



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

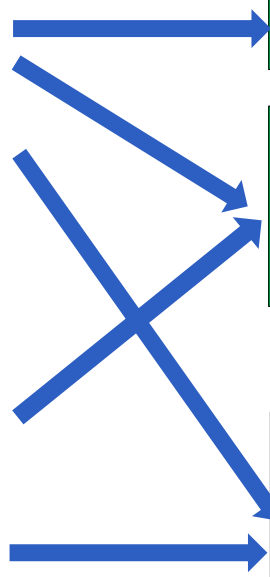
R. 2074/2005:
rules impl. Reg.
854/2004 &
882/2004

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 ²



External consultations so far

- 1. 9 June 2017: Initial consultation of MS**
- 2. 6 October 2017: second consultation of MS**
- 3. 8 November 2011: Ad-hoc consultation meeting with Advisory Group for the Food Chain**

Bilateral exchanges with Member States and European stakeholders' organisations

Article 18 of the ~~OCR~~: Some differences from current rules, already fixed in Regulation (EC) NO 2017/625

- 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

Main issue 1: **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

Main issue 2: **Post-mortem inspection (PMI): WHO**

	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**

Main issue 3: practical arrangements

PMI: WHAT

- **More risk-based approach in line with the 2011-2013 EFSA Opinions on meat inspection**
- **Visual inspections <-> incisions and palpations**
 - ✓ Balance between public health and animal health
 - ✓ Trade considerations
 - ✓ Differentiation young ruminants – older ruminants:
See concrete proposal cattle: less incisions if
 - ✓ Less than 8 months of age (= idem as today), or,
 - ✓ Less than 20 months + indoor reared + TB free country or region (new)
 - ✓ Additional inspections and palpations if abnormalities⁷

Main issue 4: 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)

Main issue 5: **microbiological hazards** under consideration/discussion

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

Main issue for some MS: **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



Next steps

- 1. Ongoing: consultation on official controls in milk producing holdings**
- 2. 15 December 2017: Specific WG on controls live bivalve molluscs**
- 3. 18 and 19 January 2018: third consultation MS (to be scheduled every 2 months)**
- 4. End of 2018: adoption by Commission**
- 5. 14 December 2019: date of application**



Import conditions

Import condition: compliance with EU rules

- *Guarantees to be provided as regards products of animal origin by:*
 - **Listing of countries or regions: assurances at national or regional level (**mandatory** for all products of animal origin by end of 2020!!!)**
 - Reliable control system
 - Animal health situation
 - **Listing of establishments: assurances at establishment level: e.g. compliance with hygiene rules**
 - **Certification: assurances at consignment level**

Main new legal basis for import conditions: Delegated Act under Article 126(1)

Will replace current provisions in Articles 10 to 15 of Regulation (EC) No 854/2004:

- Products of animal origin requiring listing of third countries and conditions for such listing*
- Products of animal origin requiring listing of establishments and conditions for such listing*
- Products of animal origin requiring certification*

Obligation to link to CN codes

Other issues to be considered in the delegated Regulation

- *Maintenance or revision of requirements for consignments of **fresh meat, minced meat, meat preparations, meat products and MSM***
- *Maintenance or revision of requirements for consignments of **LBM, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods***
- *Maintenance or revision of requirements for consignments of **fishery products***

Listing of countries and regions

- *Mandatory for **all products of animal origin** by the end of 2020, including insects, reptile meat, ... or import would no longer be allowed*
- *Intension to launch in parallel an **implementing act under Article 127(2)**, applicable by 14 December 2019:*
 - **Lays down list of countries**
 - **To the extent possible cross-references to the current animal health lists of countries. Update needed by April 2021**
- *Provisional broad list <-> strict application of Article 127(3)*

Listing of establishments

- *Certain flexibility: not necessarily for all products of animal origin but keeping (at least) current lists and based on:*
 - **risk**
 - **Availability of stakeholders' and Member States' lists**
- *Need to reconsider the conditions for listing or delisting?*

Certificates

- *More flexibility: not necessarily for all products of animal origin, but keeping (at least) all existing certificates*
- *Intension to keep combination with AH certification (common certificates)*
- *Intension to launch in parallel an **implementing act under Article 90(a)**, applicable by 14 December 2019:*
 - **Laying down model certificates**
 - **To the extent possible cross-references to the current joint model certificates. Update needed by April 2021**

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