By the Council Directive of 12 December 1972, on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine animals and swine and fresh meat from third countries (OJ No. L 302 of 31 December 1972), common provisions were laid down with regard to health conditions for the importation into the Community of live animals and meat from non-member States.

"The system presents considerable advantages to exporters to the Community. Having observed the common standards, which replace nine different sets of rules, exporters will have access to one common market, consisting of all member States, in which the commodities in question are subjected to no further veterinary control and can move without restriction from one part to another. Consequently, the system may be seen as a means of advancement for international trade rather than the opposite."
"Veterinary certificates in six languages are not required by the Community for this product. In fact the veterinary conditions for importation have not yet been harmonised."

United Kingdom

BTN 04.05:

At page 7 of MTN/3E/DOC/9/Add.5/Corr.1 under "(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures" insert the following:

"The United Kingdom imposes no veterinary health requirements for shell eggs imported from Hungary; although there are necessarily such requirements for the import of hatching eggs. The comments by Hungary therefore have no validity."

BTN Nos. 02.02 and 02.03:

At pages 10 and at page 11 respectively of MTN/3E/DOC/9/Add.5/Corr.1 under "(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures" insert the following paragraph before the existing paragraph:

"Imports will be considered on the merits of the disease situation in the country of origin. Where imports are allowed they will be confined to dressed carcases or parts of carcases without accompanying offal. Licences for separate consignments of offal will be considered but only for processing in Great Britain. All consignments of poultry meat and offal will have to be accompanied by official veterinary certification that the birds from which the meat or offal is derived have been examined and found to be healthy both before and after slaughter and that they have not been in contact with significant poultry diseases. Order under the Diseases of Animals Act 1950."

Ireland

BTN Nos. 12.09 and 12.10:

At page 44 and at page 45 respectively of MTN/3E/DOC/9/Add.5 replace the text appearing under "(c) Comments by country applying the measures" by the following:

"The measures are maintained as health and sanitary controls under the Foot and Mouth Disease Orders."