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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1906/90 of 26 June 1990 on certain [^{X1}marketing standards for poultrymeat]⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1906/90 enacted certain [^{X1}marketing standards for poultrymeat], the application of which requires the adoption of provisions concerning in particular the list of those poultry carcasses, parts thereof and offals to which the said Regulation applies, classification by conformation, appearance and weight, types of presentation, the indication of the name under which the products in question are to be sold, the optional use of indications concerning chilling methods and the type of farming, conditions for storage and transport of certain types of poultrymeat and the supervision of these provisions in order to ensure their uniform application throughout the Community;

Whereas, in order to provide for the marketing of poultry in different classes according to conformation and appearance, it is necessary to lay down definitions relating to species, age and presentation in the case of carcasses, and anatomical conformation and content in the case of poultry cuts; whereas in the case of the product known as '*Foie gras*' the high value and consequent risk of fraudulent practices make it necessary to lay down especially precise minimum marketing standards;

Whereas it is not necessary for these standards to be applied to certain products and presentations which are of local or otherwise limited importance; whereas, however, names under which such products are sold should not be likely to mislead the consumer to a material degree by causing him to confuse these products with products which are subject to these provisions; whereas, similarly, additional descriptive terms used to qualify the names of such products should also be subject to this provision;

Whereas storage and handling temperature is of crucial importance to the maintenance of high standards of quality; whereas, therefore, it is appropriate to lay down a minimum temperature at which frozen poultrymeat products are to be kept;

Whereas the provisions of this Regulation and in particular those relating to surveillance and enforcement must be applied uniformly throughout the Community; whereas detailed rules

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adopted to those ends must also be uniform; whereas it is therefore necessary to lay down common measures in the matter of sampling procedures and tolerances;

Whereas it is necessary, both in order that the consumer be provided with sufficient, unequivocal and objective information concerning such products offered for sale, and in order to secure the free movement of such products throughout the Community, to ensure that poultrymeat marketing standards take into account as far as is practicable (SIC! practicable) the provisions of Council Directive 76/211/EEC of 20 January 1976 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making-up by weight or by volume of certain prepackaged products⁽²⁾, as amended by Directive 78/891/EEC⁽³⁾;

Whereas among the indications which may optionally be used on the labelling are those concerning the method of chilling and particular types of farming; whereas the use of the latter, in the interest of consumer protection, needs to be subordinated to the respect of closely-defined criteria concerning both husbandry conditions and quantity thresholds for stating certain criteria such as age at slaughter or length of fattening period and content of certain foodstuff ingredients;

Whereas it is appropriate for the Commission to exercise permanent surveillance of the compatibility with Community law, including the marketing standards, in particular of any national measures adopted in pursuance of these provisions; whereas particular provision should also be made for the registration and regular inspection of undertakings authorized to use terms referring to particular types of farming; whereas such undertakings must therefore be obliged to maintain regular and detailed records for this purpose;

Whereas, in view of the specialized nature of these inspections, responsibility for them may be delegated by the competent authorities of the Member State concerned, subject to the appropriate supervision and safeguards, to properly qualified and duly licensed outside bodies;

Whereas operators in third countries may wish to make use of optional indications concerning chilling methods and types of farming; whereas provision should be made for them to do so, subject to appropriate certification by the competent authority of the third country concerned, and which appears on a list established by the Commission;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Poultrymeat and Eggs,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Editorial Information

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Article 1

The products referred to in Article 1 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1906/90 are hereby defined as follows:

1. **Poultry carcasses**
 - (a) DOMESTIC FOWL (*Gallus domesticus*)

