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A. Letter from the Government of New Zealand

Brussels, 17 December 1996

Sir,

With reference to the Agreement between the European Community and New Zealand on sanitary measures applicable to trade in live animals and animal products, I have the honour to propose to you that the European Community and New Zealand apply the provisions concerning veterinary checks and fees provided for in Articles 10 and 11 (together with Annex VIII) on a provisional basis with effect from 1 January 1997.

I have the further honour to propose that all existing health certification conditions applicable as at 31 December 1996 to trade in live animals and animal products laid down in the European Community veterinary legislation and relevant New Zealand legislation continue to apply until the entry into force of the Agreement in conformity with the provisions of the second subparagraph of Article 18 (1) thereof. I should be obliged if you would confirm the European Community's agreement to such provisional application of the Agreement.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Government of New Zealand

B. Letter from the European Community

Brussels, 17 December 1996

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date, which reads as follows:

'With reference to the Agreement between the European Community and New Zealand on sanitary measures applicable to trade in live animals and animal products, I have the honour to propose to you that the European Community and New Zealand apply the provisions concerning veterinary checks and fees provided for in Articles 10 and 11 (together with Annex VIII) on a provisional basis with effect from 1 January 1997.

I have the further honour to propose that all existing health certification conditions applicable as at 31 December 1996 to trade in live animals and animal products laid down in the European Community veterinary legislation and relevant New Zealand legislation continue to apply until the entry into force of the Agreement in conformity with the provisions of the second subparagraph of Article 18 (1) thereof. I should be obliged if you would confirm the European Community's agreement to such provisional application of the Agreement.'

I have the honour to confirm the agreement of the European Community to the terms of your letter.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

On behalf of the Council of the European Union