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Application of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 884/2014 of 13 August 2014 imposing special conditions governing the import of certain feed and food from certain third countries due to contamination risk by aflatoxins and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1152/2009

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

The Turkish authorities have informed the Commission services that the use of health certificates referring to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 884/2014 have incurred some delay and that currently consignments of dried figs, hazelnuts and pistachios and derived products are still accompanied by a health certificate referring to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1152/2009.

As the only difference is the reference to the Regulation and as the content of the health certificate as provided for in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 884/2014 is not different in substance compared to the health certificate as provided for in Commission Regulation (EC) 1152/2009, **the Commission has accepted that health certificates referring to Regulation (EC) 1152/2009 are acceptable for consignments which are leaving Turkey before 30 September 2014.**

Although there was no specific request from competent authorities of other third countries, this pragmatic approach is also applicable to the other products covered by the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 884/2014.

List of DPE and DPI

The list of DPE and DPI is hereby enclosed.

For the countries for which no list of DPI with contact details has been provided (Bulgaria, The Netherlands and Portugal), DPEs of other Member States shall not allow the identity and physical control to be performed in a DPI of one of these countries as no contact details of the DPI are available to correctly apply the provisions of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 884/2014 (in particular the communication provided for in Article 9(4)).

Only DPE's of these Member States (Bulgaria, The Netherlands and Portugal) may allow the identity and physical control to be performed in a DPI of their country insofar they are informed of all the contact details in order to ensure a correct application of Article 9 (4) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 884/2014.

Almonds from US.

No special conditions apply anymore since 3 September 2014 to almonds from US. There is no legal requirement anymore of EU legislation for consignments of almonds from US to be accompanied by a CED, to be entering the EU via a DPE or to be accompanied by a VASP certificate. The US authorities have informed the Commission that the VASP certificate will be continued to be used, but no consignments of almonds from the US can be refused for entry into the EU because of deficiencies to the VASP certificate or because of absence of a VASP certificate.

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