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- chicken, broiler: fowl in which the tip of the sternum is flexible (not ossified),
 - cock, hen, casserole or boiling fowl: fowl in which the tip of the sternum is rigid (ossified),
 - [^{F1}caapon: male fowl castrated surgically before reaching sexual maturity and slaughtered at a minimum age of 140 days: after castration the capons must be fattened for at least 77 days,]
 - [^{F2}poussin, coquelet: chicken of less than 650 g carcass weight (expressed without giblets, head and feet), chicken of 650 g to 750 g may be called 'poussin' if the age at slaughter does not exceed 28 days. Member States may apply Article 11 for the checking of this slaughter age;]
 - [^{F3}young cock: male chicken of laying strains in which the tip of sternum is rigid but not completely ossified and for which the age at slaughter is at least 90 days;]
- (b) TURKEYS (*Meleagris gallopavo dom.*)
- (young) turkey: bird in which the tip of the sternum is flexible (not ossified),
 - turkey: bird in which the tip of the sternum is rigid (ossified);
- (c) [^{F2}DUCKS (*Anas platyrhynchos dom., cairina muschata*), Mulard ducks (c.m.x.a.p.),
- young duck or duckling, (young) Muscovy duck, (young) Mulard duck: bird in which the tip of the sternum is flexible (not ossified),
 - duck, Muscovy duck, Mulard duck: bird in which the tip of the sternum is rigid (ossified);]
- (d) GEESE (*Anser anser dom.*)
- (young) goose or gosling: bird in which the tip of the sternum is flexible (not ossified). The fat layer all over the carcass is thin or moderate; the fat of the young goose may have a colour indicative of a special diet,
 - goose: bird in which the tip of the sternum is rigid (ossified); a moderate to thick fat layer is present all over the carcass;
- (e) GUINEA FOWL (*Numida meleagris domesticus*)
- (young) guinea fowl: bird in which the tip of the sternum is flexible (not ossified),
 - guinea fowl: bird in which the tip of the sternum is rigid (ossified).

For the purpose of this Regulation, variants of the above terms relating to sex shall be construed as equivalent.

2. Poultry cuts

- (a) Half: half of the carcass, obtained by a longitudinal cut in a plane along the sternum and the backbone;
- (b) [^{F2}Quarter: leg quarter or breast quarter, obtained by a transversal cut of a half,]
- (c) Unseparated leg quarters: both leg quarters united by a portion of the back, with or without the rump;

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- (d) Breast: the sternum and the ribs, or part thereof, distributed on both sides of its, together with the surrounding musculature. The breast may be presented as a whole or a half;
- (e) Leg: the femur, tibia and fibula together with the surrounding musculature. The two cuts shall be made at the joints;
- (f) [^{F2}Chicken leg with a portion of the back: the weight of the back does not exceed 25 % of that of the whole cut;]
- (g) Thigh: the femur together with the surrounding musculature. The two cuts shall be made at the joints;
- (h) Drumstick: the tibia and fibula together with the surrounding musculature. The two cuts shall be made at the joints;
- (i) Wing: the humerus, radius, and ulna, together with the surrounding musculature. In the case of turkey wings, humerus or radius/ulna together with the surrounding musculature may be presented separately. The tip, including the carpal bones, may or may not have been removed. The cuts shall be made at the joints;
- (j) Unseparated wings: both wings united by a portion of the back, where the weight of the latter does not exceed 45 % of that of the whole cut;
- (k) Breast fillet: the whole or half of the breast deboned, i.e. without sternum and ribs. In the case of turkey breast, the fillet may comprise the deep pectoral muscle only;
- (l) Breast fillet with wishbone: the breast fillet without skin with the clavicle and the cartilagenous point of the sternum only, the weight of clavicle and cartilage not to exceed 3 % of that of the cut;
- (m) [^{F2}Magret, maigret: breast fillet of ducks and geese referred to in 3 comprising skin and sub-cutan fat covering the breast muscle, without the deep pectoral muscle]^{F4};
- (n) [^{F5}Deboned turkey leg meat: turkey thighs and/or drumsticks, deboned, i.e. without femur, tibia and fibula, whole, diced or cut into strips.]

For the products listed under (e), (g) and (h) the wording ‘cuts shall be made at the joints’ is to mean cuts made within the two lines delimiting the joints as shown in the graphical presentation in Annex Ia.]

Until 31 December 1991, in the case of products listed under (e), (g) and (h) the two cuts may be made near the joints.

Products listed under (d) to (k) may be presented with or without skin. The absence of the skin in the case of products listed under (d) to (j) or the presence of the skin in the case of the product listed under (k) shall be mentioned on the labelling within the meaning of Article 1 (3) (a) of Council [^{F6}Directive 2000/13/EC]⁽⁴⁾.

3. Foie gras:

the livers of geese, or of ducks of the species *cairina muschata* or *c.m.* × *Anas platyrachos* which have been fed in such a way as to produce hepatic fatty cellular hypertrophy.

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The birds from which such livers are removed shall have been completely bled, and the livers be of a uniform colour.

