

Veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries

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OBJECTIVE: the proposal for a Council directive aims to lay down common principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks and the movement within the Community of products of animal origin from third countries. **CONTENT:** since the entry into force of Directive 90/675/EEC, experience has been gained and developments have taken place with regard to its implementation which, together with reasons of transparency, make the following modifications necessary: - for all products of animal origin imported from third countries, a single checking regime should be applied and all unnecessary provisions concerning bilateral agreements should be abolished; - in the new system of veterinary checks, the separate identity check should be abolished since only a documentary and a physical check need to be carried out; - for products arriving at the Community border without having the Community as a final destination, strict rules must ensure that these products leave the Community; - measures need to be laid down for consignments which have been brought into the Community without being presented for veterinary checks and for the re-entry of Community consignments refused by a third country.