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I

AMBASCIATA D'ITALIA²

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Decree of 3rd May, 1956, by the Commissioner for Hygiene and Public Health of the Government of Italy, regarding the sanitary inspection of meats to be imported into Italy, and to subsequent negotiations which have taken place between representatives of our two Governments, and to record hereunder the agreement reached in this matter :

1. If each of the following conditions is complied with, the Italian Government will permit the importation into Italy of frozen boneless meat exported from Australia :

- (a) the meat has come from cattle which—
- (i) are not less than 21 days of age;
 - (ii) have not been slaughtered for emergency purposes;
 - (iii) are in good state of nutrition; and
 - (iv) are healthy and free from infectious diseases at the time of veterinary inspection, both before and after slaughter;
- (b) The meat is fit for human consumption in every respect and does not contain preservatives or colouring materials or other substances injurious to health;
- (c) The meat has come from slaughterhouses approved by the Commonwealth Government, in which the entire slaughtering and dressing process is under the direct control of appropriate Government Veterinary Service;
- (d) The meat has been prepared for shipment according to the regulations of the Commonwealth Government relating to food hygiene;
- (e) The meat is packed in sealed parcels and protected by suitable wrappings in order to avoid any contamination from outside, each parcel carrying a tab bearing—

- (i) a reproduction of the veterinary inspection stamp or health seal;
- (ii) an indication, either technical or commercial, of pieces contained therein which must be derived from quarters;
- (iii) an indication of the class of animal from which the parts originate; and

¹ Came into force on 12 February 1959 by the exchange of the said notes.

² Embassy of Italy.

(iv) the month of slaughter, indicated by the following cypher letters for the years 1958 and 1959 :

<i>Year</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Cypher</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Cypher</i>
1958	January	F	1958	October	P
	February	G		November	Q
	March	H		December	R
	April	J	1959	January	S
	May	K		February	T
	June	L		March	U
	July	M		April	V
	August	N		May	W
	September	O		June	Y

and by cypher letters to be agreed upon for subsequent years;

(f) Each shipment is accompanied by bi-lingual (English-Italian) certificates of origin and health issued by Government Veterinary Authorities, in the form attached hereto.¹

2. Any meat which on veterinary inspection after arrival in Italy does not comply with the afore-mentioned conditions, or is not in an excellent state of preservation, may, should it not be possible otherwise to dispose of it, on the order of the Italian Health Authorities, be destroyed or transformed to non-edible industrial use or otherwise disposed of for use other than foodstuff.

3. The Italian Health Authorities may from time to time send veterinary officers to Australia in order to inspect technical and health operations inherent in the preparation of meat for export to Italy.

If the foregoing is also the understanding of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, I have the honour to propose that this letter and your confirmatory reply thereto should be deemed to constitute and evidence an Agreement between our two Governments in this matter, effective as from today's date.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

E. PRATO

Canberra, 12th February 1959

The Right Honourable R. G. Casey, C.H., D.S.O., M.C.
Minister
Department of External Affairs
Canberra, A. C. T.

¹ See p. 138 of this volume.

ANNEX

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY

Meat Inspection Service
Servizio di ispezione delle carni

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE FOR FROZEN BONELESS BOVINE MEAT
CERTIFICATO UFFICIALE PER CARNE BOVINA DISSOSSATA E CONGELATA

DESTINED FOR EXPORT TO ITALY
DESTINATA ALL'ESPORTAZIONE IN ITALIA

The undersigned
(name of the Signatory) (nome di chi firma)

Il sottoscritto

a Veterinary Officer, inspector of the
funzionario veterinario, ispettore del macello
meat export slaughterhouse licensed with the consent of the Minister of Primary Industry
approvato dal Ministro dell'Industria Primaria per l'esportazione delle carni, ai sensi
as provided by the Commerce (Meat Export) Regulations, situated in the State of.....
delle disposizioni vigenti sul commercio, situato nello Stato di

CERTIFIES that the frozen boneless bovine meat hereunder described
CERTIFICA che la carne bovina disossata, qui appresso descritta

- 1) *was derived from animals more than 21 days of age, not emergency slaughtered, subjected*
fu ottenuta da animali di età superiore ai 21 giorni, non macellati d'urgenza, sottoposti
to ante and post-mortem veterinary inspection at the time of slaughter and found to be in
alla visita veterinaria ante e post-mortem al momento della macellazione e riconosciuti
a good state of nutrition and healthy and free from infectious diseases;
in buon stato di nutrizione e di salute ed esenti da malattie infettive;
- 2) *has been found to be sound and wholesome and suitable in every way for human consumption*
è stata riconosciuta sana, salubre ed idonea incondizionatamente al consumo umano
and has not been treated with anti-biotics, chemical preservatives, colouring materials or
e non è stata trattata con antibiotici, conservativi chimici, coloranti o con qualsiasi
other foreign substances injurious to health;
altra sostanza dannosa alla salute;
- 3) *has been handled for shipment only in a sanitary manner in accordance with the rules*
è stata preparata per la spedizione in modo igienico e secondo le norme dell'igiene
of food hygiene and has been prepared in parcels containing pieces derived only from
alimentare, ed è stata confezionata in colli contenenti pezzi ottenuti dai soli
quarters.
quarti.

<i>Kind of meat (veal, ox-beef, cow-beef, etc.)</i>	
tipo di carne (vitello, bue, vacca, ecc.)	
<i>Number of parcels</i>	<i>Weight</i>
numero dei colli	Peso
<i>Number of pieces in parcel</i>	<i>Brand or mark</i>
Numero dei pezzi per collo	Bollo o marchio
<i>Consignor</i>	<i>Address</i>
Speditore	Indirizzo
<i>Consignee</i>	<i>Address</i>
Destinatario	Indirizzo
<i>Date</i>	
Data	
	<i>(Signature)</i>
	(Firma)

Veterinary Officer
Government of the Commonwealth of Australia
 [Official Departmental Seal]
 [Bollo ufficiale del Dipartimento]

II

12th February, 1959

Your Excellency,

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

[See note I and annex]

I have the honour to confirm that the foregoing is also the understanding of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, in relation to the agreement reached with respect to the importation of meat into Italy. I also agree to your proposal that your letter and this confirmatory reply should be deemed to constitute and evidence an Agreement between our two Governments in this matter, effective as from today's date.

I have the honour to be, with high consideration,
 Your Excellency's obedient servant,

(Signed) R. G. CASEY
 Minister of State for External Affairs

His Excellency Signor Eugenio Prato
 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Italy
 Embassy of Italy
 Braddon
 Canberra, A. C. T.