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Communication from Austria

The following communication, dated 7 October 1993, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Austria.

In order to prevent the introduction of foot-and-mouth disease into Austria and in line with Article XX(b) of the General Agreement, the Federal Minister for Health, Sports and Consumer Protection has prohibited the importation of living biungulates (cattle, sheep, goats, pigs), their semen, ova and embryos originating in or consigned from the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Slovenia, Estonia, Latvia, Poland and Lithuania.

This import prohibition does not apply to consignments accompanied by official certificates of origin and health of an authorized veterinary surgeon of the exporting country testifying that they have passed a serological test for antibodies against foot-and-mouth disease and that they have been separated from other biungulates for at least 15 days before leaving the exporting country. Slaughtering cattle must bear an indelible red stamp on their heads.

The importation as well as the transit of all biungulates cited above, their semen, ova and embryos originating in or consigned from the former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia is prohibited without any exception.

This ordinance entered into force on 12 August 1993.