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| CERTIFICATION |
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I. Intracommunity certificates**I.1. Ornamental aquatic animals (R 1251/2008)**

A notification form has been introduced pertaining to certain ornamental aquatic animal movements to meet the criteria of Article 4 § 1 of Regulation (EC) 1251/2008 dated 12 December 2008.

This notification is applicable from 1st January 2009. However, the transitional period of Article 20 § 1 will come into force from 30 June 2009.

I.2. Aquaculture animals intended for farming (R 1251/2008)

The certificates of Decisions 1997/567/EC, 2003/390/EC and of Directive 91/67/EC have been replaced by the certificate "Placing on the market of aquaculture animals for farming, relaying, put and take fisheries, open ornamental facilities and restocking" of Annex II, Part A, of Regulation (EC) 1251/2008 dated 12 December 2008.

In accordance with Article 18 of Regulation 1251/2008, the additional guarantees required by Decision 2004/453/EC have been integrated into a specific combined certificate (2004/453/1251/2008) for aquatic animal certification, including eggs and gametes, where required by the Regulation.

These certificates are required in accordance with Articles 5, 8 § 1 and 8 § 2, from 1 January 2009. However, the transitional period of Article 20 § 2 allows the use of the old certificate models until 30 June 2009.

I.3. Aquaculture animals, live bivalve molluscs and shellfish intended for further processing preliminary to human consumption (R 1251/2008)

The certificate for the "Placing on the market of aquaculture animals or products thereof intended for further processing, dispatch centres and purification centres and similar businesses before human consumption" has been introduced for batch certification of aquaculture animals and of products resulting from these animals meeting the conditions of Articles 6 § 1, 8 § 1, 8 § 3 and for the certification of live bivalve mollusc and shellfish batches meeting the conditions of Article 7 of Regulation (EC) 1251/2008 dated 12 December 2008.

This certificate is required from 1 January 2009. However, the transitional period of Article 20 § 2 allows the use of the certificates of Decisions 1997/567/EC, 2003/390/EC and 2004/453/EC as well as the transport attestation certificate of Directive 91/67/EC until 30 June 2009.

I.4. Bovines, porcines and assembly centres (64/432)

In cases where exchange of bovines or porcines takes place at transit assembly centres located in a different Member State, the veterinary certifier of the point of origin of the animals must indicate in heading I.13 "place of destination" the final destination and not that of the transit assembly centre and must notify the assembly centre authority responsible. The assembly centre veterinarian is responsible for re-issuing a new certificate with the information from the original certificates.

Also, to conform completely with the requirements of Article 5 of Directive 64/432/EEC as regards certification, at the departure of the animals and at the assembly centre points, the two certificates have to be modified and the TRACES programme adapted.

- A validity date of the certificates has been added with a note (9) specifying that this validity cannot exceed 10 days starting from the emission of the oldest original certificate.
- At the animals departure, identification of the assembly centre must be introduced into the original certificate at the tab "Itinerary" heading "check point and transfer place" by activating "select a control post". The menu proposed contains all the checkpoints and all the assembly centres which have officially been transmitted to the Commission. The name, number and address of the assembly centres will be printed beside the heading 1.30 "route plan". The competent authority responsible for the assembly centre is notified and has access to the original certificate.
- Assembly centres like staging points can only be selected in the certificate and can no longer be created on the level of the local veterinarians nor on the level of the border inspection posts. The central authorities can still create these structures via the "organisation" menu, while awaiting the start up of the WEB services.
- On the level of the assembly centres, the "place of origin" of heading I.12 of the re-emitted certificate is the assembly centre. The place of destination is the place indicated in heading I.13 of the original certificates. The number or numbers of the original certificates must be entered in the heading I.6. of the re-emitted certificate, as specified in note (9).

II. Import certificates

II.1. Aquaculture animals intended for farming (R 1251/2008)

The certificates of Decisions 2003/858/EC and 2006/656/EC have been replaced by the certificate of Annex IV Part A of Regulation (EC) 1251/2008 dated 12 December 2008 for the "Import into the European Community of aquaculture animals for farming, relaying, put and take fisheries and open ornamental facilities".

This certificate is applicable, in accordance with Articles 10 and 12 § 3, from 1 January 2009. However, the transitional period of Article 20 § 3 allows the use of the old certificate models until 30 June 2009.

II.2. Ornamental aquatic animals intended for closed ornamental facilities (R 1251/2008)

The certificates of Decision 2006/656/EC have been replaced by the certificate of Annex IV Part B of Regulation (EC) 1251/2008 by applying Directive 2006/88/EC dated 12 December 2008 for "Import into the European Community of ornamental aquatic animals intended for closed ornamental facilities".

This certificate comes into force, in accordance with Article 11, from 1 January 2009. However, the transitional period of Article 20 § 3 allows the use of the old certificate models until 30 June 2009.

II.3. In transit aquaculture animals and products resulting from these animals intended for human consumption (R 1251/2008)

A certificate for "Transit/storage of live aquaculture animals, fish eggs, and uneviscerated fish intended for human consumption" has been introduced.

This certificate is compulsory, in accordance with Article 16 § 2 as from 1 January 2009. However, a transitional period allows the use of certificate 1664/2006 until 30 June 2009 when the animal health attestation is compulsory and until 31 July 2010 when the animal health certificate is no longer required.

II.4. Fishery products intended for human consumption (R 1250/2008)

Amended certificate 1664/2006 of Regulation (EC) 2074/2005, concerning fishery product importation intended for human consumption has been replaced by the certificate of the annex of Regulation (EC) 1250/2008.

This certificate is required from 1 January 2009. However, a transitional period allows the use of certificate 1664/2006 until 30 June 2009 when the animal health certificate is required and until 31 July 2010 when the animal health attestation is not required.

II.5. Live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods (R 1250/2008)

Amended certificate 1664/2006 of Regulation (EC) 2074/2005 for "Imports of live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods intended for human consumption" has been replaced by the certificate of the annex of Regulation (EC) 1250/2008.

This certificate is compulsory from 1 January 2009. However, a transitional period allows the use of certificate 1664/2006 until 30 June 2009 when the animal health attestation is then required and until 31 July 2010 when the animal health attestation is not required.

II.6. Domestic solipeds fresh meat (2008/752/EC)

The amended certificate of Directive 79/542/EEC has been replaced by Decision 2008/752/EC dated 27 June 2008. This certificate is compulsory from 1 January 2009.

II.7. Fish oil not destined for human consumption (R/829/2007)

The certificate of chapter 9 of Regulation R 1774/2002 modified by Regulation R 668/2004 has been replaced by the certificate of Regulation R 829/2007.