directive 77/99/EEC.

8. They must bear a public health stamp to be defined according to the procedure laid down in Article 19; the other conditions relating to marking laid down in Chapter VII of Annex A to Directive 77/99/EEC must be respected.

9. They must be stored and transported to the Community under satisfactory conditions of hygiene in accordance with Chapter IX of Annex A to Directive 77/99/EEC and handled under satisfactory conditions of hygiene; in the case of meat products which have undergone incomplete processing, the producer must, for the purposes of inspection, mark visibly and clearly on the packaging of the product the temperature at which the product must be transported and stored and the period for which it can be stored in that condition.

10. Meat products must not have been subjected to ionizing radiation, except where justified for reasons of a medical nature and where that operation is mentioned clearly on the product and on the public health certificate.

Article 10

1. In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 19, one or more lists shall be drawn up of the establishments referred to in Article 8 (1) (c) from which third countries may obtain fresh meat for the production of meat products. The list or lists may be amended or supplemented in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 18.

2. In deciding whether a slaughterhouse, a cutting plant or a store situated outside a slaughterhouse or plant may appear on one of the lists referred to in paragraph 1, account shall be taken in particular of:

(a) the assurances which the third country can provide with regard to compliance with Directive 72/462/EEC;

(b) the third country's regulations with regard to the administration to animals for slaugher of any substance which might affect the wholesomeness of the meat;

(c) compliance in each particular case with Directive 72/462/EEC and with Annex I to Directive 64/433/EEC.

However, derogations shall be permitted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 19 from the second, third and fourth indents of paragraph 13 (c) and from paragraphs 24 and 41 (c) of the said Annex I where the third country concerned provides similar guarantees; in that case, health conditions no less strict than those imposed in that Annex shall be imposed on a case-by-case basis in accordance with that procedure;

(d) the organization of the meat inspection service or services of the third country or part thereof, the powers of such service or services and the supervision to which it/they is/are subject.

3. An establishment may not appear on the list or lists provided for in paragraph 1 unless it is situated in one of the third countries or parts thereof referred to in Articles 5 and 6 and has, in addition, been officially approved for the delivery of fresh meat for the production of meat products by the competent authorities of the third country. Such approval shall be subject to observance of the following requirements:

(a) compliance with the relevant conditions of Annex I to Directive 64/433/EEC, without prejudice of the conditions for marking provided for in Article 5 (2) (a) of this Directive;

(b) constant supervision by an official veterinarian of the third country.

4. The list or lists referred to in paragraph 1 and any amendments thereto shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

CHAPTER IV

Inspection and certification

Article 11

1. Inspection shall be carried out on the spot by veterinary experts of the Member States and the Commission to verify whether the provisions of this Directive are being applied in practice.

2. Should an inspection carried out pursuant to this Article bring to light serious deficiencies concerning an authorized establishment, the Commission shall immediately inform the Member States thereof and

forthwith adopt a decision provisionally suspending the authorization. A final decision shall be taken according to the procedure provided for in Article 18.

3. The experts from the Member States responsible for carrying out these inspections shall be appointed by the Commission acting on a proposal from the Member States. Inspections shall be made on behalf of the Commission, which shall bear the cost of any expenditure incurred in this connection.

4. The frequency of, and the procedure for, inspections shall be determined in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 19.

Article 12

1. Member States shall authorize importation of meat products only upon submission of an animal health certificate and a public health certificate drawn up by an official veterinarian of the exporting third country.

These certificates must:

(a) be drawn up in the official language or languages of the country of destination and in one of those of the Member State in which the import inspections provided for in Articles 13 and 14 are carried out;

(b) accompany the meat products in the original;

(c) consist of a single sheet of paper;

(d) be made out for a single consignee.

2. The animal health certificate must certify that the meat products comply with the animal health requirements laid down in this Directive and with those laid down pursuant to it with respect to the importation of meat products from the third country.

The animal health certificate must correspond to a model established in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 19.

3. The public health certificate must correspond in presentation and content to the specimen given in Annex A and be issued on the day on which the meat products are loaded with a view to consignment to the country of destination.

4. It may be decided, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 19, depending on the case, that the animal health certificate and public health certificate shall consist of a single sheet.

Article 13

1. The Member States shall ensure that, upon arrival in the geographical territory of the Community, meat products are subjected without delay to a documentary inspection carried out by the competent authority, whatever the procedure under which they were declared.

2. Without prejudice to paragraph 3, the Member States shall ensure that importation is prohibited if this inspection reveals that:

(a) the meat products were not obtained in an establishment appearing on the list provided for in Article 3 (1);

(b) the fresh meat or meat products from which the meat products were manufactured in whole or in part were not obtained in an establishment referred to in Article 8;

(c) the meat products coming from a third country or part thereof referred to in Articles 5 and 6 have not undergone the processing provided for in those Articles;

(d) the certificates do not fulfil the conditions laid down in Article 12.

