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EXPO MILANO 2015

Purpose

1. To advise you of the arrangements for 'EXPO Milano 2015'.

Background

2. Italy is hosting the universal exhibition 'EXPO Milano 2015' from 1 May until 31 October. It is therefore appropriate to lay down rules allowing imports of certain animal products to take part in the exhibition.
3. In order to protect the animal health status of the European Union it has been agreed that animal products should only be permitted if they meet EU animal health requirements.
4. For the purposes of public health, it has been agreed that animal products should meet public health requirements of the third country of origin and that they are fit for human consumption in that country.
5. That said, due to the higher public health risk associated with bivalve molluscs, their introduction into the Union for EXPO Milano 2015 should only be allowed if they meet all EU public health requirements.
6. Further, any animal products that are subject to safeguard measures are exempt from these rules and will not be permitted.
7. Detailed rules are laid down in [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2015/329](#) (the EXPO Regulation). All consignments must enter the EU through a BIP and be notified at least two working days before their arrival.



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8. Article 2 of the EXPO Regulation lays down the import conditions which state that consignments must:

- Come from a third country that is officially taking part in EXPO Milano 2015 and are destined for the exhibition stand for that third country;
- Be packaged in sealed containers that do not allow leakage and are marked 'for exclusive destination EXPO Milano 2015' in red and white and in a readable size proportionate to the dimension of those containers;
- If listed in Annex II of the EXPO Regulation, be authorised for transit through the Union in accordance with the requirements laid down in the relevant legislation;
- If listed in Annex II, be accompanied by the relevant transit certificate referred to in Annex II **and** the certificate laid down in Annex III of the EXPO Regulation (consignments not listed under Annex II only need the certificate in Annex III);
- Be placed under temporary imports procedures and placed under external transit procedures.

9. Article 4 of EXPO Regulation sets out the obligations for BIPs at the point of entry into the EU. This includes a requirement that OVSs:

- Carry out documentary and ID checks
- Check whether consignments are from countries that are officially taking part in EXPO Milano 2015 and are destined for the exhibition stand for that country;
- Issue a CVED using TRACES destined for the local veterinary unit Milano Città IT03603 or to the TRACES unit responsible for the relevant customs warehouse as appropriate. Approved warehouses will be published on the official website of the [Italian Ministry of Health](#);
- Ensure that consignments are sent directly to the exhibition or customs warehouse;
- Permit the transiting of consignments not covered by the Annex of [Commission Decision 2011/163/EC](#) (Residue Decision)
- Place the products under temporary importation procedures and ensure they are moved under the external transit procedures in accordance with Customs legislation.

10. The Commission website has some general information and other useful links to [EXPO Milano 2015](#).

Derogation for porcine products from Japan

11. By way of derogation from Article 2(c) (i) and (ii) of the EXPO Regulation and provided they are not subject to safeguard measures, in accordance with the provision of [Regulation \(EU\) 2015/448](#), the following products for Japan shall be permitted for use in EXPO Milano 2015 :

- Fresh meat of domestic porcine animals;

- Meat products, treated stomachs, bladders and intestines obtained from domestic porcine animals which have undergone the non-specific treatment A as defined in Part 4 of Annex II of [Commission Decision 2007/777/EC](#);
- Food containing the products referred to in the first two bullet points.

12. The products referred to in Regulation (EU) 2015/448 must be accompanied by the veterinary certificate set out in the Annex to that Regulation.

Action for OVSs

13. To note the above information.

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