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Explanation on the completion and interpretation of the TRACES certificate for bovines from the EU (animal health certificate according to Directive 64/432/EEC, Model 1 Annex F)

In the bilateral agreements between the EU and Switzerland (so-called Veterinary Annex of the Agricultural Agreement) it is recognized that Switzerland's cattle population is considered to be officially free of bovine tuberculosis, brucellosis, enzootic bovine leucosis and infectious bovine rhinotracheitis.

On the basis of the wording in the agreement and the technical requirements of the system, there is no "unequivocal solution" to confirm the relevant guarantees in the TRACES system. This document is to be seen as an implementation tool for a pragmatic approach.

Extracts from TRACES certificate 64/432 (2015/819) F1 Bovines (Model)

Part II: Certification

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II.1. Section A

II.1.1. The animals come from holding/s of origin and area/s which, in conformity with Union or national legislation, is/are not subject to any prohibition or restriction for reasons of animal diseases affecting bovine animals;

(1) either [II.1.2. The animals are bovine animals for breeding or production, and

II.1.2.1. have been resident, as far as can be ascertained, on the holding(s) of origin during the last 30 days, or since birth, if they are less than 30 days of age, and no animals imported from a third country were introduced into the holding(s) during this period, unless they had been isolated from all other animals on the holding(s);

II.1.2.2. come from herd(s) officially tuberculosis-free, and

(1) either [II.1.2.2.1. the holding(s) is (are) situated in a Member State or part of its territory with a surveillance network approved under Commission Implementing Decision / /EU (insert number);] **don't confirm**

(1) and/or [II.1.2.2.2. **the holding(s) is (are) situated in a Member State or part of its territory which is recognized as being officially tuberculosis-free** in accordance with point 4 of Annex A(I) to Directive 64/432/EEC by Commission Decision **2005 /22;**]

(1) and/or [II.1.2.2.3. are animals less than 6 weeks of age;]

(1) and/or [II.1.2.2.4. are animals 6 weeks of age or more and had been tested with negative results during the 30 days before leaving the holding of origin, in accordance with Article 6(2)(a) of Directive 64/432/EEC for tuberculosis on (insert date);]

II.1.2.3. come from herd(s) officially brucellosis-free, and

(1) either [II.1.2.3.1. the holding(s) is (are) situated in a Member State or part of its territory with a surveillance network approved under Commission Implementing Decision / /EU (insert number);] **don't confirm (is an - essentially obsolete - option for bovines from France or Belgium according to decision 2004/315/RC)**

(1) and/or [II.1.2.3.2. **the holding(s) is (are) situated in a Member State or part of its territory which is recognized as being officially brucellosis-free** in accordance with point 7 of Annex A(II) to Directive 64/432/EEC by Commission Decision **2005 /22;**]

(1) and/or [II.1.2.3.3. are castrated animals and/or less than 12 months of age;]

(1) and/or [II.1.2.3.4. are animals 12 months of age or more and had been tested with negative results during the 30 days before leaving the holding of origin, in accordance with Article 6(2)(b) of Directive 64/432/EEC for brucellosis on (insert date);]

II.1.2.4. come from herd(s) officially enzootic bovine leucosis-free, and

- (1) either [II.1.2.4.1. the holding(s) is (are) situated in a Member State or part of its territory with a surveillance network approved under Commission Implementing Decision / /EU (insert number);] **don't confirm**
- (1) and/or [II.1.2.4.2. **the holding(s) is (are) situated in a Member State or part of its territory which is recognized as being officially enzootic bovine leucosis-free** in accordance with point E of Annex D(I) to Directive 64/432/EEC by Commission Decision **2005 /22**]
- (1) and/or [II.1.2.4.3. are animals less than 12 months of age;]
- (1) and/or [II.1.2.4.4. are animals 12 months of age or more and had been tested with negative results during the 30 days before leaving the holding of origin, in accordance with Article 6(2)(c) of Directive 64/432/EEC for enzootic bovine leucosis on (insert date);]

(1) or [II.1.2. The animals are animals for slaughter from officially tuberculosis-free and officially enzootic bovine leucosis-free herds, and

- (1) either [II.1.2.1. come from officially brucellosis-free herds;]
- (1) and/or [II.1.2.2. are castrated.]]

II.2. Section B

The description of the consignment in this Section corresponds to the information entered in Points I.15., I.16.(3), I.17.(3), I.20. and I.31.

(4) [II.3. Section C

II.3.1. The animals had been inspected in accordance with Article 5(2) of Directive 64/432/EEC on (insert date) during the 24 hours before their scheduled departure and had not shown clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease.

II.3.2. The animals come from the holding(s) and, where applicable, an approved assembly centre, and also area(s) not subject to any prohibitions or restrictions because of bovine diseases according to EU or national legislation.

- (1) [II.3.3. **The animals meet the additional guarantees for infectious bovine rhinotracheitis in accordance with Articles (*mutatis mutandis*) of Commission Decision 2004/558/EC.**

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- (1) [II.3.8. The animals come directly from a semen collection centre complying with Directive 88/407/EEC;]

(1) [II.3.9. The animals are to be dispatched to Switzerland and they:

are identified by a permanent identification system enabling them to be traced back to the dam and herd of origin and making it possible to establish that they are not the progeny of BSE suspect or confirmed females born during the two years preceding the diagnosis;
do not come from herds where a suspected case of BSE is under investigation;
were born after 1 June 2001.]