The livers shall be of the following weight:

- [^{F7}duck livers shall weigh at least 300 g net,]
- goose livers shall weigh at least 400 g net.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Inserted by [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 1000/96 of 4 June 1996](#).
- F2** Inserted by [Commission Regulation \(EEC\) No 2891/93 of 21 October 1993](#).
- F3** Inserted by [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 1321/2002 of 22 July 2002 amending Regulation \(EEC\) No 1538/91 introducing detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation \(EEC\) No 1906/90 on certain marketing standards for poultrymeat](#).
- F4** Substituted by [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 1072/2000 of 19 May 2000 amending Regulation \(EEC\) No 1538/91 introducing detailed rules for implementing Regulation \(EEC\) No 1906/90 on certain marketing standards for poultrymeat](#).
- F5** Inserted by [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 1072/2000 of 19 May 2000 amending Regulation \(EEC\) No 1538/91 introducing detailed rules for implementing Regulation \(EEC\) No 1906/90 on certain marketing standards for poultrymeat](#).
- F6** Substituted by [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 1321/2002 of 22 July 2002 amending Regulation \(EEC\) No 1538/91 introducing detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation \(EEC\) No 1906/90 on certain marketing standards for poultrymeat](#).
- F7** Inserted by [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 2390/95 of 11 October 1995](#).

^{F2}Article 1 a

For the purposes of this Regulation:

‘marketing’ means holding or displaying for sale, offering for sale, selling, delivery or any other form of marketing;

‘batch’ means poultrymeat of the same species and type, the same class, the same production run, from the same slaughterhouse or cutting plant, situated in the same place, which are to be inspected. For the purposes of Article 8 and Annexes V and VI, a batch shall only comprise prepackages of the same nominal weight category.]

Textual Amendments

- F2** Inserted by [Commission Regulation \(EEC\) No 2891/93 of 21 October 1993](#).

Article 2

1 Poultry carcasses shall, in order to be marketed in accordance with this Regulation, be presented for sale in one of the following forms:

- partially eviscerated (‘effilé’, ‘roped’),
- [^{F7}with giblets,
- without giblets.

The word ‘eviscerated’ may be added.]

2 Partially eviscerated carcasses are carcasses from which the heart, liver, lungs, gizzard, crop, and kidneys have not been removed.

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[^{F23} For all carcase presentations, if the head is not removed, trachea, oesophagus and crop may remain in the carcase.]

4 GIBLETS shall comprise only the following:

The heart, neck, gizzard and liver, and all other parts considered as edible by the market on which the product is intended for final consumption. Livers shall be without gall bladders. The gizzard shall be without the horned membrane, and the contents of the gizzard shall have been removed. The heart may be with or without the pericardial sac. If the neck remains attached to the carcase, it is not considered as one of the giblets.

Where one of these four organs is customarily not included with the carcase for sale, its absence shall be mentioned on the labelling.

Textual Amendments

F2 Inserted by [Commission Regulation \(EEC\) No 2891/93 of 21 October 1993](#).

F7 Inserted by [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 2390/95 of 11 October 1995](#).

Article 3

1 The names under which the products covered by this Regulation are sold, within the meaning of Article 3 (1) (1) of Directive 79/112/EEC, shall be those enumerated in Article 1 and the corresponding terms in the other Community languages listed in Annex I qualified in the case

- of whole carcasses by reference to one of the forms of presentation as laid down in Article 2 (1),
- of poultry cuts, by reference to the respective species.

2 The names defined in Article 1 (1) and (2) may be supplemented by other terms provided that the latter do not mislead the consumer to a material degree and in particular such as would lead to confusion with other products listed in Article 1 (1) and (2) or with indications provided for in Article 10.

Article 4

Products other than those defined in Article 1 may be marketed in the Community only under names which do not mislead the consumer to a material degree by allowing confusion with those referred to in Article 1 or with indications provided for in Article 10.

Article 5

The following additional provisions shall apply to frozen poultrymeat as defined in Article 2 (6) of Regulation (EEC) No 1906/90:

The temperature of frozen poultrymeat concerned by this Regulation must be stable and maintained, at all points in the product, at $-12\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ or lower, with possibly brief upward fluctuations of no more than $3\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. These tolerances in the temperature of the product shall be permitted in accordance with good storage and distribution practice during local distribution and in retail display cabinets.

