Animal health requirements: non commercial movement of pet animals

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LEGISLATIVE ACT : Commission Decision 2004/557/EC laying down a derogation to the transitional regime established by Article 6 of Regulation 998/2003/EC for the transit of pet animals through the territory of Sweden between the Island of Bornholm and the other parts of the territory of Denmark.

CONTENT : Article 6 of Regulation 998/2003/EC establishes for a transitional period of five years the veterinary conditions applying, inter alia, to non-commercial movements of pet dogs and cats, to the territory of Sweden. Those conditions are largely the same than the national conditions applying for entry into Sweden before the implementation of the Regulation. A bilateral agreement existed between Sweden and Denmark establishing less restrictive requirements than those applicable for entry into Sweden for the transit of pet animals through the territory of Sweden between the Island of Bornholm (DK) in the Baltic Sea and the other parts of the territory of Denmark.

This Decision maintains the limited derogation to the transitional regime. By derogation to Article 6 of Regulation 998/2003/EC and until the end of the transitional period laid down in that Article, transit of pet animals of the species mentioned in Part A of Annex I to the Regulation between the Island of Bornholm and other parts of the territory of Denmark through the territory of Sweden is permitted according to the conditions agreed between the two Member States.

ENTRY INTO FORCE : This Decision will apply from 3 July 2004.