LETTER

OF THE CHIEF STATE VETERINARY INSPECTOR OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION NO. 13-8-01/2730 OF MARCH 26, 2001

ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE IMPORTATION AND OF ALL TYPES OF TRANSIT FROM THE TERRITORY OF ALL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES (INCLUDING THE COUNTRIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, EASTERN EUROPE AND THE BALTIC COUNTRIES, EXCEPT FOR THE CIS COUNTRIES) OF LIVE ANIMALS, MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS, MILK AND DAIRY PRODUCTS, FISH AND FISH PRODUCTS, INCLUDING FINISHED GOODS OF ALL TYPES, AND ALSO LIVESTOCK RAW MATERIAL AND FEEDING STUFFS (WITH AMENDMENTS AND ADDENDA OF APRIL 9, 20, 28 AND OF MAY 18, 21, 25, 2001)

In connection with the further sizable spread of the foot-and-mouth disease in the countries of the European Union and with the danger of its delivery to the territory of the Russian Federation I order:

- 1. To prohibit, pending special directives, the importation from the territory of all European Countries (including the countries of the European Union, Eastern Europe and the Baltic Countries, save the CIS countries) of live animals, meat and meat products, milk and dairy products, fish and fish products, including finished goods of all types, and also livestock raw material and feeding stuffs.
- **2.** Shipment of fish and fish products to the said countries is permitted only from the finishing arrears without the calling of ships at ports or their transshipment in ports.
- **3.** To ban the transit of all types of livestock cargoes from the European countries, including the countries of the European Union, Eastern Europe and the Baltic Countries, and also across their territory the transit of cargoes from third countries.
- **4.** The question of the delivery from the European countries of meat and meat products, milk and dairy products, livestock raw material and feeding stuffs shipped before the introduction of the official ban is to be settled by the zonal administrations of the State Veterinary Supervision on the state border of the Russian Federation and in transport for each concrete batch with an eye to the date of procurement and the place of exit of cargo, the countries of transit and the type of transportation.

The delivery of products originating from the countries of the European Union where cases of the foot-and-mouth disease were registered shall be agreed upon with the veterinary department. Samples of the meat of susceptible animals shall be sent for laboratory control in the All-Russia Scientific Institute of Animal Protection and, depending on its results, shall be forwarded for industrial processing with the application of heat treatment. Feeding stuffs for the animals susceptible to the foot-and-mouth disease shall be used after thermal treatment. Tare and packing shall be annihilated.

5. The question of changing restriction measures will be considered by the veterinary department to the extent of the stabilisation of the situation with foot-and-mouth disease in concrete European countries.

The present Letter was amended by the following documents:

<u>Letter</u> of the Chief State Veterinary Inspector of the Russian Federation No. 13-8-01/4600 of May 25, 2001

<u>Letter</u> of the Chief State Veterinary Inspector of the Russian Federation No. 13-81/4599 of May 25, 2001

<u>Letter</u> of the Chief State Veterinary Inspector of the Russian Federation No. 13-8-01/4435 of May 21, 2001

<u>Letter</u> of the Chief State Veterinary Inspector of the Russian Federation No. 13-8-01/4513 of May 21, 2001

Letter of the Chief State Veterinary Inspector of the Russian Federation No. 13-8-01/4400 of

May 18, 2001

<u>Letter</u> of the Chief State Veterinary Inspector of the Russian Federation No. 13-8-01/3850 of April 28, 2001

<u>Letter</u> of the Chief State Veterinary Inspector of the Russian Federation No. 13-8-01/3600 of April 20, 2001

<u>Letter</u> of the Chief State Veterinary Inspector of the Russian Federation No. 13-08-01/3174 of April 9, 2001

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