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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/426/EEC of 26 June 1990 on animal health conditions governing the movement and import from third countries of equidae ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Articles 12 and 19(i) and (ii) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/65/EEC of 13 July 1992, laying down animal health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of animals, semen, ova and embryos not subject to animal health requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A(I) to Directive 90/425/EEC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 17(3)(b) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 12 of Council Directive 90/426/EEC provides that imports of equidae are only allowed from third countries or parts of third countries appearing in a list to be incorporated in the list of third countries laid down in accordance with the provisions of Article 3 of Directive 72/462/EEC on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine, ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat or meat products from third countries ⁽³⁾.
- (2) Council Decision 79/542/EEC of 21 December 1976 drawing up a list of third countries from which Member States authorise imports of bovine animals, swine, equidae, sheep and goats, fresh meat and meat products ⁽⁴⁾, has been substantially amended in particular to the effect that equidae are to be excluded from its scope. However Commission Decisions adopted on the basis of Directive 90/426/EEC and concerning health conditions for imports of equidae provide for lists of the third countries authorised for export to the Community of these animals which are based on Decision 79/542/EEC.
- (3) The rules governing animal health conditions for the importation of live animals under Directive 72/462/EEC, in particular the provisions of Article 3 referring to a list of third countries authorised for the exportation of live animals, are currently under review. To this end the Commission adopted a Proposal for a Council Directive ⁽⁵⁾ laying down the animal health rules

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 42. Directive as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 268, 14.9.1992, p. 54. Directive as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1398/2003 (OJ L 198, 6.8.2003, p. 3).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p. 28.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 146, 14.6.1979, p. 15. Decision as last amended by Decision 2004/212/EC (See page 11 of this Official Journal).

⁽⁵⁾ COM(2003) 570.

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for the importation into the Community of certain live animals and amending Directives 72/462/EEC, 90/426/EEC, 92/65/EEC and 97/78/EC. In this context, Article 12 of Directive 90/426/EEC will be amended in order to establish therein the principles for drawing up a list of third countries from which importation of equidae are authorised.

- (4) Commission Decision 92/260/EEC of 10 April 1992 on animal health conditions and veterinary certification for temporary admission of registered horses ⁽¹⁾, contains in Annex I a list of third countries from which Member States authorise the temporary admission of such animals, and established the sanitary groups of third countries.
- (5) Commission Decision 93/195/EEC of 2 February 1993 on animal health conditions and veterinary certification for the re-entry of registered horses for racing, competition and cultural events after temporary export ⁽²⁾, contains a list of third countries in Annex I from which Member States authorise the re-entry of such animals.
- (6) Commission Decision 93/196/EEC of 5 February 1993 on animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of equidae for slaughter ⁽³⁾, contains a list of third countries in footnote 3 of Annex II from which Member States authorise imports of such animals.
- (7) Commission Decision 93/197/EEC of 5 February 1993 on animal health conditions and veterinary certification for imports of registered equidae and equidae for breeding and production ⁽⁴⁾, contains a list of third countries in Annex I from which Member States authorise imports of such animals.
- (8) It is appropriate to list the third countries approved for the importation of equidae into the Community in a single Community act.
- (9) In some cases, only specified categories of equidae or particular types of importation are authorised from a part of the territory of a third country as specified in Commission Decision 92/160/EEC of 5 March 1992 establishing the regionalisation of certain third countries for imports of equidae ⁽⁵⁾, and for clarity and transparency these regionalisation conditions should also be provided together with the list of approved third countries and Decision 92/160/EEC repealed.
- (10) Because the list of third countries is a list in principle, provisions should be made for references to specific conditions or restrictions applying to importation of equidae in accordance with Community legislation.
- (11) Commission Decision 95/461/EC ⁽⁶⁾ lays down protective measures in relation to Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis in Venezuela and Colombia prohibiting the re-admission after temporary export of registered horses from Venezuela and Colombia. It appears therefore appropriate to adapt the list accordingly.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 130, 15.5.1992, p. 67. Decision as last amended by Decision 2003/541/EC (OJ L 185, 24.7.2003, p. 41).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 86, 6.4.1993, p. 1. Decision as last amended by Decision 2001/611/EC (OJ L 214, 8.8.2001, p. 49).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 86, 6.4.1993, p. 7. Decision as last amended by Decision 2001/611/EC (OJ L 214, 8.8.2001, p. 49).

