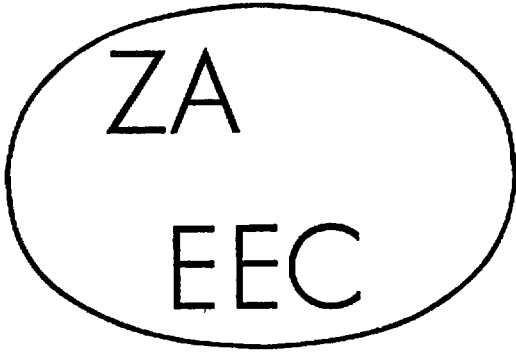


For meat products: a stamp or label in the form set out below:



The Certificates will be completed by the insertion of the number of the establishment.
The size of the stamp may be reduced provided that the proportion of the size of the oval and letter and figure heights is maintained.



In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 17th October 1980.

J. W. Hepburn, Assistant Secretary
J. I. Davies, Assistant Secretary, Welsh Office.

NOTE. Imports of uncooked meat and meat products from certain countries are restricted, and in some cases prohibited, on animal health grounds by the Importation of Animal Products and Poultry products Order 1980. The recognition of an Official Certificate for public health purposes does not give exemption from such restrictions or prohibitions.

15th October 1980 (9 SI)

The following notice is in substitution for that which appeared on page 13741 of the London Gazette dated 2nd October 1980.

THE IMPORTED FOOD REGULATIONS 1968 (AS AMENDED)

Argentina: Official Certificate

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State for Wales acting jointly give notice that in exercise of the powers conferred on them by the Imported Food Regulations 1968 (SI 1968 No. 97), as amended by the Imported Food (Amendment) Regulations 1973 and 1979 (SI 1973 No. 1351 and SI 1979 No. 1426) and the Transfer of Functions (Wales) (No. 1) Order 1978 (SI 1978 No. 272) they hereby recognise, subject to the conditions hereinafter set out, the Official Certificates of which particulars are given in the Schedule hereto as showing:

- (a) that the meat to which they relate or the meat from which the meat product to which they relate was prepared, was derived from mammals inspected before and after death in the country of origin of the meat and passed in accordance with criteria satisfactory to the Minister; and
 - (b) that the dressing, packing and other preparation of the meat or the meat product was carried out with all necessary precautions for the prevention of danger to health.
1. Recognition of the Official Certificate is extended to include:
 - Carcases or portions of carcasses comprising recognisable wholesale or retail cuts, with or without bone, which contain no associated lymphatic glands or from which any pleura, peritoneum or lymphatic gland has been removed.
 2. The said certificates are recognised subjected to the following conditions:
 - (a) This recognition applies to the importation of meat and meat products from Argentina.

- (b) Where the Official Certificates are in the form of labels, the recognition will apply only if the labels are securely affixed to the meat or the meat product and the package containing the meat or meat product, and if the labels have not on any other occasion been used as Official Certificates.
- (c) Where the Official Certificates are in the form of stamps, the recognition will apply only if the stamps are clearly impressed or otherwise marked on the meat or the meat product and the package containing the meat product.
- (d) Recognition of the Official Certificates is restricted to the extent indicated in the Schedule to the notice published in the London Gazette dated 21st February 1980.

The notices published in the London Gazette dated 30th November 1976 and 1st April 1980 are hereby revoked.

SCHEDULE

For meat and meat products (including horsemeat and horsemeat products) and edible fats: the Official Certificate shall consist of either:

- (a) A stamp or label of the following design:



The Certificate will be completed by the insertion of the establishment number; or

- (b) An oval mark 6.5 cm. wide by 4.5 cm. high. The following information must appear on the mark in perfectly legible characters:

On the upper part, ARGENTINA in capitals, or, if appropriate, the set of initials approved under the International Convention on Motor Vehicle Registration viz: RA.

In the centre, the veterinary approval number of the slaughterhouse.

The letters must be 0.8 cm. high and the figures 1 cm. high. The seal may include an indication of the official veterinarian who carried out the health inspection.

For canned meat products, a stamp of the following design:



The Certificate will be completed by the insertion of the establishment number.



In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 10th September 1980.

J. W. Hepburn, Assistant Secretary
J. I. Davies, Assistant Secretary, Welsh Office

NOTE. Imports of uncooked meat and meat products from certain countries are restricted, and in some cases prohibited on animal health grounds by the Importation of Animal Products and Poultry Products Order 1980. The recognition of an Official Certificate for public health purposes does not give exemption from such restrictions or prohibitions.

5th September 1980. (12 SI)