



# **New official controls on products of animal origin: Art. 18 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625**

**Update since the Stakeholders'  
consultation of 7 November  
2017**

# Actions since 7 November

- Further consultation of stakeholders on bilateral basis
- Meetings with Member States on
  - 18-19 January 2018
  - 11-12 April
- Intra-SANTE consultation (Animal health and welfare colleagues, F-colleagues, legal unit, international units, ...)
- Informal consultation of the Legal Service of the Commission



**Commission Delegated Regulation concerning specific rules for the performance of official controls on the production of meat and for production and relaying areas of live bivalve molluscs in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council (**ARTICLE 18(7)**)**

**Commission Implementing Regulation laying down uniform practical arrangements for the performance of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council (**ARTICLE 18(8)**)**

# Commission Delegated Regulation in accordance with Article 18(7): **AMI** in slaughterhouses

	By OV	Supervision	Responsibility
<b>Poultry and lagomorph</b>			Remaining tasks in slaughterhouse in case of AMI at holding of provenance by OV
<b>Other species</b>		Specific tasks	



# Commission Delegated Regulation in accordance with Article 18(7): **AMI**

## **Main proposals**

- Possible at the holding of provenance by **OV** in all species
- Higher focus on quality and verification of **food chain information** by **OV**
- Possible in the slaughterhouse **by OA** under the responsibility of the **OV (absent)** in case of **AMI** at the **holding of provenance**
- **Only OV** (broad definition) in case of emergency slaughter
- **28 days** instead of 3 days validity in **farmed game farms** supplying small amounts



# Commission Delegated Regulation in accordance with Article 18(7): **Post-mortem inspection (PMI)**

	By OV	Supervision	Responsibility
<b>Poultry and lagomorph</b>			Low-capacity slaughterhouse – discontinuous slaughter
<b>Other species</b>			

# Commission Delegated Regulation in accordance with Article 18(7): **PMI** **Main proposals**

**Under the responsibility of the OV**

- **Low capacity slaughterhouse –  
threshold of 5000 livestock units or  
300 000 poultry/lagomorphs per year**
- **Presence of official auxiliary (OA)**



# **Commission Delegated Regulation in accordance with **Article 18(7): Main proposals other issues****

- **Official controls in cutting plants by competent authorities**
- **Derogations for AMI/PMI in reindeer and snared grouse**
- **Derogations for production and relaying areas for bivalve molluscs**
- **Minimum requirements for OV, OA and other staff designated by the competent authorities and slaughterhouses (e.g. training)**
  - New category (other staff designated by CA)
  - More flexibility considering experience gained



# Commission Implementing Regulation in accordance with **Article 18(8)**

- **Specific requirements for performance of official controls**
- **Practical arrangements AMI/PMI**
- **Cases of non-compliance requiring measures**
- **Technical requirements health marking**
- **Conditions for classification production and relaying areas live bivalve molluscs**
- **Specific requirements for performance of official controls on milk, milk products and fishery products**



# Commission Implementing Regulation in accordance with Article 18(8): **practical arrangements**: Main proposals

- **More risk-based approach in line with the 2011-2013 EFSA Opinions on the revision of meat inspection**
- **Visual inspections <-> incisions and palpations**
  - ✓ Balance between public health and animal health
  - ✓ Trade considerations
  - ✓ Additional flexibility mainly in young ruminants, kept indoors in TB-free countries or regions
  - ✓ Additional inspections and palpations if abnormalities have been found

# Commission Implementing Regulation in accordance with Article 18(8): **practical arrangements**: Main proposals

## ➤ **Derogation on the timing of PMI**

- ✓ Delay up to 24 hours
- ✓ Low-capacity slaughterhouses – threshold 5000 livestock units/300 000 poultry per year
- ✓ By the OV
- ✓ Additional inspections and palpations if abnormalities have been found

# Commission Implementing Regulation in accordance with Article 18(8): **practical arrangements**: Main proposals

## ➤ Poultry

- ✓ Meat inspection <-> quality assurance
- ✓ *Salmonella* control (all species)
- ✓ *Campylobacter* control

## ➤ Other specific hazards

- ✓ Health mark allowed before TSE tests results are known
- ✓ No incisions for cysticercus control if (demonstrated) negligible prevalence

# Commission Implementing Regulation in accordance with Article 18(8): **non-** **compliance: Main proposals**

- **More attention to non-compliance with good hygiene practices including visual contamination of carcasses**
- **Sexual odour**

# Commission Implementing Regulation in accordance with Article 18(8): **other products of animal origin**: Main issues

- **Specific working group meeting with CA on possible revision of controls of live bivalve molluscs**
- **Fishery products: no major changes envisaged**
- **Milk and milk products: maintain OV for controls at primary production related to veterinary issues**

# Next steps

- Meeting with MS on 2 May on Implementing Regulations (Article 18(8), list of importing countries and import certificates)
- Inter-Service consultation
- Next meeting with Member States on 4 June 2018
- Public consultation
- SPS notification
- Vote or submission to European Parliament by end of 2018

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