



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

A new structure

Current rules

R. 854/2004,
except Art 10-15
but with Ann. I to IV

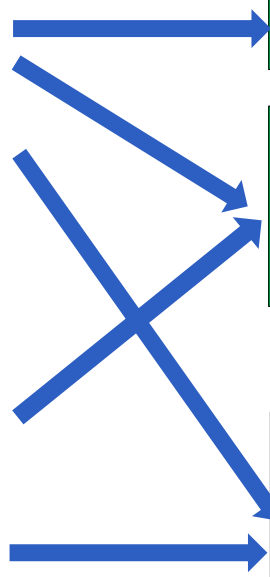
R. 2074/2005:
rules impl. Reg.
854/2004 &
882/2004

Rules from Dec. 2019 on

Art. 18 of Reg.
2017/625 (OCR)

Delegated R. based
on Art 18(7) of OCR

Impl. R. based on
Art 18(8) of OCR



Article 18 of the OCR

- 1. Official controls (OC) of products of animal origin by CA**
- 2. OC related to meat production**
 - a) By official veterinarian (OV)
 - b) Under the supervision of the OV
 - c) Under the responsibility of the OV
- 3. Assistance by slaughterhouse staff**
- 4. Health marking**
- 5. End responsibility with OV**
- 6. Classification of production and relaying areas for live bivalve molluscs**
- 7. Legal bases for delegated Regulation**
- 8. Legal basis for implementing Regulation**
- 9. Pilot projects**

Article 18 of the **OCR**: Some differences from current rules

- 1. Clear definition** of "under the supervision of the OV" and "under the responsibility of the OV" (Art 17)
2. Conditions, including species, for assistance by **slaughterhouse staff fixed in stone**
- 3. No possibility anymore for adaptations** under national law

Overall suggestions during consultations

- **Risk based**
- **Flexibility, focus on food safety**
- **Epidemiological situation considered**
- **Adaptations for low-capacity slaughterhouses**
- **Approved veterinarian**
- **Use of technological tools**
- **Consequent use of terminology**

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

- Derogations to basic requirements on ante-, post-mortem inspection (AMI/PMI) and auditing

➤ Stricter rules for PMI in case of emergency slaughter

➤ Derogations on AMI/PMI in reinforced and shared grouse

➤ Derogations for production and relaying areas for bivalve molluscs

- Minimum requirements for official veterinarians, official auxiliaries and other staff from competent authorities and slaughterhouses (e.g. training)



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

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

Under consideration/discussion:

- Possible at the holding of provenance by OV **in all species** – High focus on quality and verification of **food chain information** by OV
- **Only OV** (broad definition) in case of emergency slaughter



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

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

Under consideration/discussion:

- **Definition of low capacity slaughterhouse – discontinuous slaughter**
- **Presence of official auxiliary (OA) in low capacity slaughterhouses**

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

Derogations for reindeer and grouse

Based on (agreed) adaptations by FI, SE and NO

Under consideration/discussion:

- Derogation in case of direct supply of reindeer meat
- More flexibility for assistance by slaughterhouse staff
- Derogation for grouse

Limited to Northern regions with geographic constraints during certain period of the year





Commission Delegated Regulation in accordance with Article 18(7): Requirements (training) for OV, OA, ...

Under consideration/discussion:

- **Third category of CA: Training-requirements for "other staff of competent authorities"**
- **Less theoretical training**
- **Linking to tasks**
- **Involvement veterinary students**

Commission Implementing Regulation in accordance with Article 18(8)

- Specific requirements for performance of official controls
 - Practical arrangements AMT/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
- FOCUS ON WHICH CONTROLS AND HOW TO PERFORM**



Commission Implementing Regulation in accordance with Article 18(8): **practical arrangements under consideration/ discussion**

- **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
 - ✓ Differentiation young ruminants – older ruminants
 - ✓ Additional inspections and palpations if abnormalities have been found

Commission Implementing Regulation in accordance with Article 18(8): **non-** **compliance** issues under consideration/discussion

- **More attention to non-compliance with good hygiene practices including visual contamination of carcasses**
- **Quid abnormal sexual odour?**
 1. Unfit for human consumption, or
 2. Limitation on use meat, or
 3. Considered outside scope of official controls (quality issue for FBO)



Commission Implementing Regulation in accordance with Article 18(8): **microbiological hazards** under consideration/discussion

- ***Salmonella*** control on carcasses of all species (similar to control on pig carcasses)

- ***Campylobacter*** control on carcasses of broilers



Commission Implementing Regulation in accordance with Article 18(8): **other products of animal origin under consideration/discussion**

- **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?**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biosafety/meat_inspection_en.htm

