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### **Pre-notification of transhipped consignments subject to veterinary checks at in the port of Hamburg**

Dear Sir and Madam

According to Article 3 (3) of Directive 97/78/EC<sup>1</sup> and Article 2 (1) of Regulation (EC) No. 134/2004<sup>2</sup> an advanced notification for consignments of animal products subject to veterinary checks<sup>3</sup> has to be submitted to the veterinary border inspection post (BIP) at the first port of introduction. This advanced notification is also required for consignments of animal origin which are transhipped to another port and has to include amongst others an adequate product description of the arriving goods. The principles and conditions of the veterinary transshipment procedure are laid down in the Articles 9 and 11 No. 2 letter b of Directive 97/78/EC and Decision of Commission 2011/215/EU<sup>4</sup>.

From the 01 January 2013 the BIP Hamburg port will perform the control of the transshipment procedure and manifest control by electronic means via the Import message platform (IMP). Therefore the complete transmission of the manifest data to IMP by shipping companies will be acknowledged by the veterinary authority as valid pre-notification for consignments in transshipment providing that all consignments of animal products originating in or consigned from third countries are notified with the four digit code of the harmonised system (HS-Code). In this case no further notification to the BIP is required and the veterinary clearance is exclusively performed in IMP. Similarly these shipping companies are not obliged anymore to send any manifest data to the BIP.

Shipping companies which do not transmit the manifest data including the HS-Code to IMP have to carry on submitting an entire transshipment notification and manifest data by electronic means to the BIP Hamburg port and will be charged an additional administrative fee in the future.

With best regards

Dr. Ute Gramm

<sup>1</sup> Council Directive 97/78/EC of 18 December 1997 laying down the principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries (EU OJ L 24, 30.01.1998, p. 9)

<sup>2</sup> Commission Regulation (EC) No. 136/2004 of 22 January 2004 laying down procedures for veterinary checks at Community border inspection posts on products imported from third countries (EU OJ L 21, 28.01.2004, p. 11)

<sup>3</sup> Products specified in Commission Decision 2007/275/EC of 17 April 2007 concerning lists of animals and products to be subject to controls at border inspection posts under Council Directives 91/496/EEC and 97/78/EC (EU OJ L 11, 04.05.2007, p. 9)

<sup>4</sup> Commission Implementing Decision 2011/215/EU of 4 April 2011 implementing Council Directive 97/78/EC as regard transshipment at the border inspection post of introduction consignments of products intended for import into the Union or for third countries (EU OJ L 90, 06.04.2011, p. 50)