Animal health conditions: imports from third countries of fresh poultry meat (amend. direct. 91 /494/EEC)

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The ESC feels that the emphasis should be on working towards a uniform status for the whole EU, at a relatively high level, to end the division of the EU into a vaccinating area and a non-vaccinating area. It acknowledges that laying down criteria for the use of vaccines against Newcastle disease will ensure that live, attenuated and inactivated vaccines fulfil certain conditions. On imports of poultry and poultry products from third countries, the ESC feels that it is crucial that such imports should not pose a threat to existing veterinary and animal health rules in the EU. It endorses the proposal that the Commission should have the option of imposing quarantine or isolation for two months in the case of poultry, hatching eggs or chicks from these eggs.