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Order concerning Sanitary and Veterinary Norms

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova has submitted the following information.

Summary of the regulatory documents and institutions responsible for the import, export and transit of animals (including fish and seafood), products and sub-products of animal origin, fodder and other related products (drugs) and materials that can influence animal and public health

The activities concerning the import, export and transit of animals, products and sub-products of animal origin, fodder and other products and materials that can influence animal and public health are governed by acts of the Ministry of Agriculture and Processing Industry.

These are: the Order concerning Sanitary and Veterinary Norms of 13 April 2000 based on articles 8 and 9 of the Law on Veterinary Activity No. 1538-XII of 23 June 1993; and Regulation No.1070 of 22 October 1998 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Processing Industry.

This Order lays out the sanitary and veterinary procedures regarding import, export and transit of animals, products and sub-products of animal origin, fodder and other products and materials that can influence animal and public health.

The General Medical Veterinary Direction and the State Veterinary Inspection carry out control of the Order.

The Sanitary and Veterinary Norm requirements cover:

- 1. The obligations of the importers, exporters and those responsible for transit of animals, products and sub-products of animal origin, fodder and other products and materials that can influence animal and public health;
- 2. The obligations of state veterinary surgeons in respect of veterinary and sanitary border control, and control over internal circulation and transport;
- 3. The delivery and content of sanitary and veterinary stamps of approval;
- 4. The obligations of the General Medical Veterinary Direction and the State Veterinary Inspection in giving transit authorization;

- 5. The obligations of the importers for obtaining the necessary veterinary and sanitary authorization for transit and sanitary control;
- 6. The obligations of the General Medical Veterinary Direction and State Veterinary Inspection in issuing certificates for the execution of the import of products dangerous for human health and the environment;
- 7. The obligation of the importers in obtaining authorization from the General Medical Veterinary Inspection for improving dangerous products potentially hazardous to human health and the environment;
- 8. The obligations of the General Medical Veterinary Direction and the State Veterinary Inspection in issuing permission for the import of products potentially hazardous to human health and the environment.