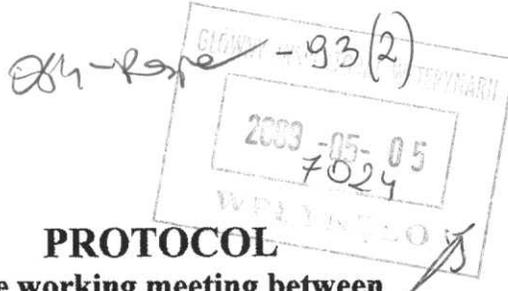


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**PROTOCOL**  
**of the working meeting between**  
**Mrs P. Testori Coggi, Deputy Director General of the Directorate General for**  
**Health and Consumers of the European Commission, and Mr S. A. Dankvert,**  
**head of the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance of the**  
**Russian Federation**

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At this meeting between the Directorate General for Health and Consumers of the European Commission (hereinafter referred to as the European Community side) and the Federal Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance Service of the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to as the Russian side), the issue of safety of milk and dairy products for export from the European Community (EC) Member States to the Russian Federation was discussed and the following was agreed.

Until 1 September 2009, the following set of measures, providing safety of milk and dairy products exported from the EC to the Russian Federation, in accordance with the Russian legislation, are applied and controlled taking into account the certification system established in the Memorandum between the EC and the Russian Federation on veterinary certificates of animals and animal products to be exported from the EC to Russia of 2 September 2004. In this context the certifying official of the competent authority only issues the export certificate for milk and milk products, derived from cattle and small ruminants, exported from the EU into the Russian Federation, when the certification requirements in point 1, 2 and 3 of this protocol are complied with.

1. If the storage and delivery period for raw milk in the EC exceeds 24 hours, the producers ensure, based on own checks, that Russian maximum levels of micro-organisms (total bacterial count in raw milk and salmonella in dairy products) are complied with. The implementation of these guarantees is controlled by the competent veterinary authorities of the EC Member States.
2. The producers ensure and the competent veterinary authorities of the EC Member States carry out the surveillance and monitoring of the implementation of requirements and standards of the Russian Federation as regards the residue levels of antibiotics in raw milk. Official laboratory analyses carried out in the context of this surveillance are performed in accredited laboratories of the EC in regard of the residue levels of antibiotics in raw milk.. The European Community side and the Russian side will communicate to each other the detection levels and laboratory methods used respectively in the EC and in the Russian Federation.
3. The EC Member States are engaged in a programme for active monitoring of the radiation levels of Cesium-137 and Strontium-90 in milk. In monitoring reports for these substances in the EC during the years 1996 to 2006, no cases have been reported exceeding the Russian Federation requirements for radionuclides maximum levels. The data for 2007 and 2008 are being processed. The European Community side shall

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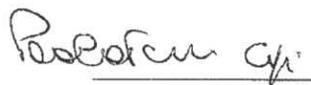
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inform the Russian side when an increase in the levels of these substances above the Russian maximum levels occurs for milk products in the EC.

4. Based on veterinary inspections of dairy establishments by the competent authorities of EC Member States on compliance with requirements of the current Russian legislation, the EC Member States shall present to the Russian side, by 15 August 2009, lists of establishments for the export of dairy products from the EC to the Russian Federation. Such lists will be accompanied by official guarantees by competent authorities of EC Member States that these establishments are fully compliant with requirements of the Russian Federation.

5. Both sides do not exclude to prolong the abovementioned set of measures after 1.9.2009.

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