Animal health conditions: imports from third countries of poultry and hatching eggs (amend. Directive 90/539/EEC)

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PURPOSE : to review Directive 90/539/EEC on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in and imports from third countries of poultry and hatching eggs in the light of the application of harmonised standards to vaccines against Newcastle disease. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Directive 1990/90/EC amending Directive 90/539/EEC on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade and imports from third countries of poultry and hatching eggs. CONTENT : the Directive relates to the health guarantees concerning trade in poultry and poultry meat from a region of the Community where animals are vaccinated against Newcastle disease to regions where vaccinations are not carried out (Denmark, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Finland and Sweden). In addition, the Directive simplifies the health guarantees to be applied. It provides for: - the possibility of importing live poultry and hatching eggs into the Community from third countries following a strict quarantine procedure and in accordance with international rules; - the exclusion of ratities from the exemption permitting trade of small quantities of poultry from unapproved sources since commercial batches of these birds are comprised of only a small number of birds and because the risk of illness is more difficult to quantify in this type of trade. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 23/11/1999. DEADLINE FIXED FOR THE TRANSPOSITION : 01/07/2000.