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Dear Colleagues,

IMPORTS OF MEAT PREPARATIONS, MEAT PRODUCTS AND TREATED STOMACHS, BLADDERS AND INTESTINES, AS WELL AS FRESH MEAT OF DOMESTIC SOLIPEDES

This letter is addressed to Border Inspection Posts and Chief Port Health Officers in England only.

I am writing to advise that the Commission published Regulation 2016/1832 on 18th October, which applies from November 7th. The Regulation can be found at the following link: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32016R1832&from=EN>.

EU horses are usually not raised solely for the production of meat and are only sent for slaughter at the end of their productive life. EU equidae family animals are considered to be food-producing animals, unless they are irreversibly excluded from human consumption in accordance with Directive 2001/82/EC.

Following audits of certain third countries where deficiencies were detected, to ensure compliance with the provisions of Directive 96/22/EC, it is necessary to reinforce the guarantees on imports of fresh equidae meat, meat preparations meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines produced for human consumption as regards to the monitoring of substances and groups of residues and substances referred to in Annex I to Directive 96/23/EC.

The health certificate for meat preparations, the health certificate for meat products and treated commodities and the EQU



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certificate is amended to provide the necessary guarantees that the commodities are produced from or contain meat of domestic solipeds, were produced from meat which meets the requirements set out for the imports of fresh meat of domestic solipeds.

The implementing Regulation therefore makes changes to the Annexes of Decisions 2000/572/EC and 2007/777/EC and Regulation 206/2010.

Yours sincerely,

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