Procedures and conditions for the introduction into the European Union of food of animal origin intended for EXPO 2015

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Expo 2015 - Introduction

- Universal Exposition Participation of approximately 150 countries including MS
- Milan from 1st of May to 31 October 2015
- Theme of the event "Feeding the planet, Energy for life"
 - education on food and on planet's precious resources
 - safety, healthy and availability of food
 - environmental, social and economic sustainability of the food chain
 - protect and promote food culture.

Expo 2015 - Introduction

- Not all the Third Countries that will attend the event are authorized to export food of animal origin on the basis of the EU rules
- All food of animal origin coming from Third countries and destined to EXPO 2015 shall enter in UE by an authorized EU BIP:
 - food destined to EXPO 2015 complying with EU import rules will be accordingly imported
 - food destined to EXPO 2015 non complying (NC) with EU import rules will be introduced by special provisions and procedures

Action plan to avoid risks from the introduction of product not complying with EU rules

A special safety system aimed to assure stringent control measures and traceability of non-compliant food introduced for EXPO purposes has been organized by Italian competent authority. This system is based on the following points:

- Collection of information from Third countries that intend to participate at the event (questionnaire)
- Criteria for the selection of products eligible to enter in the EXPO circuit
- Traceability of non conforming food
- Use of customs warehouses for non-conforming product

Non-complying food of animal origin - Questionnaire

In order to know in advance the type and origin of products that will be introduced for the purposes of the exhibition a questionnaire has been submitted to the Third countries that intend to participate to the event. The following information have been requested to Third countries:

- Type of product dispatched to EXPO(e.g. fresh meat, meat products, raw milk, milk product etc.)
- Treatments of the products with reference to those of Directive 2002/99
- Establishments (EU authorized or not)

Results of questionnaire

- Most of Third countries answered that they are not interested to dispatch non complying food of animal origin, but only vegetal food
- The most part of food of animal origin that will be introduced for EXPO purposes is conform to EU legislation
- A limited number of Third Countries is interested in the introduction of non compliant food of animal origin

Non-complying food of animal origin eligible to enter in the EXPO circuit

Animal health:

Only food of animal origin that fulfil <u>animal</u> <u>health</u> conditions and requirements established in the relevant EU legislation will be allowed to enter in the EXPO circuit

Non-complying food of animal origin eligible to enter in the EXPO circuit

Public health:

- Non-complying food intended for EXPO (included products that don't pose risk of animal heath with no rules of animal health: fishery products, honey, gastropods, frog legs, etc.) shall be random tested at national level.
- Bivalve molluscs will be introduced only if they fulfil EU requirements

Traceability of non conforming food

- Import of non-compliant food <u>only by Italian BIPs</u>. For an easier and stringent procedure of control of circulation of goods (point under discussion)
- Consignments destined directly to EXPO area, after the favourable health and customs check will be sent to EXPO by a channelling sanitary system (and by Customs procedures: transit or temporary admission: point under discussion)
- Consignments not directly destined to EXPO area will be introduced in authorized customs warehouses (Articles 12 and 13 of Directive 97/78/EC) for the storage of non-compliant foods. In this case, after the health and customs favourable check, the goods will be sent to the warehouse under customs transit procedure (called T1). Then the consignment or its fractions thereof will be sent to EXPO by channelling sanitary system (and by Customs procedures: transit or temporary admission: point under discussion)

Traceability of non conforming food – Channelling sanitary system

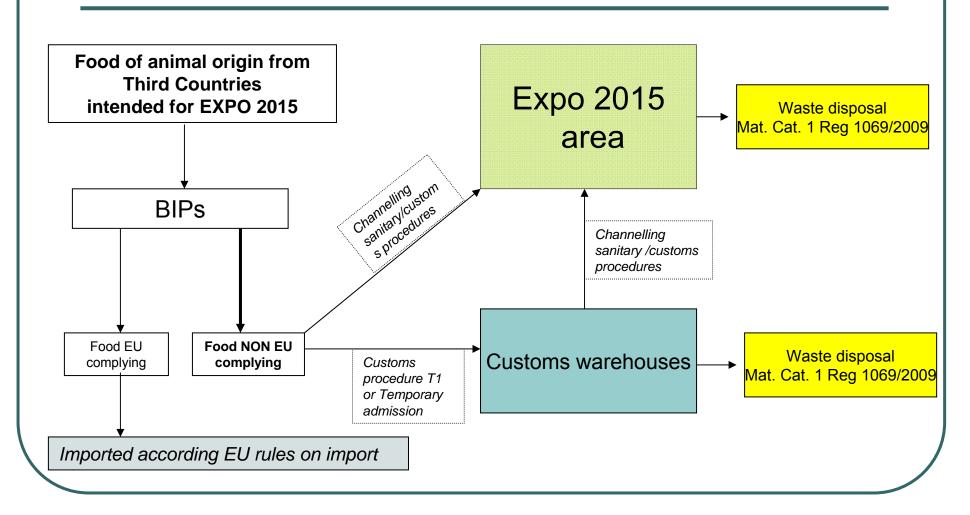
• BIPs \rightarrow EXPO:

- No unloading or split, supervision of the competent authority in vehicles or containers sealed by the competent authorities
- The official veterinarian at the border inspection post concerned shall inform the official veterinary authority of EXPO area
- The official veterinary authority of EXPO shall inform the official veterinarian at the border inspection post concerned of the arrival of consignments

Traceability of non conforming food – Channelling sanitary system

- BIP → CUSTOMS WAREHOUSES → EXPO:
 - BIP-Customs warehouse (procedure T1/temporary admission referred to Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92: customs supervision, no unloading or split)
 - Customs warehouses EXPO: No unloading, under the supervision of the competent authority in vehicles or containers sealed by the competent authorities.
 - The official veterinarian at the customs warehouses concerned shall inform the official veterinary authority of EXPO area
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System of introduction and circulation of food of animal origin during EXPO 2015