Comments (the above sections are not completed in full; reference is only made to a few points):

- The texts **highlighted in red** with references to “**2005 /22**” are examples of certification for **bovine animals from Switzerland with regard to bovine TB, brucellosis and enzootic bovine leucosis.**
- **For bovines “to be sent to Switzerland”** the option corresponding to the relevant status of the region of origin/Member States has to be selected, and - where applicable - reference made to the “correct EU Decision” (for confirmation of the existing status = respective “amending decision” to Commission Decision 2003/467/EC, alternatively simply “2003/467/EC”, if the “applicable consolidated version” is meant).

With regard to additional guarantees in relation to infectious bovine rhinotracheitis however the wording of the proposal is basically suitable for “**both directions**” (*mutatis mutandis* is taken to mean that the same guarantees apply for bovines shipped to Switzerland as if they were sent to Member States or regions that are listed in Annex II of Commission Decision 2004/558/EC).

The so-called BSE guarantees have been included in the version “2015/819” of TRACES certificate Model F1 Bovines

< The animals concerned are bovine animals that

- are identified by means of a permanent identification system, with which the mother animal or the herd of origin can be determined and it can be established that the animals do not come from cows suspected of BSE or cows suffering from BSE and born in the two years before diagnosis;
- do not come from herds that have been tested because of a suspected case of BSE;
- were born after 1 June 2001.
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Further information

What is actually confirmed with the “additional guarantees regarding infectious bovine rhinotracheitis according to Articles (*mutate mutandi*) of Decision 2004/558/EC”?

For bovine animals from Switzerland or Member States and regions that are listed in Annex II of Decision 2004/55/EC: “the animals come from recognized IBR-free regions”.

For bovine animals from Member States and regions that are NOT listed in Annex II of Decision 2004/55/EC, it is confirmed that they comply with the provisions of Article 3:

Article 3

(1) Bovine animals for breeding and production that come from Member States or regions of Member States not listed in Annex II and are destined for Member States or regions of Member States that are free of infectious bovine rhinotracheitis and are listed in Annex II must fulfil the following additional guarantees:

- a) They must be consistent with the additional guarantees defined in Article 2 Paragraph 1 a) and b);
- b) They must have undergone a serological test - together with all other bovine animals in the same isolation facility according to Article 2 Paragraph 1 b) - with negative results based on blood samples not taken more than 21 days after their arrival in the isolation facility and tested for antibodies to all BHV1 strains;
- c) they must not have been vaccinated against infectious bovine rhinotracheitis.

(2) Bovine animals that are intended for slaughter and come from Member States or regions of Member States not listed in Annex II and are destined for Member States listed in Annex II are transported directly to the destined slaughterhouse for slaughter according to Article 7 Paragraph 1 Directive 64/432/EEC.

(3) In health certification according to Model 1 in Annex F of Directive 64/432/EEC, which accompanies bovine animals in accordance with Paragraph 1, the following is inserted under Section C Number 4:

- a) after the first indent: “IBR”;
- b) after the second indent: “Article 3 Paragraph ... of Commission Decision 2004/558/EC”.

Wording of bilateral agreements

Swiss compendium of laws:

[Agreement between the Swiss Confederation and the European Community on trade in agricultural products](#)

(Extract)

Bovine animals:

B. Special rules of implementation

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In view of the recognition of Switzerland’s in terms of freedom from disease, the provisions

of Decision 2004/558/EC121 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

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11. Consignments of bovine animals and swine in trade between the Member States of the European Union and Switzerland shall be accompanied by **veterinary certificates according to the models shown in Annex F of Directive 64/432/EEC**, with the following adjustments:

- **In Model 1**, Section C of the certificate is modified as follows:
- under Number 4 on the additional guarantees the indents are supplemented as follows:
 - ← in relation to (disease): infectious bovine rhinotracheitis
- in accordance with Commission Decision 2004/558/EC, which shall apply *mutatis mutandis*;>

12. For the purposes of this annex, consignments of bovine animals in trade between the Member States of the European Union and Switzerland shall be accompanied by **an additional veterinary certificate, which contains the following explanation:**

- ← The animals concerned are bovine animals that
 - are identified by means of a permanent identification system, with which the mother animal or the herd of origin can be determined and it can be established that the animals do not come from cows suspected of BSE or cows suffering from BSE and born in the two years before diagnosis;
 - do not come from herds that have been tested because of a suspected case of BSE;
 - were born after 1 June 2001.>


a) Publication by the EU:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/international/trade/agreements_en.htm

“2005 /22” is the “*COMMISSION DECISION No 2/2004 OF THE JOINT VETERINRA COMMITTEE SET UP UNDER THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE SWISS CONFEDERATION ON TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS of 9december 2004 amending Appendices 1,2,3,4,5,6 and 11 to annex 11 to the Agreement (2005/22/EC)*”

PS: The reference to “2005 /22” has become established; but it would “also not be incorrect” to refer to another “tracking decision of the bilateral agreements” such as “**2010/797**”:

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[Decision no 1/2010 of the Joint Veterinary Committee set up by the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation](#)  on trade in agricultural products of 1 December 2010 regarding the amendment of appendices 1, 2, 5, 6, 10 and 11 to annex 11 to the agreement (**2010/797/EU**)

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2 . Paragraph 11 of Part B, ‘Special rules and procedures for implementation’, of Chapter I, ‘Bovine animals and swine’, of Appendix 2 to Annex 11 to the Agriculture Agreement is replaced by the following:

‘11. Bovine animals and swine traded between the Member States of the European Union and Switzerland shall be accompanied by health certificates in accordance with the models set out in Annex F to Directive 64/432/EEC. The following adaptations shall apply:

- Model 1: in section C, the certifications are adapted as follows:
- in point 4, relating to the additional guarantees, the following is added to the indents:
 - “— disease: infectious bovine rhinotracheitis,
- in accordance with Commission Decision 2004/558/EC, which shall apply *mutatis mutandis*;