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 86, 6.4.1993, p. 16. Decision as last amended by Decision 2003/541/EC (OJ L 185, 24.7.2003, p. 41).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 71, 18.3.1992, p. 27. Decision as last amended by Decision 2002/635/EC (OJ L 206, 3.8.2002, p. 20).

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 265, 8.11.1995, p. 40.

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- (12) Commission Decision 97/10/EC ⁽¹⁾ amending Council Decision 79/542/EEC and Commission Decisions 92/160/EEC, 92/260/EEC and 93/197/EEC in relation to the temporary admission and imports into the Community of registered horses from South Africa, lays down specific import conditions including regionalisation.
- (13) Commission Decision 94/63/EC of 31 January 1994 drawing up a provisional list of third countries from which Member States authorise imports of semen, ova and embryos of the ovine, caprine and equine species, and ova and embryos of the porcine species ⁽²⁾, refers in Part II of its Annex to Parts 1 and 2 of the Annex to Decision 79/542/EEC. This list was established under Article 28 of Directive 92/65/EEC for a transitional period of 3 years.
- (14) Commission Decision 2000/284/EC of 31 March 2000 establishing the list of approved semen collection centres for imports of equine semen from third countries and amending Decisions 96/539/EC and 96/540/EC ⁽³⁾, contains a list of countries and establishments from which imports of equine semen are authorised.
- (15) Commission Decision 96/539/EC of 4 September 1996 on the animal health requirements and veterinary certification for imports into the Community of semen of the equine species ⁽⁴⁾, and Commission Decision 96/540/EC of 4 September 1996 on the animal health requirements and veterinary certification for imports into the Community of ova and embryos of the equine species ⁽⁵⁾, establish animal health conditions applying to imports of equine semen, ova, and embryos, and reference to those provisions should also be made in a consolidated list of third countries.
- (16) It is appropriate to combine the specific country lists and the regionalisation conditions set out in Decisions 79/542/EEC, 92/160/EEC, 92/260/EEC, 93/195/EEC, 93/196/EEC, 93/197/EEC and 94/63/EC in one consolidated list, specifying the sanitary grouping of third countries and where applicable, specific conditions for imports of equidae and semen, ova and embryos of that species from those third countries.
- (17) Consequently Decisions 92/160/EEC and 95/461/EEC should be repealed and Decisions 94/63/EC and 93/195/EEC amended accordingly.
- (18) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Subject matter and scope

This Decision establishes a list of third countries, or parts thereof where regionalisation applies, from which Member States authorise the impor-

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 3, 7.4.1997, p. 9. Decision as last amended by Decision 2003/541/EC (OJ L 185, 24.7.2003, p. 41).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 28, 2.2.1994, p. 47. Decision as last amended by Decision 2001/734/EC (OJ L 275, 18.10.2001, p. 19).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 94, 14.4.2000, p. 35. Decision as last amended by Decision 2003/574/EC (OJ L 196, 2.8.2003, p. 27).

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 230, 11.9.1996, p. 23. Decision as last amended by Decision 2000/284/EC (OJ L 94, 14.4.2000, p. 35).

⁽⁵⁾ OJ L 230, 11.9.1996, p. 28. Decision as last amended by Decision 2000/284/EC (OJ L 94, 14.4.2000, p. 35).

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tation of equidae and semen, ova and embryos thereof, and indicates the other conditions applicable to such imports.

*Article 2***Definitions**

For the purpose of this Decision the following definitions shall apply:

'category of equidae': shall mean equidae as defined in Article 2 (c), (d) and (e) of Directive 90/426/EEC and registered horses;

'importation': shall mean the introduction onto Community territory of live equidae in accordance with the conditions specifically laid down for the particular type of importation, notably temporary admission, re-entry after temporary export and imports.

*Article 3***Importation of live equidae**

Member States shall authorise the importation into the Community of live equidae from the third countries or parts of the territories of those third countries listed in columns 2 and 4 of the Annex in accordance with the indications set out in Annex I, as follows:

- the temporary admission of registered horses as indicated in column 6,
- the re-entry after temporary export of registered horses for racing, competition and cultural events as indicated in column 7,
- the import of registered horses as indicated in column 8,
- the import of equidae for slaughter as indicated in column 9,
- the import of registered equidae and equidae for breeding and production as indicated in column 10.

