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By virtue of Article 28, paragraph 1, of the Veterinary Law ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro" No. 11/04),

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Water Management enacts this

ORDINANCE

ON UNDERTAKING THE MEASURES TO PREVENT INTRODUCTION OF THE ANIMAL INFECTIOUS DISEASE BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY (BSE) IN THE REPUBLIC OF MONTENEGRO

Article 1

With the aim of preventing the introduction and appearance of the infectious animal disease Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (hereinafter: BSE) and Other Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies in animals (hereinafter TSEs) in the Republic of Montenegro, the following measures are being undertaken:

The following shipments are not allowed:

- 1) Live bovine animals;
- 2) Products, raw materials and wastes of bovine origin;
- 3) Embryos and fertilized ova for fertilization of bovine animals;
- 4) Animal feed containing ingredients of animal origin (meat meal, meat and bone meal, bone and meat meal, bone meal, blood meal, liver meal, and other animal feed additives originating from ruminants), and animal feed containing ingredients originating from ruminants;
- 5) Medicaments and vitamins for veterinary purposes, containing the ingredients originating from ruminants;
- 6) Raw materials and products used for consumption or in cosmetics containing the ingredients originating from ruminants, or other material by way of which BSE is transmittable;
- 7) Humanitarian aid and donations in the shipments referred to in items 1-6 of this

Imports may also be banned from other countries which, according to the rules of the International Organization for Animal Health

Control, Monitoring, and Diagnostic Examination, and completion of the process of identifying and registering the animals of such category;

- 10) Meat of the bovine animals weighing 450-550 kg, with 24 months of age, exclusively in quarters, from the animals which, after the inspection before slaughter and after slaughter, and testing for BSE, were assessed as healthy, and the meat which, after the inspection, was assessed as safe for human consumption without limitation, with mandatory negative findings of the testing for BSE.

Article 5

Importation of shipments referred to in Article 4 items 3), 4), 5), 6), and 7) of this Ordinance may be allowed provided the raw materials and products in the shipment originate from the animals which were assessed, after the inspection before slaughter and after testing for BSE, as healthy and the meat and organs of which were assessed, after the inspection, as safe for human consumption, and if the raw materials and products in the shipment were subjected to a suitable technological procedure of production, specifically:

a) Bovine hide treated according to the following procedure:

- Alkali treatment in a solution of calcium base at pH 12 to 13 during at least eight hours with sodium sulfide or diluted sodium hydroxide, followed by treatment in the acid pH 1 to 3 during at least six to ten hours;
- Brined for at least seven days in sea salt to which 2% sodium carbonate was added;
- Dried for 42 days at the temperature of 20 °C;

b) Parts of bovine hide treated according to the following procedure:

- Alkali treatment in a solution of calcium base at pH 12 to 13, for at least eight hours with sodium sulfide or diluted sodium hydroxide;

v) Collagen and collagen products made from bovine hide and in the procedure that includes the following phases:

- Alkali treatment in a solution of calcium base at pH 12-13, for at least 8 hours with sodium sulfide or diluted sodium hydroxide;
- Neutralization;
- Extraction with the acid at pH 0.8 for at least 6 hours at room temperature, or other appropriate treatment in the interval of up to pH of maximum 3.3 at least 48 hours at room temperature;
- Drying at the temperature of at least 80 °C;

g) Tallow produced by hot process at the temperature of 130 °C to 140 °C at least 30 minutes under the pressure of 3 bars. Products from tallow must be hydrolyzed at the temperature of at least 250 °C;

- Tallow fat and fat products must be filtrated in production;

d) Food for pets, if containing proteins originating from ruminants, must be treated and produced in the facilities other than those intended for wastes production, unless

containing bovine tissue originating from the countries listed under the Category 4, in the table constituting an integral part of this Ordinance.

Raw materials originating from bovine animals more than 24 months old, used for production of hide, parts of hide, collagen and tallow, must be from animals that were, after being tested on BSE, assessed as healthy and safe for human consumption.

Article 6

The treatment process referred to in Article 4 of this Ordinance shall be described and verified in the veterinary certificate accompanying the imported shipment.

Article 7

Importation of the shipments referred to in Article 4, items 8), 9) i 10) of this Ordinance may be allowed only if the requirements laid down in the Codex of the International Organization for Animal Health (OIE) are met, which is to be confirmed in the veterinary certificate issued by the exporting country, and the following measures shall be implemented:

- That bovine animals were calved, raised, and have stayed within the herds with no confirmed cases of BSE in last seven years, and that subsequently introduced bovine animals originate from a herd, or farming estate, with equal status, or that bovine animals were calved after the date on which the implementation began of the ban on feeding the ruminants with the proteins originating from mammals;
- Identification of animals that would enable tracing back to the mother of animal and the herd of origin, and that animals are not the offspring of a female animal which was suspected of BSE;
- That feeding of bovine animals with proteins of animal origin, including meat and bone meal, was banned in last eight years;
- That the exporting country have introduced a system that enables tracing the origin of fresh bovine meat as far back as the production facilities in which it was produced;
- That animals have not been slaughtered after stunning by means of gas injected into the cranial cavity or immediately killed by the same method or slaughtered by laceration after stunning of central nervous tissue by means of an elongated rod-shaped instrument introduced into the cranial cavity;
- Implementation of active program of testing on BSE;
- Introduction a referential laboratory for massive testing on BSE;
- Quarantine;
- Safe disposal of animal carcasses in accordance with regulations.

Importation of shipments referred to in Article 4 of this Ordinance may be allowed if the animals originate from the countries listed in the Exhibit 1 that was printed together with this Ordinance and constitutes an integral part thereof, specifically from Categories 1, 2, and 3.

Article 8

For importation of animals referred to in Article 4 item 9) of this Ordinance, it is necessary to provide the following:

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Article 10

In addition to the measures referred to in Article 1-4 of this Ordinance, the following measures shall be implemented:

- 1) Systematic monitoring of the epizootiological situation of BSE and other TSEs worldwide and the measures the competent authorities in other countries take with

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Signed by the Minister,
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