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Draft Royal Decree approving the quality standard for ham, shoulder and cured loin of pork produced in Spain from Iberian pigs

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2. Member State

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Ham, shoulder and cured loin of pork from Iberian pigs

7. Notification Under Another Act

8. Main Content

The draft Royal Decree lays down the standards that the agricultural raw material (Iberian pigs) must fulfil as regards feeding and management. It also sets out the procedure for the production and curing of ham, shoulder and loin. In this regard, the inspection and certification mechanisms to be implemented at the production,

processing and marketing phases are established.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The Iberian pig constitutes the basis of a system of livestock farming for meat production which is linked to the natural environment, and which is based on the use of holm oak and cork tree grazing areas. This special feature facilitates the survival of a zone of great ecological value of over one and a half million hectares.

This draft Royal Decree is intended to establish standards for products deriving from this indigenous breed which will permit correct and fair competition on the market and the defence of consumer rights.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Royal Decree 1521/84

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

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