Article 6

1 Poultry carcasses and cuts covered by this Regulation shall meet the following minimum requirements in order to be graded into classes A and B:

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- intact, taking into account the presentation,
- clean, free from any visible foreign matter, dirt or blood,
- free of any foreign smell,
- free of visible bloodstains except those which are small and unobtrusive,
- free of protruding broken bones,
- free of severe contusions.

In the case of fresh poultry, there shall be no traces of prior freezing.

2 In order to be graded as class A, poultry carcasses and cuts shall in addition satisfy the following criteria:

- they shall be of good conformation. The flesh shall be plump; the breast well developed, broad, long and fleshy, and the legs shall be fleshy. On chickens, young ducks or ducklings and turkeys there shall be a thin regular layer of fat on the breast, back and thighs. On cocks, hens, ducks and young geese a thicker layer of fat is permissible. On geese a moderate to thick fat layer shall be present all over the carcass,
- a few small feathers, stubs (quill ends) and hairs (filoplumes) may be present on the breast, legs, rump, footjoints and wing tips. In the case of boiling fowl, ducks, turkeys and geese a few may also be present on other parts,
- some damage, contusion and discoloration is permitted provided that it is small and unobtrusive, and not present on the breast or legs. The wing tip may be missing. A slight redness is permissible in wing tips and follicles,
- in the case of frozen or quick-frozen poultry there shall be no traces of freezer-burn⁽⁵⁾ except those that are incidental, small and unobtrusive and not present on the breast or legs.

Article 7

[^{F2}1 Decisions arising from failure to comply with Articles 1, 2 and 6 may only be taken for the whole of the batch which has been checked in accordance with the provisions of this Article.]

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3 A sample consisting of the following numbers of individual products as defined in Article 1 shall be drawn at random from each batch to be inspected in slaughterhouses, cutting plants, wholesale and retail warehouses or in the case of imports from third countries at the time of customs clearance:

[^{F2} Batch size	Sample size	Tolerable number of defective units	
		Total	For Article 1 ^a , 3, and 6 (1)
1	2	3	4
100 - 500	30	5	2
501 - 3 200	50	7	3
> 3 200	80	10	4

^a Tolerance within each species, not from one species to another.

4 In the checking of a batch of class A poultrymeat, the total tolerable number of defective units referred to in column 3 of the table of paragraph 3 is allowed. These defective units may also comprise, in the case of breast fillet, fillets with up to 2 % in weight of cartilage (flexible tip of sternum).

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However, the number of defective units not complying with the provisions of points 1 and 3 of provisions of Article 1 (1) and (3) as well as Article 6 (1) shall not exceed the figures shown in column 4 of the table contained in paragraph 3.

As regards point 3 of Article 1 (3), any defective unit shall not be considered tolerable unless it be of a weight of at least 240 g in the case of duck livers and of at least 385 g in the case of goose livers.

5 In the checking of a batch of class B poultrymeat, the tolerable number of defective units shall be doubled.]

6 Where the checked batch is not deemed to comply, the supervising agency shall prohibit its marketing or import if the batch comes from a third country, unless and until proof is forthcoming that it has been made to comply with Articles 1 and 6.

Textual Amendments

- F2** Inserted by [Commission Regulation \(EEC\) No 2891/93 of 21 October 1993](#).
F8 Deleted by [Commission Regulation \(EEC\) No 2891/93 of 21 October 1993](#).

^{F9}Article 8

1 Prepackaged frozen or quick frozen poultrymeat may be classified by weight category in accordance with Article 3 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1906/90 in prepackages within the meaning of Article 2 of Directive 76/211/EEC.

These prepackages may be:

- prepackages containing one poultry carcass, or
- prepackages containing one or several poultry cuts of the same type and species,

as defined in Article 1.

2 All prepackages shall in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 4 bear an indication of the weight of the product known as 'nominal weight' which they are required to contain.

3 Prepackages of frozen or quick-frozen poultrymeat may be classified by categories of nominal weights as follows:

- carcasses:
 - <1 100 g: classes of 50 g (1 050 — 1 000 — 950 etc.),
 - 1 100- < 2 400 g: classes of 100 g (1 100 - 1 200 - 1 300 etc.),
 - ≥ 2 400 g: classes of 200 g (2 400 - 2 600 - 2 800 etc.),
- cuts:
 - <1 100 g: classes of 50 g (1 050 - 1 000 - 950 etc.),
 - ≥ 1 100 g: classes of 100 g (1 100 - 1 200 - 1 300 etc.).