*Article 4***Imports of semen of the equine species**

Member States shall authorise imports of semen of the equine species from third countries or parts of the territory of third countries listed in columns 2 and 4 of Annex I respectively from which permanent imports of registered horses, registered equidae or equidae for breeding and production are also authorised. Such imports shall be subject to the condition that the semen was collected for export to the Community only from equidae belonging to the category of live equidae authorised for permanent imports and such imports shall meet the requirements which correspond to the indications set out in columns 11, 12 and 13 of Annex I.

*Article 5***Imports of ova and embryos of the equine species**

Member States shall authorise imports of ova and embryos of the equine species from third countries or parts of the territory of third countries listed in columns 2 and 4 of Annex I respectively from which permanent imports of registered equidae and equidae for breeding and production are also authorised. Such imports shall meet the requirements which correspond to the indications set out in column 14 of Annex I.

*Article 6***Conditions for importation of equidae from third countries**

Member State shall only authorise importation of equidae, which fulfil the following conditions:

- (a) the equidae shall meet the animal health requirements laid down in the corresponding model certificate provided for in Decisions 92/260/EEC, 93/195/EEC, 93/196/EEC and 93/197/EEC in respect of the relevant category of equidae, the type of importation and the sanitary group as indicated in column 5 of Annex I to which the third country or part of the territory of a third country of export was assigned;
- (b) where applicable, the importation of equidae shall be subject to the supplementary guarantees or conditions referred to in column 15 of the table in the Annex I to this Decision;
- (c) the equidae shall not be transported in a means of transport carrying other equidae that are not destined for the Community;
- (d) unless otherwise authorised in the specific animal health conditions for importation into the Community, equidae shall not be transported in a means of transport carrying equidae of a lower health status;
- (e) during the transport to the Community, the equidae shall not be unloaded in the territory of a third country or part of the territory of a third country that is not approved for importation of equidae into the Community;
- (f) during the transport to the Community, the equidae shall not be transported on road, railway or on foot through the territory or part of the territory of a third country that is not approved for at least one type of importation of at least one category of equidae;
- (g) the equidae shall arrive at a border inspection post at the point of entry into the Community within 10 days of being certified in the exporting third country for transport or movement to the Community. In the case of transport by sea, the period of 10 days shall be prolonged by the time of the sea voyage.

*Article 7***Conditions for imports of equine semen from third countries**

Imports into the Community of semen of the equine species shall only be allowed, if such semen is collected in a semen collection centre approved in accordance with Directive 92/65/EEC and listed in Decision 2000/284/EC and fulfils the conditions laid down in the animal health certificate provided for in Commission Decision 96/539/EC.

*Article 8***Conditions for imports of ova and embryos of the equine species from third countries**

Imports into the Community of ova and embryos of the equine species shall only be allowed if such ova and/or embryos fulfil the conditions laid down in the animal health certificate provided for in Commission Decision 96/540/EC.

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Article 9

Amendments

1. Annex I and II of Decision 93/195/EEC are amended in accordance with Annex II to this Decision.
2. Decision 94/63/EC is amended as follows:
 - (a) The title of the Decision is replaced by the following:

‘Commission Decision of 31 January 1994 drawing up a list of third countries from which Member States authorise imports of semen, ova and embryos of the ovine and caprine species and ova and embryos of the porcine species’.
 - (b) In Article 1, the second paragraph is deleted.
 - (c) In the Annex, Part II is deleted.

Article 10

Repeals

Decisions 92/160/EEC and 95/461/EC are repealed.

Article 11

Application date

This Decision shall apply from the 1 May 2004.