3. The Member States shall authorize meat products from one third country to be transported to another provided that:

(a) the person concerned supplies proof that the first third country towards which the meat products are being sent, after transit through Community territory, undertakes under no circumstances to reject or to send back to the Community the meat products the importation or transit of which it has authorized;

(b) such transport has been previously authorized by the competent authorities of the Member State in the territory of which the animal health inspection on import is carried out;

(c) such transport is carried out, without the goods being unloaded on Community territory, under the supervision of the competent authorities in vehicles or containers sealed by the competent authorities; the only handling authorized during this transport shall be that carried out respectively at the point of entry into or exit from Community territory for direct transhipment from a ship or aircraft to any other means of transport or vice versa.

4. All expenditure incurred pursuant to this Article shall be chargeable to the consignor, the consignee or their representative without compensation by the State.

Article 14

1. The Member States shall ensure that each consignment of meat products undergoes a physical inspection relating to both public health and animal health aspects before being released for consumption

on the geographical territory of the Community. Such inspection shall be carried out by an official veterinarian.

The Member States shall ensure that importers are obliged to give at least two working days' notice to the local service responsible for the import inspection at the post where the meat products are to be submitted for inspection, specifiying the quantity and nature of the meat products and the time from which the inspection may be carried out.

2. The inspections referred to in paragraph 1 shall be carried out by random sampling.

3. Definitions of the inspection referred to in paragraph 1, the implementing rules necessary to ensure that such inspections are carried out in a uniform way and more particularly the methods of analysis and sampling intervals and standards shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 19.

4. The Member States shall prohibit the release for consumption of meat products if the inspections provided for in paragraph 1 have shown that:

— the meat products are not suitable for human consumption,

— the conditions laid down in this Directive have not been fulfilled.

5. If the meat products cannot be imported they must be returned, unless this is contrary to animal or public health considerations.

If it is impossible to return the meat products, they must be destroyed in the territory of the Member State in which the inspections have taken place.

By way of derogation from the first and second subparagraphs, and if the importer or his representative so requests, the Member State carrying out the animal health and public health inspections may authorize the entry of the meat products for uses other than human consumption provided that there is no danger for humans or for animals and that the products come from a third country from which importation is not prohibited under Article 7. These meat products may not leave the territory of that Member State, which must verify the final destination of the meat products.

6. In all cases, after the inspections referred to in paragraph 1, the certificates must be endorsed so as to indicate clearly the use authorized for the meat products.

Article 15

1. In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 19, the Commission shall lay down guidelines concerning the approval of inspection posts for the importation of meat products.

2. The Member States shall draw up and communicate to the Commission lists of the inspection posts complying with the guidelines referred to in paragraph 1. The inspection posts must be approved in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 19.

3. Inspections shall be carried out under the supervision of the official department. Responsibility for inspection shall be assumed by an official veterinarian. The official responsible may be aided in the execution of the purely practical work by assistants specially trained for this purpose.

The rules governing such assistance shall be drawn up in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 19.

4. Veterinary experts from the Member States and the Commission shall verify that the facilities at the approved inspection posts comply with the conditions of this Article and that inspections are carried out in accordance with this Directive.

These experts must be nationals of a Member State other than the Member State in which the post to be checked is located.

Detailed rules for the application of the first and second subparagraphs and in particular the appointment of experts and the verification procedures, shall be determined in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 19.

All expenditure incurred in application of the first subparagraph shall be borne by the Community.

Article 16

The meat products of each consignement authorized for circulation in the Community by a Member State on the basis of the inspections referred to in Articles 13 and 14 must, before being forwarded to the country of destination, be covered by a certificate corresponding, in presentation and content, to the specimen given in Annex B.

This certificate must:

(a) be drawn up by the official veterinarian at the inspection post or at the place of storage;

(b) be issued on the day of loading for consignment of the meat products to the country of destination;

(c) be drawn up in the language(s) of the country of destination;

(d) accompany the consignment of meat products, in the original.

Article 17

All expenditure incurred as a result of the application of Articles 13 and 14, and in particular the cost of inspection of the meat products, storage costs and any costs of destroying the meat products shall be chargeable to the consignor, the consignee or their representative without compensation by the State.

CHAPTER V

Final provisions

Article 18

1. Where the procedure laid down in this Article is to be used, the matter shall without delay be referred by the chairman, either on his initiative or at the request of a Member State, to the Standing Veterinary Committee hereinafter referred to as 'the Committee', set up by the Council Decision of 15 October 1968.

