

DG(SANCO)/8060/2006**Comments by the Faroese veterinary authorities to the “Draft Report of a Mission to the Faroe Islands from 2 to 5 May Concerning Import Controls and Border Inspection Posts”****2. Objectives and Scope of the Mission***Table, p2, Entry points*

It is suggested that Fuglafjørður and Vágur are approved as inspection centres (IC), not as border inspection posts. The BIP control staff at Fuglafjørður and Vágur is the same as at BIP Kollafjørður.

4. Background*Text, p 2*

“... veterinary checks are also carried out at nationally approved BIPs at Vágur port and at Fuglafjørður port” ought to be changed to:

“... veterinary checks are also carried out at nationally approved inspection centres (ICs) at Vágur port and at Fuglafjørður port”.

Table, p 3, Approval categories

The approval categories ought to be changed to:

BIP Kollafjørður:	HC-T(2), NHC(2)
IC Fuglafjørður:	HC-T(FR)(1)(2)(3), NHC-T(FR)(1)(2)(3)
IC Vágur:	HC-T(FR)(1)(2)(3), NHC-T(FR)(1)(2)(3)

5.1.3 Staff and trainingFirst section, p 3

“At central level - VD - one veterinarian, the CVO, deals with all veterinary issues, ...” the following changed should be made:

“At central level – VD – one veterinarian, the CVO, and one jurist (batch. jur.) deals with all veterinary issues, ...”

Third section, p 3

“The veterinarian and one fish inspector participated at ...” the following changes should be made:

“The veterinarian and fish inspectors have received on the job training at BIPs in Denmark, and the veterinarian and one fish inspector participated at ...”

5.2.1 Transposition, effectiveness and speed of application of EU legislationSecond section, p 4, Danish version of the report

“Lov nr. 16 af 23. februar 2001 om dyresygdomme (om forebyggelse og udryddelse af dyresygdomme og om grænsekontrol af dyr og animalske produkter) er det færøske ...” the following translation should be used:

”Lagtingslov nr. 16 af 23. februar 2001 om dyresygdomme (om forebyggelse og bekæmpelse af dyresygdomme og om grænsekontrol af dyr og animalske produkter) er det færøske ...”

Comments:

- The term ”Act” is translated ”Lagtingslov” when it concerns acts passed by the Faroese Parliament (Lagtinget).

- In Danish veterinary legislation the term “bekæmpelse” – combat in English – is used for the English term “eradication”.

Fifth section, p 4

“The Faroe Islands do not apply Council Regulation” the following should be added:
 “The Faroese Parliament (Løgting) and Government (Landsstýri) have not ratified the CITES Convention. The Veterinary Department has asked the Faroese Foreign Department (Uttanríkisdeildin) for the Faroese position concerning ratification of the CITES Convention. The Faroe Islands do not apply Council Regulation”

Tenth section, p 4

“,, unloading of consignments, including POAO, at any port of the Faeroe Islands, their transport to the place of destination on the Faeroe Islands and their customs clearance at this place.” the following change should be made:

“... unloading of consignments, including POAO, at any port of the Faeroe Islands, but according to national veterinary legislation POAO are only allowed to be imported via the BIP in Kollafjørður and for fishery products also via the ICs in Fuglafjørður and Vágur.”

5.2.3 Databases and distribution of documentation/informations

First section, p 5

“...The FVEA and the three nationally approved BIPs are connected to the national database “Doculive“ to register consignments. ...” the following changes should be made:
 “... The FVEA and the one BIP and two IC nationally approved are connected to the national database “Doculive“ to register consignments. ...”

5.4.2. Non-commercial pet animals

Frst sentence in first section, p 8

“For movements of non-commercial pet animals (including birds) to Faeroe Islands national legislation is applicable. An agreement exists between ...” should be replaced by the following for clarification:

“The Faroese legislation concerning pet animals is laid down in Departmental Order No 15 of 7 April 2004 on import of dogs, cats and other pet animals¹ and in Departmental Order No 14 of 7 April 2004 on import of exotic animals².

Dept. Order No 15 includes mammals, birds, reptilian, amphibian, fishes and invertebrates that are kept as pet animals. The conditions for import include:

- Import of pet animals is only allowed for people resident in the Faroe Islands with exceptions for guiding dogs and police dogs. Tourists are not allowed to bring with them pet animals during visits to the Faroe Islands.
- For all pet animals a health certificate issued by a veterinarian and legalized by an official veterinarian no earlier than 48 hours before departure. The EU passport for pet animals is accepted.
- Dogs shall be ear-taged or chip-taged and vaccinated against rabies, canine distemper, infectious canine hepatitis, parainfluenzavirus, parvovirus and leptospirosis no later than one month and no earlier than 1 year before the import, and treated against *Eccinococcus* spp. and other endo- and exoparasites no earlier than one week before the import.

¹ Kunngerð nr. 15 frá 7. apríl 2004 um innflutning av hundum, kettum og øðrum kelidýrum.

² Kunngerð nr. 14 frá 7. apríl 2004 um innflutning av eksotiskum dýrum.

- Cats shall be vaccinated against rabies, feline panleukemia, feline viral rhinotracheitis and feline calicivirus no later than one month and no earlier than 1 year before the import, and treated against parasites as for dogs.

According to Dept. Order No 14 it is not allowed to import exotic animals that can be a threat to the Faroese fauna and flora if they escape from captivity. The import of ferrets will be forbidden due to the possible threaten to the Faroese bird cliffs.

An agreement exists between ...”

5.7.1. Supervision, inspections and reporting

First section, p 9

“There is no system for supervision of the nationally approved BIPs in place. ...” the following change should be made:

“There is no system for supervision of the nationally approved BIP/ICs in place. ...”

5.7.4. Outcome and follow up of controls on non-commercial pet animals

Second section, p 9

“In accordance with national legislation, dogs or cats which do not fulfil the import requirements can be sent to the country of origin, put under quarantine, treated or euthanatized.” the following change should be made:

“In accordance with national legislation, dogs or cats which do not fulfil the import requirements can be sent to the country of origin, put under quarantine, treated or euthanatized on the costs of the owner.”

5.8.2. A layout has been submitted for the planned BIP facilities for “E” at Tórshavn which was evaluated as follows:

After section 5, p 10

The following could be added:

“CCA has after the mission forwarded to FVO a revised layout for the IC for horses in Tórshavn Harbour witch has been approved by FVO (D(2006) 651007 of 03.07.2006).”

7. Closing meeting

Second section, p 12, the

”... from the responsible State Secretary to increase the human resources at the CCA.” the following change should be made:

“... from the responsible State Secretary in the Ministry of Trade and Industry to increase the human resources at the CCA.”

Second section, p 12, Danish version of the report

“... og at den ansvarlige landsstyremand allerede har reageret positivt med hensyn til at øge de menneskelige ressourcer på KCM-niveau.” the following change should be made:

”... og at den ansvarlige generaldirektør i Handels- og Erhvervsministeriet allerede har reageret positivt med hensyn til at øge de menneskelige ressourcer på KCM-niveau.”

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