

The following notice is in substitution for that which appeared on page 11712 and 11713 of The London Gazette dated 17th October 1997:

## MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD

Notice is hereby given that, as provided by Article 4 of the Importation of Animal Products and Poultry Products Order 1980 (as amended), the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and Welsh Office Agriculture Department have with effect from 30th May 1997, issued the following licences, as detailed below.

### A. Revoked Licence

#### Licence No:

- (A) TAY/GEN/97/571 (in England)  
(B) WOAD/GEN/97/31 (in Wales)

**Subject:** Petfood (heat treated in hermetically sealed containers).

**Country of Origin:** Argentina, Australia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Cyprus (see note 1), Czech Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Kenya, Namibia, New Zealand, Paraguay, Poland, Romania, South Africa, Swaziland, Switzerland, Thailand, United States of America, Uruguay, Zimbabwe.

### New General Licence

#### Licence No:

- (A) TAY/GEN/97/938 (in England)  
(B) WOAD/GEN/97/80 (in Wales)

**Subject:** Petfood (heat treated in hermetically sealed containers).

**Country of Origin:** Argentina, Australia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Cyprus (see note 1), Czech Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Kenya, Namibia, New Zealand, Paraguay, Poland, Romania, South Africa, Swaziland, Switzerland, Thailand, United States of America, Uruguay, Zimbabwe.

### Conditions attached to this Licence:

1. Each consignment must be accompanied by a certificate in accordance with the terms of Commission Decision 94/309/EC concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for import of certain petfoods containing low-risk animal materials (taken under Council Directive 92/118/EEC), signed by a duly authorised veterinary officer of the Government of the exporting country stating:

- details of consignment (species of animal, nature of packaging, number of parts or packages, net weight);
- address and veterinary registration number of the approved or registered establishment;
- destination of petfood (place of loading, country and place of destination, means of transport, number of the seal if appropriate) names and addresses of consignor and consignee).

### 2. Health Attestation:

I, the undersigned official veterinarian, certify that the petfood described above:

- has been subject to heat treatment to a minimum  $F_0$  value of 3.0 in hermetically sealed containers;
- was analysed by a random sampling of at least five containers from each processed batch by laboratory diagnostic methods to ensure adequate heat treatment of the whole consignment as foreseen under (a);
- was produced by:
  - (\*) using ruminant protein
  - (\*) was produced without using ruminant protein
  - (\*) delete as appropriate
- was not produced from:

- animals kept for agricultural production, which died but were not slaughtered, including stillborn and unborn animals, and without prejudice to instances of emergency slaughtering for reasons of welfare, farm animals which have died in transit;
- animals which were killed in the context of disease control measures either on the farm or in any other place designated by the competent authority;
- animal waste including blood originating from animals which showed, during the veterinary inspection carried out at the time of slaughtering, clinical signs of diseases communicable to man or other animals;
- those parts of an animal slaughtered in the normal way which were not presented for post mortem inspection, with

the exception of hides, skins, hooves, feathers, wool, horns, blood and similar products;

- meat, poultry meat, fish, game and foodstuffs of animal origin which were spoiled;
- animals, fresh meat, poultry meat, fish, game and meat and milk products, which in the course of the inspections provided for in Community legislation failed to comply with the veterinary requirements for their importation into the Community;
- animal waste containing residues of substances which posed a danger to human or animal health and milk, meat or products of animal origin rendered unfit for human consumption by the presence of such residues;
- fish or offal from fish which was excluded from human consumption because of clinical signs of an infectious disease;

unless the above-mentioned animal protein has been subjected to the following heat treatment process in a plant registered and approved in accordance with Council Directive 90/667/EEC<sup>(1)</sup>:

heating to at least 133°C throughout its substance for a minimum of 20 minutes at a pressure of 3 bars, with a particle size prior to processing of not more than 5 cm<sup>(6)</sup>;

or

in case of non-mammalian protein, according to the system laid down in Chapter . . . .<sup>(7)</sup> of Commission Decision 92/562/EC<sup>(6)</sup>

and the random sample complies with the following standards:<sup>(2)</sup>

- *clostridium perfringens*: absence in 1g<sup>(3)</sup>,
- *salmonella*: absence in 25 g, n = 5, c = 0, m = 0, M = 0<sup>(4)</sup>,
- *enterobacteriaceae*: n = 5, c = 2, m = 10, M = 3 × 10<sup>2</sup> on 1g<sup>(4)</sup>;

(e) has undergone all precautions to avoid recontamination with pathogenic agents after treatment;

3. The certificate required above must be the original certificate except in the case of products entering Great Britain via another Member State which, in accordance with Article 10 of Council Directive 90/675/EEC<sup>(5)</sup>, must be accompanied by a copy of the original certificate authenticated by and provided by the official veterinarian at the border inspection post of entry into the Community, together with a document signed by the official veterinarian at the border inspection post of entry to the Community confirming that the veterinary checks have been carried out to his or her satisfaction. However in the case of products transported by air or sea which have been transhipped in a port or airport in another Member State and which, in accordance with Article 8.4 of Council Directive 90/675/EEC have not been subject to veterinary checks in that Member State, the certificate must be the original certificate.

4. All consignments of products to which this licence refers are subject to the terms of the Products of Animal Origin (Import and Export) Regulations 1996, and any material imported under this licence shall be made available, if so required, for inspection and/or sampling by an officer of the Ministry at a place nominated by him/her for such inspection and/or sampling. In the case of consignments which enter Great Britain via another Member State, the provisions of Regulation 13 of the above Regulations in particular shall apply. The importer or his agent shall afford all assistance necessary to such an officer to enable him/her to carry out the inspection and/or sampling in such a manner as he/she shall determine and the importer shall be responsible for meeting any costs of carrying out such an inspection and/or sampling.

### Footnotes:

(1) Laying down the veterinary rules for the disposal and processing of animal waste, for its placing on the market and for the prevention of pathogens in feedstuffs of animal or fish origin and amending Directive 90/425/EEC (OJ No. 363, 27.12.90, p.51).

(2) where.

n = number of units comprising the sample;  
m = threshold value for the number of bacteria; the result is satisfactory if the number of bacteria in all sample units does not exceed m;

M = maximum value for the number of bacteria; the result is considered unsatisfactory if the number of bacteria in one or more sample units is M or more;

c = number of sample units the bacterial count of which may be between m and M, the sample still being considered acceptable if the bacterial count of the other sample units is m or less.