

# Certification of animals and animal products

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**OBJECTIVE:** To ensure the smooth functioning of the internal market in live animals and animal products through the introduction of common rules on certification. **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Council Directive 96/93/EC on the certification of animals and animal products. **SUBSTANCE:** Rules are laid down in respect of the obligations of certifying officers and of competent authorities, with a view to ensuring that certification is accurate and reliable. The competent authorities are required to investigate, and take appropriate measures to penalize, any instances of false or misleading certification which are brought to their attention and to prevent any new misleading certification. **DEADLINE FOR TRANSPOSITION:** 1 January 1998.