

The EU System

Legislation concerning importation from 3rd countries of live animals & animal

products

A import conditions B import procedures

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A Import conditions

- List of approved 3rd countries
 Satisfactory Competent Authority & Animal Health & Public Health Status (includes possible regions)
- List of 3rd countries with approved residue plans
- Harmonised certificationAnimal Health & Public Health
- List of approved establishments



B Import procedures

- Primary legislation
 - Live animals Directive 91/496/EC
 - Animal products Directive 97/78/EC
 - Financing official controls Directive 85/73 (being replaced)
- Linked to Intra Community Trade
 - Live animals Directive 90/425
 - Products Directive 89/662



Strategy for EU controls

- Principle: All controls at external border
- Controls in border inspection posts
 - Under responsibility of official veterinarian
 - Close liaison with Customs Services
 - Certificates CVED issued
 - Subsequent Free movement in the EU



Live animals

- Primary Legislation Directive 91/496
- Secondary Legislation Commission Decision
 97/794 Ex-sampling procedures
- Commission Regulation 282/2004 (as amended by Commission Regulation 585/2004) introducing the CVED for the declaration and veterinary checks on animals
- + Welfare of animals in transit
 - Directives 91/628/EEC as amended; and from 05/01/2007 Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005



Animo -Traces

- Basic principle in legislation: Article 20 Directive 90/425
- ANIMO system
 - Commission Decisions 91/398; 92/486 set up animo system
- □ TRACES = ANIMO + SHIFT from 1/1/2005
 - Commission Decision 2004/292 Traces introduced for EU movements from 1/4/04
 - Internal movements: live animals (some products)
 - Third country imports: live animals + all products



Traces to be used at the BIPs

- from 1/1/2005 for all live animals imported from 3rd countries
- + for some products (special conditions, transhipment, transit, etc)
- from 1/1/2006 for all products from 3rd countries



Animal products

Directive 97/78

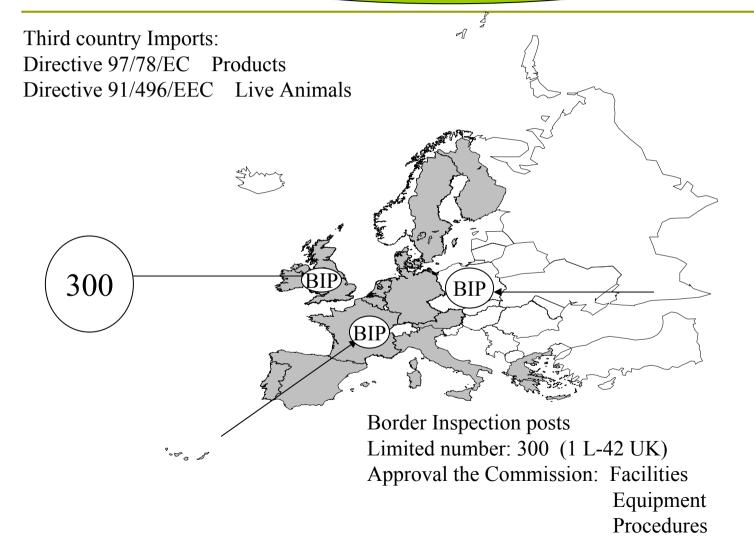
- Procedures:
 - Commission Regulation 136/2004 CVED + checking details
 - Commission Regulation 745/2004 rules on personal imports
 - Commission Decision 94/360 reduced frequency physical checks
 - Commission Decision 2000/25 transhipment
 - Commission Decision 2000/208 transit by road
 - Commission Decision 2000/ 581 checks in approved warehouses
 - Commission Decision 2000/349 list of products to be examined under veterinary checks

Facilities

Commission Decision 2001/812 FVO

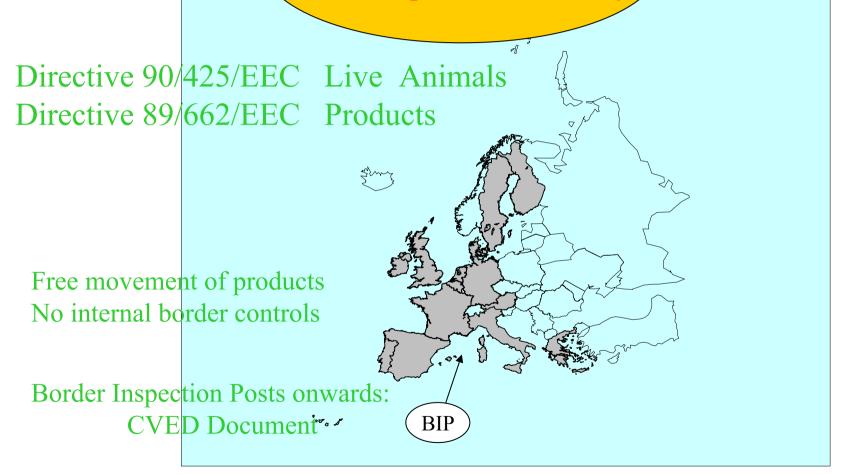
Border Inspection Posts







Internal Controls European Community



Import Procedures – Live Animals Directive 91/496



- ARTICLES
- 1 Principles
- 2 Definitions
- 3 General requirements (24 hours notice)
- 4 Checks Doc , ID and physical
 - (also transhipment EC-EC)
- 5 Prohibitions Reasons to refuse
- 6 Facility provisions (now outdated)
- 7 Procedures for harmonised species
- 8 Procedures for non harmonised species
- 9 Transit Rules