Article 12

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

ANNEX I

ISO Code	Country	Code of territory	Description of territory	SG	TA	Re-En	Imports			Imports				Specific conditions				
							RH	RH	RH	ES	RE + EBP	Semen			O/E			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15				
AE	United Arab Emirates	AE-0	Whole country	E	X	X	X	—	—	X	—	—	—					
AR	Argentina	AR-0	Whole country	D	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
AU	Australia	AU-0	Whole country	B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
BB	Barbados	BB-0	Whole country	D	X	X	X	—	—	X	—	—	—					
BH	Bahrain	BH-0	Whole country	E	X	X	X	—	—	X	—	—	—					
BM	Bermuda	BM-0	Whole country	D	X	X	X	—	—	X	—	—	—					
BO	Bolivia	BO-0	Whole country	D	X	X	X	—	—	X	—	—	—					
BR	Brazil	BR-0	Whole country	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
		BR-1	The States of Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina, Paraná, São Paulo, Mato Grosso do Sul, Goiás, Minas Gerais, Rio de Janeiro, Espírito Santo, Rondônia, Mato Grosso	D	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
BY	Belarus	BY-0	Whole country	B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
CA	Canada	CA-0	Whole country	C	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
JM	Jamaica	JM-0	Whole country	D	X	X	X	—	—	X	—	—	—	—
JO	Jordan	JO-0	Whole country	E	X	X	X	—	—	X	—	—	—	—
JP	Japan	JP-0	Whole country	C	X	X	X	—	—	X	—	—	—	—
KG	Kyrgyzstan	KG-0	Whole country	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		KG-1	Region of Issyk-Kul	B	—	—	—	—	—	X	—	—	—	—
KR	Korea Republic	KR-0	Whole country	C	X	X	X	—	—	X	—	—	—	—
KW	Kuwait	KW-0	Whole country	E	X	X	X	—	—	X	—	—	—	—
LB	Lebanon	LB-0	Whole country	E	X	X	X	—	—	X	—	—	—	—
LY	Libya	LY-0	Whole country	E	X	X	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MA	Morocco	MA-0	Whole country	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	—
MK ⁽¹⁾	FYROM	MK-0	Whole country	B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	—
MO	Macao	MO-0	Whole country	C	X	X	X	—	—	X	—	—	—	—
MY	Malaysia	MY-0	Peninsula	C	X	X	X	—	—	X	—	—	—	—
MU	Mauritius	MU-0	Whole country	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	—
MX	Mexico	MX-0	Whole country	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		MX-1	The whole country except the States of Chiapas and Oaxaca	D	X	X	X	—	—	X	X	X	X	X
NZ	New Zealand	NZ-0	Whole country	B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	—
OM	Oman	OM-0	Whole country	E	X	X	X	—	—	X	—	—	—	—
PE	Peru	PE-0	Whole country	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		PE-1	Region of Lima	D	X	X	X	—	—	X	—	—	—	—

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
PM	St Pierre and Miquelon	PM-0	Whole country	G	—	—	X	—	X	X	X	X	X	
PY	Paraguay	PY-0	Whole country	D	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
QA	Qatar	QA-0	Whole country	E	X	X	X	—	—	X	—	—	—	
RU	Russia	RU-0	Whole country	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
		RU-1	Provinces of Kaliningrad, Arkhangelsk, Vologda, Murmansk, Leningrad, Novgorod, Pskov, Briansk, Vladimir, Ivanovo, Tver, Kaluga, Kostroma, Moskva, Orjol, Riasan, Smolensk, Tula, Jaroslavl, Nijninogorod, Kirov, Belgorod, Voronesh, Kursk, Ljpezk, Tambov, Astrahan, Volgograd, Penza, Saratov, Uljanovsk, Rostov, Orenburg, Perm and Kurgan	B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
		RU-2	Regions of Stavropol and Krasnodar	B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
		RU-3	Republics of Karelia, Marij-El, Mordovia, Chuvachia, Kalmykia, Tatarstan, Dagestan, Kabardino-Balkaria, Severnaya Osetia, Ingushetia and Karachaevo-Cherkesia	B	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
ZA	South Africa	ZA-0	Whole country	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		ZA-1	Metropolitan area of Cape-Town (see box 2 for details)	F	X	—	X	—	—	X	—	—	—	Decision 97/10/EC

(1) Provisional Code that does not affect the definitive denomination of the country to be attributed after the conclusion of the negotiations currently taking place in the United Nations

Note:

Boxes

X Importation allowed in principle
— Importation not authorised

Columns

Columns 1-4: Territorial description
Column 5 (SG): Sanitary Group
Column 6 (TA): Temporary admission of registered horses
Column 7 (Re-En): Re-entry of registered horses for racing, competition and cultural events after temporary export
Column 8: Imports of registered horses
Column 9: Imports of equidae for slaughter
Column 10: Imports of registered equidae and equidae for breeding and production
Column 11: Imports of semen collected from registered horses
Column 12: Imports of semen collected from registered equidae
Column 13: Imports of semen collected from equidae for breeding and production
Column 14: Imports of ova and embryos of the equine species
Column 15: Reference to specific conditions/additional guarantees
(Decision 92/260/EEC)
(Decision 93/195/EEC)
(Decision 93/197/EEC)
(Decision 93/196/EEC)
(Decision 93/197/EEC)
(Decision 96/539/EC)
(Decision 96/539/EC)
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(Decision 96/540/EC)

