

**ADAPTATION OF THE COMMON VETERINARY ENTRY DOCUMENT
TO THE TRADE CONTROL AND EXPERT SYSTEM (TRACES)**

Communication from the European Communities

The following communication, dated 29 November 2006, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the European Communities.

1. In document G/SPS/GEN/489 (18 May 2004) the European Communities informed its trade partners about the introduction of TRACES, a new automated system designed to improve the management of animal movements both from outside and within the European Union. The new database reduces administrative formalities both for economic operators as well as the competent authorities. For example, a consignment of animals moved from Spain to Italy via France can be managed by TRACES using a single electronic form.

2. The system will also reduce administrative formalities for imported products. For example, for a consignment of products that arrives in Antwerp, the inspector at the border inspection post (BIP) will be able to fill in part I of the Common Veterinary Entry Document (CVED) describing the details of the consignment. If after checking the products, the veterinary authority at the BIP authorizes the consignment, this CVED is immediately sent to the competent authority at the destination.

3. In view of the necessity to adapt numerous pre-existing veterinary certificates to the informatics exchange system TRACES, the Commission has taken this opportunity to simplify the legal frame by adapting numerous existing certificates under different legislation in two single texts. More than one hundred legal acts have been deleted.

- (a) The first text is Commission Decision 2006/696 of 28 August 2006¹ that consolidates into a single piece of legislation the import conditions for the commodities circulating in the HS positions indicated below.
 - (i) Live poultry, (HS 0105) including day old chicks;
 - (ii) Eggs and egg products (HS 0408) including specified pathogen-free eggs;

¹ Commission Decision 2006/696 of 28 August 2006 laying down a list of third countries from which poultry, hatching eggs, day-old chicks, meat of poultry, ratites and wild game-birds, eggs and egg products and specified pathogen-free eggs may be imported into and transit through the Community and the applicable veterinary certification conditions, and amending Decisions 93/342/EEC, 2000/585/EC and 2003/812/EC (OJ L295 25 October 2006 pp.1-76).

- (iii) Hatching eggs (HS 0407 00 11);
 - (iv) Minced poultry meat – (HS 1602 31), and mechanically separated meat (poultry, ratites);
 - (v) Minced poultry meat - from wild game-birds (HS 0208 90 20), and mechanically separated meat (wild game-birds);
 - (vi) Poultry meat (HS 0207); and
 - (vii) Wild game-birds (HS 0208 90 20).
- (b) The second text is Annex II to Commission Regulation 1664/2006 of 6 November 2006² modifying the certificates in Annex VI to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005³ for the commodities circulating in the HS positions indicated below.
- (i) Frogs' legs (HS 0208 20) and Snails, other than sea snails (HS 0307 60 or 16.05);
 - (ii) Gelatine (HS 3503, 3504);
 - (iii) Collagen - Raw materials for the production of gelatine intended for human consumption and collagen intended for human consumption (HS 0202, 0206, 4101, 4102, 4103, 0506);
 - (iv) Fishery products in headings (HS 03.01 to 03.07, 05.11.91, 15.04, 15.18.00, 16.03, 16.04, 16.05);
 - (v) Live bivalve molluscs (HS 0307); and
 - (vi) Honey and other apiculture products, for human consumption (HS 0409, 0410).

4. Models of the new certificates are explicit in both legal acts, and available in all Community languages. They can be downloaded from Eurlex.⁴ Search first the date of the Official Journal and then the corresponding act.

² Commission Regulation 1664/2006 of 6 November 2006 amending Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005 as regards implementing measures for certain products of animal origin intended for human consumption and repealing certain implementing measures (OJ L320, 18 November 2006 pp 13-45).

³ Commission Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005 of 5 December 2005 laying down implementing measures for certain products under Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council and for the organisation of official controls under Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, derogating from Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Regulations (EC) No 853/2004 and (EC) No 854/2004 (OJ L 338, 22.12.2005, p. 27–59).

⁴ The address is <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm>.

5. To simplify the search for the model certificates (in English, French and Spanish) direct links are indicated below.

Commission Decision 2006/696 of 28 August 2006 laying down a list of third countries from which poultry, hatching eggs, day-old chicks, meat of poultry, ratites and wild game-birds, eggs and egg products and specified pathogen-free eggs may be imported into and transit through the Community and the applicable veterinary certification conditions, and amending Decisions 93/342/EEC, 2000/585/EC and 2003/812/EC (OJ L295 25 October 2006 pp.1-76)

http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2006/l_295/l_29520061025en00010076.pdf

http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/fr/oj/2006/l_295/l_29520061025fr00010076.pdf

http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/es/oj/2006/l_295/l_29520061025es00010076.pdf

Note: The enforcement date for these certificates is 1 May 2007.

The text of Commission Regulation 1664/2006 of 6 November 2006 amending Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005 as regards implementing measures for certain products of animal origin intended for human consumption and repealing certain implementing measures (OJ L320, 18 November 2006 pp 13-45) can be downloaded in ENG-FRA -ESP from the addresses indicated below

http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2006/l_320/l_32020061118en00130045.pdf

http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/fr/oj/2006/l_320/l_32020061118fr00130045.pdf

http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/es/oj/2006/l_320/l_32020061118es00130045.pdf

Note: After 1 May 2007 these will be the only certificates accepted although they can be used already.

6. Note that useful information about the EC' member States' import requirements for the commodities circulating in the HS positions concerned is available at the EU Export Helpdesk⁵, an online service provided by the European Commission, to facilitate market access for developing countries to the European Union. This free and user-friendly service provides relevant information required by developing country exporters interested in supplying the EC market. Once the new certificates have been made available to Trade Operators, for a supplementary explanation on national requirements (if any) and taxes, go to section "Requirement and Taxes" enter the country of origin and the EC' member State of destination.

7. In case of doubt, third countries may address their queries to the EC SPS Enquiry Point.

⁵ The address is <http://export-help.cec.eu.int/>