DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION NO. 159 OF MARCH 24, 2006 ON THE APPLICATION OF VETERINARY MEASURES IN THE IMPORTATION OF LIVE ANIMALS AND PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN ONTO THE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION (with the Amendments and Additions of November 27, 2006)

For the purpose of realising the tasks in the accession of the Russian Federation to the World Trade Organisation, the Government of the Russian Federation resolves the following:

1. Pending the adoption, as stipulated by the Federal Law on Technical Regulation (Sobraniye Zakonodatelstva Rossiyskoy Federatsii, 2002, No. 52, item 5140; 2005, No. 19, item 1752), of normative legal acts establishing obligatory requirements of veterinary safety with respect to live animals classified in headings 0101, 0102, 0103, 0104, 0105, 0106, 0301, 0306, 0307 and 9508 of the Commodity Classification of Foreign Economic Activity of the Russian Federation and to products of animal origin classified in headings 0201, 0202, 0203, 0204, 0205 00, 0206, 0207, 0208, 0209 00, 0210, 0302, 0303, 0304, 0305, 0306, 0307, 0401, 0402, 0407 00, 0408, 0409 00 000 0, 0410 00 000 0, 0502, 0511 99 809 2, 0504 00 000 0, 0505, 0506, 0507, 0508 00 000 0, 0510 00 000 0, 0511, 1501 00, 1502 00, 1521 90, 1603 00, 4101, 4102, 4103, 5102 and 5103 of the Commodity Classification of Foreign Economic Activity of the Russian Federation in their importation onto the customs territory of the Russian Federation, it shall be necessary to be guided by the veterinary requirements effective in the Russian Federation in so far as they are not contrary to the Sanitary Code of Land Animals of the International Epizootic Bureau of the World Animal Health Organisation.

2. To establish that if any veterinary requirements effective in the Russian Federation are contrary to veterinary requirements effective at the World Trade Organisation, then the norms of the Code indicated in Item 1 of this Decision shall be applicable.

Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation

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