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Order relating to hygiene inspections of meat in poultry and lagomorph abattoirs

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No abre el plazo - Nezaahajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - He ce предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Poultry and rabbit carcasses

7. Notification Under Another Act

Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific rules for the organisation of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption (Article 17 and Annex 4, Section III, Chapter III A b.)

8. Main Content

The present draft text serves on the one hand to detail the primary duties defined in Regulations (EC) No 852/2004 and (EC) No 853/2004 that abattoir personnel must perform and which have a link to the "product" inspection duties, and on the other hand to define a legal framework for the implementation of a pilot project in a small number of poultry slaughterhouses spread across two departments in France.

The involvement of abattoir personnel is explicitly provided for, subject to conditions, in section III of annex I of Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 and is directly applicable in the Member States. The French authorities therefore require a national regulatory framework that enables the Agriculture Minister to stipulate the conditions for implementing this involvement of personnel at poultry and lagomorph abattoirs in place of the agents authorised to person this task under current laws, particularly in relation to:

- the tasks falling within the scope of the expertise of these agents,
- the organisation and the responsibilities expected of the operator of the abattoir in order to enable this involvement,
- the organisation and the responsibilities of the competent authority,
- the methods for assessing the personnel.

Since this is the pilot draft notified in accordance with the provisions of Article 17 of Regulation (EC) No 854/2004, the details are given in the annex to this notification. In the proposed experiment, the involvement of abattoir personnel shall not be monitored continuously by an official veterinary, but be limited in terms of "product" inspections to consignments for which the alert criteria or thresholds previously agreed would be exceeded. The operator of the abattoir shall notify the veterinary services as soon as it notices that the criteria or thresholds cited previously are exceeded either when reading the information received on the food supply chain or when carrying out ante mortem or post mortem controls. The audits and inspections of the "facilities" are not affected by these provisions.

In this pilot configuration, the involvement of abattoir personnel, who are not monitored continuously by an official vet, is however controlled by an organisation described in the annex to this notification.



It should be noted that the consignments of poultry and lagomorphs slaughtered as part of a programme to combat or eradicate statutory diseases are excluded from the scope of this draft.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The French authorities believe that the obligations incumbent on operators in terms of primary responsibility for product safety and quality, process management, including obligations concerning live animals arriving at the abattoir (information on the food supply chain and reception inspections) and notifications of nonconformity, make it possible to envisage non-permanent inspections at the abattoir by the official vet and to implement an inspection based on a risk analysis in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 (Article 3). Furthermore, Article 4 of this same Regulation states that the competent authorities shall ensure "the effectiveness and appropriateness of official controls on live animals, feed...".

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Rural Code, Articles L. 231-1 and 2, L. 231-4, L. 231-6

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

NO

12. Grounds for the Emergency

Not applicable

13. Confidentiality

NO

14. Fiscal measures

NO

15. Impact assessment

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT relevance

a) NO

b) The project has no significant impact on international trade.

SPS relevance

a) NO

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