

**THE PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN (THIRD COUNTRY IMPORTS)  
(ENGLAND) (No 4) REGULATIONS 2004**

**THE ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS (IMPORT AND EXPORT)  
(ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2006**

**DECLARATION**

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, having learned of the presence of Newcastle disease in Bulgaria, which disease is referred to in Council Directive 82/894/EEC<sup>1</sup> and Schedule 6 of the Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (England) Regulations 2005<sup>2</sup>—

IN EXERCISE OF the powers conferred by regulation 59 of the Products of Animal Origin (Third Country Imports) (England) (No 4) Regulations 2004<sup>3</sup> in relation to products and by regulation 28 of the Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (England) Regulations 2006 in relation to birds and hatching eggs—

DECLARES as follows:

Prohibition

1. Insofar as not already prohibited under the Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (England) Regulations 2006 or the Products of animal Origin (Third Country Imports) (England) (No. 4) Regulations 2004, the introduction into England of any of the following from the administrative districts of Bulgaria listed in the Schedule to this Declaration is **prohibited**:

- (a) live poultry and their hatching eggs
- (b) live ratites and their hatching eggs
- (c) farmed and wild feathered game and their hatching eggs.

2. The introduction into England of any of the following from the administrative districts of Bulgaria listed in the Schedule to this Declaration is **prohibited** subject to the exceptions provided for in paragraphs 3 to 7:

- (a) fresh meat of the birds described in paragraph 1; and
- (b) meat preparations and meat products consisting of, or containing meat derived from birds described in paragraph 1.

Exception for products from birds slaughtered or killed before 16<sup>th</sup> July 2005

3. Subject to paragraph 4, the prohibition in paragraph 2 shall not apply to products obtained from birds which were slaughtered or killed before 16 July 2005.

4. In the veterinary certificates accompanying consignments of the products referred to in paragraph 3, the following words shall be included:

“Fresh poultry meat/fresh ratite meat/fresh meat of wild feathered game/fresh meat of farmed feathered game/meat product consisting of, or containing meat of poultry, ratites, farmed or wild feathered game meat/meat preparation consisting of, or containing meat of poultry,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No. L 378, 31.12.1982, p. 58.

<sup>2</sup> SI 2005 No 2002.

<sup>3</sup> SI 2004 No 3388 as amended by SI 2006 No 844.

ratites, farmed or wild feathered game meat\* in accordance with Article 3(1) of Commission Decision 2005/648/EC<sup>4</sup>.”

*\*deleting inapplicable descriptions as appropriate*

Products consisting of or containing treated meat

5. Subject to paragraphs 6 and 7, the prohibition in paragraph 2(b) shall not apply to products which consist of, or contain, meat of birds which meat has undergone one of the specific treatments referred to under points B, C or D in Part IV of Annex II to Commission Decision 2005/432/EC<sup>5</sup>.

6. In relation to meat products referred to in paragraph 5 accompanied by the veterinary certificate drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Annex III to Decision 2005/432/EC, the specific treatment applied as referred to in paragraph 5 of this declaration shall be identified in point 9.1 column B in that veterinary certificate, and the following wording shall be added to the certificate:

‘Meat products treated in accordance with Commission Decision 2005/648/EC’

7. In relation to meat products referred to in paragraph 5 accompanied by the veterinary certificate drawn up in accordance with the model set out in Annex IV to Decision 2005/432/EC, the specific treatment applied as referred to in paragraph 5 of this declaration shall be certified by adding the following wording to that veterinary certificate:

‘Meat products treated in accordance with Commission Decision 2005/648/EC’.

Relationship to Declaration IAH DEC 2006/9

8. Nothing in paragraphs 3 to 7 shall be construed as permitting the introduction into England of products the introduction of which is prohibited under declaration IAH DEC 2006/9 issued at 1600 hours on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 in relation to Highly pathogenic Avian Influenza in Bulgaria (“declaration IAH DEC 2006/9”); and nothing in declaration IAH DEC 2006/9 shall be construed as permitting imports prohibited under this Declaration.

Revocation of previous Declaration

9. Declaration IAH DEC 2006/44 issued on 18 August 2006 is revoked.

This Declaration shall come into force at 1130 hours on 02 February 2007.

Signed at 1130 hours on 02 February 2007 by Nick Coulson.



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A person duly authorised by  
the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

<sup>4</sup> OJ No L 238, 15.9.05, p16 as amended by Commission Decision 2006/263/EC (OJ No L95, 4.4.2006, p3).

<sup>5</sup> OJ No L 151, 14.06.2005, p. 3

## **SCHEDULE**

*Administrative districts of Bulgaria referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2*

Administrative district of Blagoevgrad

Administrative district of Burgas, excluding the municipalities of Burgas and Sungurlare

Administrative district of Vratsa

Administrative district of Kardzhali

In the administrative district of Razgrad, the municipality of Kubrat

In the administrative district of Dobrich, the municipality of Dobrichka

### **NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Declaration)

This Declaration gives effect to Commission Decision 2005/648/EC concerning protection measures in relation to Newcastle disease in Bulgaria, as amended by Commission Decision 2007/10/EC.

Separate declarations are being issued for animals and products covered by this declaration in respect of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Introduction of animals or products in contravention of this Declaration is a criminal offence. The penalty on summary conviction is a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (£5,000), or a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months, or both; and the penalty on conviction on indictment, is an unlimited fine, or a term of imprisonment not exceeding two years, or both.

A copy of this Declaration will be sent to all Divisional Veterinary Managers in England.