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SECTIONS ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE/CONTROLS AND IMPORT CONDITIONS

Information from the Commission on disposal of
catering waste from means of transport operating
internationally

Agenda point **AHW.A.05**

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International catering waste in EU rules

- Catering waste from means of transport operating internationally (ICW) is regulated in Regulation (EC) No.1069/2009 on animal by-products (ABP Regulation)
 - To address **animal health risks** related to the introduction of animal diseases into the EU through ICW
- There is no definition of ICW in the ABP regulation, but its operational meaning in this context is
 - **Limited by:** the scope of ABP Regulation
 - **Related to:** definition of catering waste in IR 142/2011
 - **Taking in to account:** understanding of transport operating internationally as those operating outside EU Member States territories

ICW and the scope of ABP Regulation

- **Scope of ABP Regulation** (Article 2)
 - **animal by-products and derived products** which are excluded from human consumption under EU legislation; and
 - the following products which pursuant to a decision by an operator, which shall be irreversible, are destined for **purposes other than human consumption**:
 - **products of animal origin** which may be destined for human consumption under EU legislation;
 - raw materials for the production of **products of animal origin**
- Therefore, **ICW is always and exclusively related to**
 - Materials which are **animal products or derived products**, or
 - **Contaminated** with such animal materials
- Consequently any waste, not containing materials above is not ICW under ABP Regulation (no risk for the introduction of animal diseases) and those rules do not apply

Categorisation of ICW and disposal

- ICW is **Category 1 material** in accordance with Article 8(f) Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009:
 - ‘(f) catering waste from means of transport operating internationally;’
- Disposal of ICW:
 - In accordance with Article 12(a), (b) and (d) of the above Regulation ICW may be disposed of:
 - *as waste by incineration;*
 - *as waste by co-incineration; or*
 - *by burial in an authorised landfill*

However, to note

- In accordance with 41(2)(c) of ABP ICW **cannot be imported into the EU**

In conclusion

- ICW is regulated in the EU as
 - it presents risk for introduction of animal diseases into the EU
- Rules and disposal obligations apply to ICW only for materials within the scope of ABP Regulation
- Materials are not deemed ICW if:
 - are not within the scope of ABP Regulation
 - are not contaminated with ABP, and collected and stored separately from ICW at the means of transport operating internationally