

**ORDER OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION NO. 677 OF  
DECEMBER 29, 2007 ON THE APPROVAL OF THE RULES FOR THE ORGANISATION OF  
VETERINARY SUPERVISION OVER THE IMPORTATION, PROCESSING, STORAGE, CARRIAGE  
AND REALISATION OF IMPORTED MEAT AND RAW MEAT MATERIALS**

For the purpose of perfecting the normative legal regulation of relations in the sphere of veterinary medicine and in accordance with Item 5.2.11 of the Regulations on the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation approved by Decision of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 164 of March 24, 2006 (Sobraniye Zakonodatelstva Rossiyskoy Federatsii, 2006, No. 14, item 1543; 2007, No. 14, item 1702; No. 46, item 5576) I hereby order the following:

1. To approve the annexed Rules for the Organisation of Veterinary Supervision over the Importation, Processing, Storage, Carriage and Realisation of Imported Meat and Raw Meat Materials.

2. To invalidate:

Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of Russia No. 207 of December 12, 2005 on the Approval of the Procedure for the Organisation of Veterinary Supervision over the Re-Addressing of Imported Raw Meat Materials Intended for Industrial Processing and/or for Feed to Unproductive Animals (registered by the Ministry of Justice of Russia on December 29, 2005, registration No. 7328);

Veterinary-Sanitary Rules for the Use and Processing of Imported Meat and Meat Products approved by the Acting Chief State Veterinary Inspector of the Russian Federation on July 13, 1994 No. 13-7-2/129 (registered by the Ministry of Justice of Russia on August 25, 1994, registration No. 668).

Minister

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Registered with the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation on March 19, 2008.  
Registration No. 11359

**Annex**

**Rules for the Organisation of Veterinary Supervision over the Importation, Processing, Storage,  
Carriage and Realisation of Imported Meat and Raw Meat Materials**

**I. General Provisions**

1. Rules for the Organisation of Veterinary Supervision over the Importation, Processing, Storage, Carriage and Realisation of Imported Meat and Raw Meat Materials (hereinafter, the cargo) regulate the activity of the Federal Agency for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision (hereinafter, the Rusagricultsupervision) and its territorial bodies (hereinafter, the territorial departments of the Rusagricultsupervision) in carrying out the control-and-supervision authority aimed at ensuring the veterinary, biological and food safety of the Russian Federation.

2. The Rules shall be obligatory for execution by the bodies of state power and also by economic entities importing, processing, storing, carrying and realising the cargo obtained from animals of all types.

3. The importation, processing, storage, carriage and realisation of the cargo may be permitted only to an economic entity which has passed an investigation for conformity to the veterinary-sanitary rules (hereinafter, the investigation).

4. The investigation shall be organised by the territorial department of the Rusagricultsupervision upon application of an economic entity. Such application shall be submitted to the name of the head of the territorial department of the Rusagricultsupervision to whose region of activity it is intended to import the cargo.

5. For conducting the investigation, a commission shall be created by a decision of the head of the territorial department of the Rusagricultsupervision to whose region of activity it is intended to import the cargo.

The commission shall obligatorily include officials of the said territorial department of the Rusagricultsupervision, officials of the body, authorised in the field of veterinary medicine, of executive power of the entity of the Russian Federation to whose territory it is intended to import the cargo, and also an authorised representative of the relevant economic body.

By the results of the investigation there shall be drawn up a report, which shall be approved by the head of the territorial department of the Rusagricultsupervision.

The report shall be drawn up in quadruplicate, one copy of which shall be kept at the Rusagricultsupervision, the second copy at the territorial body of the Rusagricultsupervision, the third copy shall be handed over to the addressee, and the fourth copy shall be transferred to the body, authorised in the field of veterinary medicine, of executive power of the relevant entity of the Russian Federation.

6. On the grounds of the results of the investigations indicated in the report, the Rusagricultsupervision shall take a decision on including the economic entity in the list of economic entities of the Russian Federation having the necessary conditions for storing and/or processing cargoes (hereinafter, the list) or on refusing the inclusion of the investigated economic entity in the list.

7. The list shall be drawn up and kept by the Rusagricultsupervision. The list shall be kept on a paper and electronic carriers. The list shall be kept on the official Internet site of the Ministry of Agriculture of Russia <http://www.mcx.ru>.

## **II. Procedure for the Organisation of Veterinary Supervision over the Importation, Processing, Storage, Carriage and Realisation of the Cargo**

8. The cargo shall be imported into the territory of the Russian Federation in accordance with Article 9 of Law of the Russian Federation No. 4979-1 of May 14, 1993 on Veterinary Medicine (Vedomosti Syezda Narodnykh Deputatov i Verkhovnogo Soveta Rossiyskoy Federatsii, 1993, No. 24, item 857; Sobraniye Zakonodatelstva Rossiyskoy Federatsii, 2002, No. 1, item 2; 2004, No. 27, item 2711; No. 35, item 3607; 2005, No. 19, item 1752; 2006, No. 1, item 10; 2007, No. 1, item 29; No. 30, item 3805) by a written permit of the Chief State Veterinary Inspector of the Russian Federation.

9. In case of revelation, at checkpoints on the State Border of the Russian Federation or at points of the customs clearance, of a cargo accompanied by veterinary accompanying documents not conforming to the requirements set to their drawing up, then the decision on the possibility of the importation or return of the cargo shall be taken by an official authorised by the head of the relevant territorial department of the Rusagricultsupervision.

10. In case of revelation, at checkpoints on the State Border of the Russian Federation or at points of the customs clearance, of a cargo not conforming to the requirements of the legislation of the Russian Federation in the field of veterinary medicine, then the decision on its return or on the fitness of the cargo for use, including on the possibility of changing the conditions of use indicated in the permit for importation, shall be taken by the Rusagricultsupervision.

11. In case of receipt, by a checkpoint on the State Border of the Russian Federation or by a point of the customs clearance, of a cargo from countries (or regions of countries) in whose respect certain restrictions have been introduced in connection with their epizootic problems, or in case of revelation in a cargo of prohibited chemical or biological substances, then the decision on the return of the cargo or on the possibility of its importation and the conditions of the further use shall be taken by the Rusagricultsupervision.

12. Importation of meat of mechanical boning, additional boning, and meat trimmings from heads, tongues and gullets obtained from agricultural animals (including CC FEA codes 0201, 0202, 0203, 0206, 0207, 1501) shall be permissible only on condition of their obligatory processing stipulating, among other things, heat treatment at a temperature not lower than 72°C during at least 30 minutes.