2. Within the Committee, the votes of Member States shall be weighted as provided in Article 148 of the Treaty. The chairman shall not vote.

3. The representative of the Commission shall submit a draft of the measures to be adopted. The Committee shall deliver its opinion on such measures within two days. Opinions shall be delivered by a majority of 45 votes.

4. The Commission shall adopt the measures and apply them immediately where they are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee. Where they are not in accordance with the opinion of the Committee or if no opinion is delivered, the Commission shall without delay propose to the Council the measures to be adopted. The Council shall adopt the measures by a qualified majority.

If within 15 working days from the date on which a matter was referred to it, the Council has not adopted any measures, the Commission shall adopt the proposed measures and implement them immediately, save where the Council has decided against these measures by a simple majority.

Article 19

1. Where the procedure laid down in this Article is to be followed, the chairman shall without delay refer the matter, either on his own initiative or at the request of a Member State, to the Committee.

2. Within the Committee, the votes of Member States shall be weighted as provided for in Article 148 of the Treaty. The chairman shall not vote.

3. The Commission representative shall submit a draft of the measures to be adopted. The Committee shall deliver its opinion on such measures within a period to be determined by the chairman in keeping with the urgency of the question submitted for examination. Opinions shall be delivered by a majority of 45 votes.

4. The Commission shall adopt the measures and shall apply them immediately where they are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee. Where they are not in accordance with the opinion of the Committee or if no opinion is delivered, the Commission shall without delay propose to the Council the measures to be adopted. The Council shall adopt the measures by a qualified majority.

If, within three months from the date on which the proposal was submitted to it, the Council has not adopted any measures, the Commission shall adopt the proposed measures and apply them immediately, save where the Council has decided against these measures by a simple majority.

Article 20

The Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 1 January 1986 at the latest. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

Article 21

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

ANNEX A

SPECIMEN PUBLIC HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR MEAT PRODUCTS (1)

intended for .....
(name of EEC Member State)

No ..... (2)

Exporting country .....

Ministry .....

Department .....

Ref. (2) .....

I. **Identification of meat products**

Meat products manufactured with meat from .....
(animal species)

Nature of meat products (3) .....

Nature of packaging .....

Number of individual items or packages .....

Storage and transport temperature (4) .....

Storage life (4) .....

Net weight .....

II. **Origin of meat products**

Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved establishment(s) from which the meat or the meat products used for the production of meat products have been obtained .....

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Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved processing establishment(s) .....

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Address(es) and veterinary approval number(s) of the approved store(s) .....

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III. **Destination of meat products**

The meat products will be sent from: .....
(place of loading)

to: .....
(country and place of destination)

by the following means of transport (5) .....

Name and address of consignor: .....

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Name and address of consignee: .....

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IV. **Health attestation**

I, the undesigned, certify that:

(a) the meat products described above have been manufactured from fresh meat or meat products under conditions that comply with the standards laid down in Directive . . . . . ;

(b) the said meat products, their wrappings or packaging, bear a mark proving that they have all come from approved establishments;

(c) the transport vehicles and equipment and the loading conditions of this consignment comply with the hygiene requirements laid down in Directive . . . . . ;

(d) the meat products have been/have not been (6) examined for trichinae or have been manufactured from meat which has been treated by freezing as provided for in Article 3 of Directive 77/96/EEC.

Done at ....., on .....
(place) (date)

(Signature)

Stamp .....
Name in capital letters

(1) Under Article 2 of Directive 77/99/EEC.
(2) Optional.
(3) Possible indication of ionizing radiation for medical reasons.
(4) Where an indication is given in accordance with Article 9, paragraph 9 of Directive . . . . . .
(5) Indicate the registration number (railway, wagons and trucks), the flight number (aircraft) or the name (ship).
(6) Delete as appropriate.

ANNEX B

SPECIMEN

IMPORT INSPECTION CERTIFICATE

for meat products imported from third countries

Member State in which the import inspection was carried out: .....

Inspection post: .....

Nature of meat products: .....

Nature of packaging: .....

Number of individual items: .....

Transport and storage temperature: .....

Storage life: .....

Net weight: .....

Third country of origin: .....

I, the undersigned, certify that the meat products described in the present certificate were inspected, following the conditions laid down in Directive . . . . . ., at the time of forwarding.

(Signature)

..... (Place and date)

..... (Name in capital letters)

ANNEX C

SPECIAL MARK FOR MEAT REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 5 (2) (a)

The special mark for meat referred to under Article 5 (2) (a) must be as follows:

— a mark, the form and the content of which has to be decided in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 19,
— two straight lines crossing the stamp diagonally intersecting at right angles at the centre of the stamp in such a way that the information is not obscured.