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IMPORTATION OF POULTRY MEAT PRODUCTS FROM ISRAEL

HS CODES FOR MEAT PREPARATIONS

Purpose

- To:
 - advise you that additional restrictions have been put in place in respect of imports of poultry meat products from Israel;
 - clarify the status of the territory of Israel; and
 - include an additional HS code on the model certificate for meat preparations.

Background

Israel

- An FVO audit carried out in Israel in June 2014 to evaluate the animal health controls for poultry and poultry products for export to the EU identified shortcomings in relation to disease control measures for Newcastle disease and veterinary certification for poultry commodities. The situation was quickly addressed by the competent authorities. However, despite improvements on biosecurity and other preventative measures, outbreaks continue to occur.
- [Commission Decision 2007/777EC](#) which lays down animal and public health conditions and model certificates for imports of certain meat products permits imports of poultry meat products from Israel with treatment 'A' which does not require any minimum heat treatment.
- Due to the current Newcastle disease situation in Israel, Annex II, Part 2 of the Meat Products Decision has been amended by [Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\)](#)



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[2015/216](#) to require treatment 'D' to be applied. This means that poultry meat products imported from Israel must be heat treated to 70° throughout the meat.

5. For a transitional period until 28 February, consignments of meat products and treated stomach, bladders and intestines obtained from poultry, farmed feathered game and wild game birds which have undergone the non-specific treatment 'A' provided for in the Meat Products Decision prior to the above amendment, shall continue to be authorised for entry into the EU provided that the accompanying health certificate was signed and dated no later than 31 January 2015.
6. As a point of clarity it should also be noted that the Israel is understood to be 'the State of Israel excluding the territories under Israeli administration since June 1967, namely the Golan Heights, the Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem and the rest of the West Bank'.

Meat preparations

7. Annexes II and III of [Commission Decision 2000/572/EC](#) sets out the model certificates for the importation and transit through/storage in the EU of meat preparations from certain third countries.
8. The footnote on the meat preparation certificates include HS codes 02.10, 16.01 and 16.02. However, certain foodstuffs of poultry origin which are defined as meat preparations are not covered by the existing HS codes.
9. The footnote Box reference I.19 has therefore been amended to include the HS code 02.07.

Action for OVSS

10. To note and apply the above information.

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