Animal/product:

RH Registered horses
ES Equidae for slaughter as defined in Article 2(d) of Directive 90/426/EEC
RE Registered equidae as defined in Article 2(c) of Directive 90/426/EEC
EBP Equidae for breeding and production as defined in Article 2(e) of Directive 90/426/EEC
Semen Semen of the equine species collected in accordance with Directive 92/65/EC
O/E Ova and embryos of the equine species collected in accordance with Directive 92/65/EC



Box 1:	
SA	<p>Saudi Arabia</p> <p>SA-1</p> <p>Delimitation of the protection and surveillance zones (BOX 1):</p> <p>1. Province of Jizan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — protection zone: the whole province, except the part north of the road control post at Ash-Shuqaiq at road No 5 and north of road No 10; — surveillance zone: the part of the province north of the road control post at Ash-Shuqaiq at road No 5, controlled by the road control post at Al Qahmah, and north of road No 10. <p>2. Province of Asir</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — protection zone: the part of the province delineated by road No 10, between Ad Darb, Abha and Kamis-Mushayt to the north, except the equestrian clubs at their air and military bases, and the part of the province delineated to the north by road No 15 leading from Kamis-Mushayt through Jarash, Al Uffah and Dhahram Al Janoub to the border with the province of Najran, and, the part of the province delineated to the north by the road leading from Al Uffah through Al Fayd to Badr Al Janoub (Province of Najran); — surveillance zone: the equestrian clubs at their air and military bases, the part of the province between the border of the protection zone and road No 209 from Ash-Shuqaiq to the road control post Muhayil on road No 211, the part of the province between the control post on road No 10 south of Abha, the city of Abha and the road control post Ballasmer 65 km from Abha on road No 15 leading north, the part of the province between Khamis-Mushayt and the road control post 90 km from Abha on road No 225 to Samakh and the road control post at Yarah, 90 km from Abha, on road No 10 leading to Riyadhi, and, the part of the province south of a virtual line between the road control post at Yarah on road No 10 and Khashm-Ghurab on road No 177 up to the border of the province of Najran. <p>3. Province of Najran</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — protection zone: the part of the province delineated by the road from Al Uffah (province of Asir) to Badr Al Janoub and to As Sebt and from As Sebt along Wadi Habunah to the conjunction with road No 177 between Najran and Riyadh to the north and from this conjunction by road No 177 leading south to the conjunction with road No 15 from Najran to Sharourah, and the part of the province south of road No 15 between Najran and Sharourah and the border with the Yemen; — surveillance zone: the part of the province south of a line between the road control post at Yarah, on road No 10, and Khashm-Ghurab, on road No 177, from the border of the province of Najran until the road control post at Khashm-Ghurab, 80 km from Najran, and west of road No 175 leading to Sharourah.
Box 2:	
ZA	<p>South Africa</p> <p>ZA-1</p> <p>Delimitation of the Metropolitan area of Cape-Town (ZA-1):</p> <p>Northern boundary: Blaauwberg Road (M14);</p> <p>Eastern boundary: Koeberg Road (M14), Platteklouf Road (M14), N7 Highway, N1 Highway and M5 Highway;</p> <p>Southern boundary: Ottery Road, Prince George's Drive, Wetton Road, Riverstone Road, Temmant Road, Newlands Drive, Paradise Road, Union Drive, Rhodes Drive up to the Newslands Forestry station and across Echo Gorge of Table Mountain to Camps Bay;</p> <p>Western boundary: coastline from Camps Bay to Blaauwberg Road.</p>

▼B*ANNEX II*

Commission Decision 93/195/EEC is amended as follows:

1. The list of third countries in Group D in Annex I is replaced by the following: 'Argentina (AR), Barbados (BB), Bermuda (BM), Bolivia (BO), Brazil ⁽¹⁾ (BR), Chile (CL), Costa Rica ⁽¹⁾ (CR), Cuba (CU), Jamaica (JM), Mexico ⁽¹⁾ (MX), Peru ⁽¹⁾ (PE), Paraguay (PY), Uruguay (UY)'.
2. The list of third countries in Group D in the title of the Health Certificate in Annex II is replaced by the following: 'Argentina, Barbados, Bermuda, Bolivia, Brazil ⁽¹⁾, Chile, Costa Rica ⁽¹⁾, Cuba, Jamaica, Mexico ⁽¹⁾, Peru ⁽¹⁾, Paraguay, Uruguay'.