

**THE ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS (IMPORT AND EXPORT)
(ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2006
(SI 2006/1471)**

**THE PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN (IMPORT AND EXPORT)
REGULATIONS 1996
(SI 1996/3124)**

DECLARATION

The Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, has learned of the presence of foot and mouth disease in the Republic of Cyprus under the procedure set out in Article 10 of Directive 90/425/EC, which disease is referred to in Council Directive 82/894/EEC¹ and Schedule 6 of the Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (England) Regulations 2006.

In exercise of the powers conferred by regulation 35 of the Products of Animal Origin (Import and Export) Regulations 1996 in relation to products of animal origin and by regulation 28 of the Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (England) Regulations 2006 in relation to animals and germplasm declares as follows:

1. Prohibition

1.1 Subject to paragraphs 2 and 3 below, the importation into England of:

- a. live animals of the bovine, ovine, caprine or porcine species or any other biungulates; or
- b. any semen, ova or embryos derived from such animals,

from the Republic of Cyprus ("Cyprus") is prohibited.

1.2 For the purposes of this Declaration "importation" includes importation for both commercial and personal purposes.

2. Live animals that can be imported

2.1 The prohibition in paragraph 1.1 does not apply to live animals of the bovine, ovine, caprine and porcine species and other biungulates that have been in direct and uninterrupted transit through Cyprus on main roads and railway lines.

¹ OJ No. L 378, 31.12.1982, p. 58 as amended by Commission Decision 2007/832 (OJ No. L329, 14.12.2007, p. 56), Commission Decision 2008/65/EC (OJ No. L17, 22.1.2008, p 8) and Commission Decision 2008/71/EC (OJ No. L18, 23.1.2008, p. 36)..

2.2 Animals of the bovine, ovine, caprine or porcine species imported into England from Cyprus must be accompanied by an official health certificate which must bear the following words:

'Animals conforming to Commission Decision 2007/718/EC of 6 November 2007 concerning certain protection measures against foot and mouth disease in Cyprus'

2.3 Other biungulates imported into England from Cyprus must be accompanied by an official health certificate which must bear the following words:

'Live biungulates conforming to Commission Decision 2007/718/EC of 6 November 2007 concerning certain protection measures against foot and mouth disease in Cyprus'

3. Semen, ova and embryos that can be imported

3.1 The prohibition in paragraph 1.1 does not apply to

- a. semen, ova and embryos produced before 15 September 2007; or
- b. frozen bovine semen and embryos, frozen porcine semen and frozen ovine and caprine semen and embryos imported in Cyprus in accordance with the conditions laid down in Directives 88/407/EEC², 89/556/EEC³, 90/429/EEC⁴ or 92/65/EEC⁵ respectively, and which since introduction into Cyprus have been stored and transported separately from semen and embryos not eligible for export from Cyprus in accordance with Commission Decision 2007/718/EC.

3.2 The health certificate provided for in Directive 88/407/EEC and accompanying frozen bovine semen from Cyprus must bear the following words:

'frozen bovine semen conforming to Commission Decision 2007/718/EC of 6 November 2007 concerning certain protection measures against foot and mouth disease in Cyprus'

3.3 The health certificate provided for in Directive 90/429/EEC and accompanying frozen porcine semen from Cyprus must bear the following words:

'frozen porcine semen conforming to Commission Decision 2007/718/EC of 6 November 2007 concerning certain protection measures against foot and mouth disease in Cyprus'

² OJ No. L194, 22.7.1988, p. 10.

³ OJ No. L302, 19.10.1989, p. 1.

⁴ OJ No. L224, 18.8.1990, p. 62.

⁵ OJ No. L268, 14.9.1992, p. 54.

3.4 The health certificate provided for in Directive 89/556/EEC and accompanying bovine embryos from Cyprus must bear the following words:

'bovine embryos conforming to Commission Decision 2007/718/EC of 6 November 2007 concerning certain protection measures against foot and mouth disease in Cyprus'

3.5 The health certificate provided for in Directive 92/65/EEC and accompanying frozen ovine and caprine semen from Cyprus must bear the following words:

'frozen ovine and caprine semen conforming to Commission Decision 2007/718/EC of 6 November 2007 concerning certain protection measures against foot and mouth disease in Cyprus'

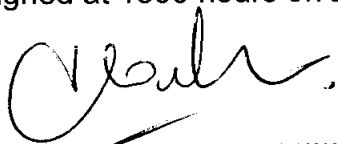
3.6 The health certificate provided for in Directive 92/65/EEC and accompanying frozen ovine and caprine embryos from Cyprus must bear the following words:

'frozen ovine and caprine embryos conforming to Commission Decision 2007/718/EC of 6 November 2007 concerning certain protection measures against foot and mouth disease in Cyprus'

Declaration IAH DEC 2008/02 issued on 22 January 2008 is hereby revoked.

This Declaration shall come into force at 1500 hrs on 24 January 2008.

Signed at 1500 hours on 24 January 2008 by Tim Mordan



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

NOTE

(This note is not part of the Declaration)

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.

Powers to detain, seize and forfeit goods under the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 will apply to animals and products brought into England in breach of this Declaration

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