

Model Memorandum

between the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance of the Russian Federation and the Veterinary Service of on conditions for deliveries of meat and raw meat products from to the Russian Federation

In the framework of the Memorandum of 2 September 2004 between European Community and the Russian Federation on veterinary certification of animals and animal products to be exported from EC to Russia and in order to control effectively deliveries of meat and raw meat products from to the Russian Federation, the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance (Rosselkhoznadzor) of the Russian Federation and the Veterinary Service of have agreed on the following administrative measures:

1. In accordance with the Memorandum of 2004, meat and raw meat products may only originate from slaughterhouses, cutting plants and cold stores approved by Rosselkhoznadzor for export to the Russian Federation. Taking into account the fact that in establishments for the production and storage of [...] have never been attested, the Veterinary Service of will draw up a list of above mentioned establishments which have been delivering their products to the Russian market or have requests from Russian importers.
2. Veterinary Service of , when placing an establishment on the list, guarantees that the establishment complies with the Russian veterinary and sanitary requirements.
3. Deliveries of meat and raw meat products from to the Russian Federation will be carried out from the moment of signing of the present memorandum only directly from the establishments appearing on the above list without intermediate storing and splitting of shipments after their final certification.
4. The Veterinary Service of guarantees that meat and raw meat products, manufactured at the establishments and exported from to the Russian Federation fulfil the Russian veterinary and sanitary requirements in conformity with the Memorandum of 2004. The Veterinary Service of will take all necessary measures to prevent possible deliveries to the territory of the Russian Federation of meat and raw meat products which do not fulfil those requirements.
5. The Veterinary Service of will before 1 July 2008 communicate to Rosselkhoznadzor any updates to the lists of establishments, approved by Rosselkhoznadzor. The administrative approval of the establishments takes effect not later than 30 days after the submission of the update provided that Rosselkhoznadzor have not expressed their objection within this time period. The approval becomes effective within two weeks after the administrative approval, in order to allow Rosselkhoznadzor to inform the Russian Federation border control posts.

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6. The Veterinary Service of is responsible for the regular supervision of the approved establishments to ensure that the relevant veterinary and sanitary requirements are constantly met. If in the context of this supervision it appears that an approved establishment fails to meet the requirements the Veterinary Service of will suspend the approval of the establishment and will inform Rosselkhoznadzor of the suspension.
7. Rosselkhoznadzor will carry out inspection visits in in order to verify the guarantees provided for in paragraphs 2, 4 and 6. These audits may include on the spot inspection of a representative number of establishments, estimated by Rosselkhoznadzor on the basis of risk analysis, appearing on the list provided by the Veterinary Service of Rosselkhoznadzor shall submit the audit report to the Veterinary Service of and shall consider possible comments made by the latter. Based on the results of the audit the existing list of establishments may be amended.
8. In case the approval of an establishment is suspended because it fails to meet the Russian veterinary and sanitary requirements, Rosselkhoznadzor will re-approve the establishment, in accordance with paragraph 5, on the basis of the guarantees given by the Veterinary Service of to the effect that shortcomings have been rectified and the establishment again complies with the Russian veterinary and sanitary requirements, or, depending on the level of risk, after an inspection by Rosselkhoznadzor within a reasonable time.
9. Meat and raw meat product deliveries from the EU to the Russian Federation will be conducted with mandatory preliminary electronic notification to Rosselkhoznadzor, under modalities to be agreed by the Veterinary Service of and Rosselkhoznadzor.
10. Issues of further attestation of the establishments, interested in delivering their products to the Russian Federation, will be co-ordinated according to the applications of the Veterinary Service of and of the Russian associations of meat importers.
11. The parties have come to the mutual understanding on the need for continuing a constructive dialogue on the issue of delivering from to the Russian Federation of consignments subject to the state veterinary surveillance and have agreed to establish a standing expert group of representatives of Rosselkhoznadzor and of the Veterinary Service of in order to efficiently solve issues arising during trade in products of animal origin between and Russia and to implement the provisions of points 7, 8 and 9 of this Memorandum. Horizontal questions linked to the application of the Memorandum of 2004 will be discussed at European Community level.

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