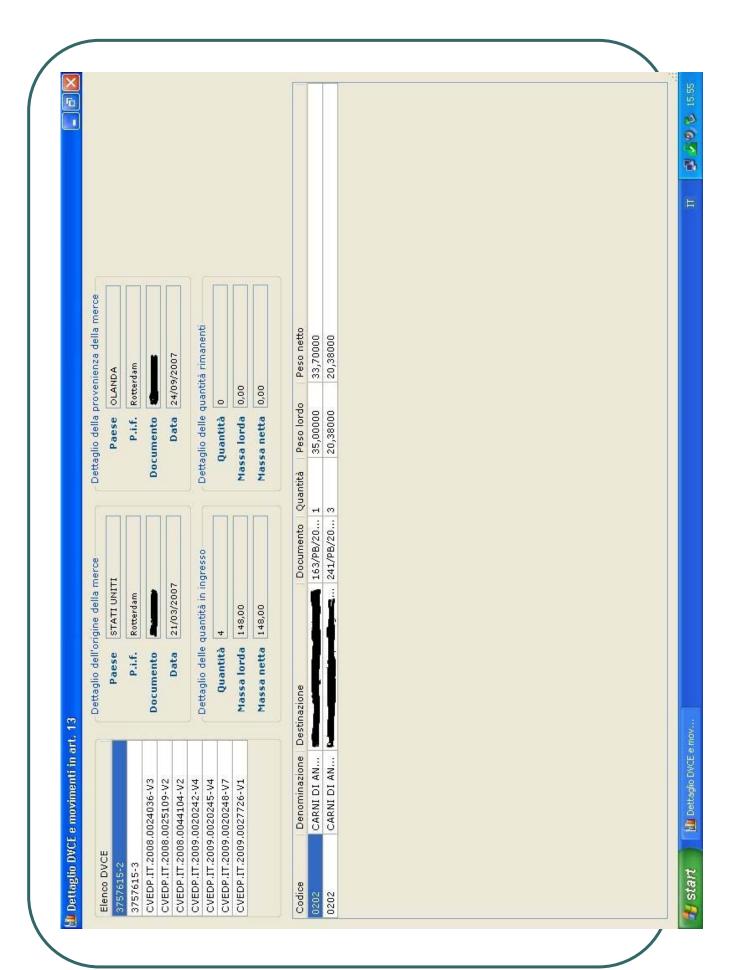
Non-complying food of animal origin (NC food) - Storage at customs warehouses

- Customs warehouses intend for storage of non-complying food of animal origin for EXPO2015 are some of those already authorized according to Article 12 (par. 4) and art. 13 of directive 97/78/EC and decision 2000/571
- Customs warehouses has been selected taking into account that they are since several years subject to audit from Italian competent authorities and FVO and considering their capability to assure an accurate traceability for non complying goods
- Authorized for a transitional period
- A list of authorized customs warehouses designated for EXPO will available on Italian Ministry of health web site

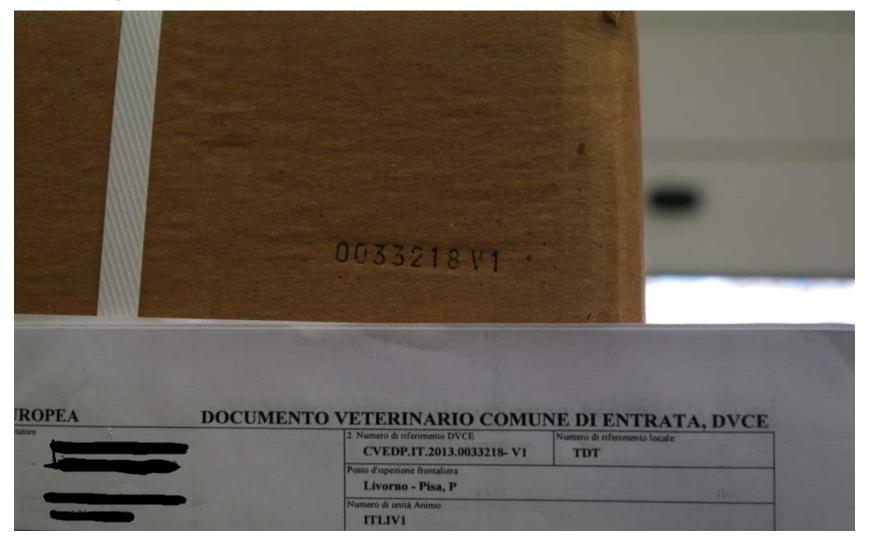
Customs warehouses - requirements

Traceability:

- Daily record of all consignments or their parts entering/leaving the warehouse;
 The record shall include an indication of the type of product and the quantity of products for every good in order to verify, in particular, the correlation between the amount of food entering and leaving the warehouse (such registration must be kept for at least three years)
- Register (all designated Italian customs warehouses are equipped with a special recording software)



Identification number assigned to all packaging of the consignment linked to CVED at the customs warehouses



Recording Data at internal structures of EXPO by Competent authority and EXPO organisation

- Date of arrival;
- Nature of the goods;
- Quantity;
- Third Country of origin;
- Border Inspection Post (BIP) of entry;
- Number of CVED issued by the BIP of entry or number of the new CVED issued by the authorized deposit external to EXPO for the consignment/split;
- Number of the seal put by the Health and Customs Authorities of the BIP of entry or by the Health and Custom Authority competent on the authorized deposit external to EXPO;
- Quantity of consignment used for exposition;
- Remaining quantity not used yet.

Thank you for attention