Import Procedures – Live Animals Directive 91/496 Articles



- 10 Rules regarding Quarantine
- 11 Additional checks as necessary
- 12 Rejection procedures
- 13 Commission competence new Rules
- 14 Special rules non marked animals
- 15 Basis for Fees
- 16 Allowance for equivalency agreements
- □ 17 Appeals
- 18 Special rules AUT and FIN outdated

Import Procedures – Live Animals Directive 91/496 Articles



- 18 Commission to make safeguards
- 19-21 Inspection, Complaints, Training
- 22-31 Administrative procedures
- Annex A Approval requirements for BIPs
- Annex B Approval requirements for Quarantine premises
- Main Rule of application
 - Com Dec 97/794 Conduct of physical checks



- 1 Principles incl. the territory in Annex I
- 2 Definitions : amendment by 882/2004
- 3 Essential requirements for checks
- 4 All goods to be checked : Doc, ID and physical checks : OVS in charge
- 5 The Certificate CVED
- 6 Requirements for BIPs (Listing)
- 7 Basic Checks procedures (Customs involvement



- 8 Channelling arrangements
- 9 Transhipment (CD 2000/25/EC)
- 10 Basis for reduced frequency of checks
 - CD 1994/360/EC
- 11 Transit rules (CD 2000/208/EC)
- 12 Customs warehouses, Free zones Free warehouses : Rules (CD 2001/581)
- 13 Ship's Chandlers Rules
 - (CD 2000/581/EC)



- 14 Special customs rules
- 15 Returned consignments
- 16 Exceptions : personal imports and samples for labs etc
 - See Com Regulation 745/2004 personal imports
- 17 Rejection procedures
- 18 special rules GR and FR
- 19 Plant products Hay and Straw



- 20 Additional checks if OVS decides
- 21 Special rules AUT, FIN: outdated
- 22 Safeguard Measures
- 23 Com Inspections
- 24 Reinforced checks (10 Consignments)
- 25-36 Administrative measures incl. training
- Annex 1 Territories !!



- Annex II Approved requirements for BIPs
 - CD 2001/512
- Annex III Physical checks

Financing Official Controls Imports



- Council Directive 85/73 (as amended by Council Directive 96/43) Superseded by Regulation (EC)No 882/2004
- For products Annex V Chapters 1-IV
- For live animals Annex V Chapter V
- Specific fees certain commodities
- Other fees based upon costs as covered by the principles in the Directive
- Equivalence agreements can affect fees



Modifications from 1/1/2006

- Live animals no change Directive 91/496
- Products: Food & Feed Regulation 882/2004
- Some changes introduced to 97/78 by OFFC Regulation



Regulation 882/2004 on Official Feed and Food Controls (OFFC)



Covers all controls of all feed and food

Produced and marketed in the EUImported into the EU

Will improve harmonisation of the control systems between the member states, with improved transparency



- No fundamental effect on veterinary checks
- Controls on food of non-animal origin
 - feed for animals
- on basis of multi-annual National Plan
- taking into account the risks

Imports generally

- Non-veterinary products covered
- Controls at appropriate place
- Including:
- entry point
- warehouse
- premises importing consignment
- point of release for free circulation

Products covered – border controls

- List of high risk products to be drawn up
- Community responsibility
 - Safeguard measures
 - Decisions passed on an ad hoc basis as required



Checks to be carried out

- □ Article 16.1
 - Documentary (systematic)
 - Identity (random)
 - Physical (frequency varies) based on :
 - Risks associated with different food and feed
 - history of compliance for the product for 3rd country, establishment, and operator
 - Controls that operator has carried out
 - Guarantees that the CA of 3rd country gives





- Member State to ensure Physical checks
 - Made at appropriate place
 - Samples taken adapted to risk management
 - F&F handled hygienically
 - Samples handled to guarantee legal and analytical validity

Methodology is adequate to achieve the limits set in EU legislation

Member States

- Must designate points of entry
- With access to appropriate control facilities
- Prior notification by operators of arrival necessary
- Must inform the Commission of their actions
- Measures to avoid disruption to trade



Suspicion or Rejection

- Suspicion detention under CA control
 - Additional checks
- Rejection
 - Destruction
 - Special treatment
 - Re-dispatch
 - Competent Authority (CA) of 3rd countries of origin to be modified or CA of 3rd countries of destination
 - Use for other purposes than intended initially



Training

- Article 51: Training courses for operatives from both M/S and 3rd countries
 - Community Food and Feed Law and animal health and animal welfare rules
 - Control techniques
 - Controls on imported goods
 - Production, processing and marketing methods



Position from 1/1/2007 Fees

- Principles in OFFC Articles 27,28 apply
 - Fees to cover costs of controls
 - Minimum levels set in Annex V
 - Shall not be higher than the costs of CA
 - Salary levels of staff in controls
 - Costs of staff: facilities, tools, equipment, training, travel and associated costs
 - Laboratory analysis and sampling costs
 - Fee levels to be reviewed every two years



OFFC Fees

- Principles in Articles 27,28 apply
 - Specific fees/charges laid down in Annex V
 - Activities covered by Directives 97/78/EC and 91/496/EC
 - Chapter I meat
 - Chapter II fishery products
 - Chapter III other products
 - Chapter IV transit
 - Chapter V Live animals
 - Review fee levels every two years