4 Prepackages referred to in paragraph 1 shall be made up in such a way that they satisfy the following requirements:

- the actual contents shall not be less, on average, than the nominal weight,
- the proportion of prepackages having a negative error greater than the tolerable negative error laid down in paragraph 9 shall be sufficiently small for batches of prepackages to satisfy the requirements of the tests specified in paragraph 10,
- no prepackage having a negative error greater than twice the tolerable negative error given in paragraph 9 shall be marketed.

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The definitions of nominal weight, actual content and negative error laid down in Annex I to Directive 76/211/EEC shall apply to this Regulation.

5 Regarding responsibility of the packer or importer of frozen or quick-frozen poultrymeat and checks to be carried out by competent authorities, points 4,5 and 6 of Annex I to Directive 76/211/EEC apply *mutatis mutandis*.

6 The checking of prepackages shall be carried out by sampling and shall be in two parts:
— a check covering the actual content of each prepackage in the sample,
— a check on the average actual contents of the prepackages in the sample.

A batch of prepackages shall be considered acceptable if the results of both these checks satisfy the acceptance criteria referred to in paragraphs 10 and 11.

7 A batch shall be made up of all the prepackages of the same nominal weight, the same type and the same production rund, packed in the same place, which are to be inspected.

The batch size shall be limited to the quantities laid down below:

- when prepackages are checked at the end of the packing line, the number in each batch shall be equal to the maximum hourly output of the packing line, without any restriction as to batch size,
- in other cases the batch size shall be limited to 10 000.

8 A sample consisting of the following numbers of prepackages shall be drawn at random from each batch to be inspected:

Batch size	Sample size
100 to 500	30
501 to 3 200	50
> 3 200	80

For batches of fewer than 100 prepackages, the non-destructive test, within the meaning of Annex II to Directive 76/211/EEC, where carried out, shall be 100 %.

9 In the case of prepackaged poultrymeat the following tolerable negative errors are permitted:

(g)

Nominal weight, g	Tolerable negative error, g	
	carcasses	cuts
< less than 1 000	25	25
1 100 < 2 400	50	50
2 400 and more	100	

10 For the checking of the actual content of each prepackage in the sample, the minimum acceptable content shall be calculated by subtracting the tolerable negative error for the contents concerned from the nominal weight of the prepackage.

The prepackages in the sample whose actual contents are less than the minimum acceptable content shall be considered defective.

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The batch of prepackages, checked shall be considered acceptable or rejected, if the number of defective units found in the sample is less than or equal to the acceptance criterion or equal to or greater than the criterion for rejection shown below:

Number in sample	Number of defective units	
	Acceptance criterion	Rejection criterion
30	2	3
50	3	4
80	5	6

11 For the checking of the average actual contents, a batch of prepackages shall be considered acceptable, if the average actual content of the prepackages forming the sample is greater than the acceptance criterion shown below:

Sample size	Acceptance criterion for average actual content
30	$\bar{x} \geq Q_n - 0,503 s$
50	$\bar{x} \geq Q_n - 0,379 s$
80	$\bar{x} \geq Q_n - 0,295 s$

\bar{x} = average actual content of prepackages,
 Q_n = nominal quantity of the prepackage,
 s = standard deviation of the actual contents of the prepackages in the batch.

The standard deviation shall be estimated as set out under point 2.3.2.2. of Annex II to Directive 76/211/EEC.

12 For so long as Directive 80/181/EEC authorizes the use of supplementary indications, the indication of the nominal weight of prepackages to which this Article applies may be accompanied by a supplementary indication.

13 As an alternative to making use of the provisions of paragraphs 2 to 12, operators may market in the United Kingdom until 31 December 1994 prepackages referred to in this Article which are lawfully marked in accordance with national legislation with the nominal weights expressed in imperial units.

In respect of poultrymeat coming into the United Kingdom from other Member States and complying with the provisions of the preceding subparagraph, checks shall be carried out on a random basis and shall not be made at the border.]

Textual Amendments

F9 Inserted by [Commission Regulation \(EEC\) No 1980/92 of 16 July 1992](#).

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Article 9

An indication of the use of one of the methods of chilling defined hereafter and the corresponding terms in the other Community languages listed in Annex II may appear on the labelling within the meaning of Article 1 (3) (a) of [^{F6}Directive 2000/13/EC]:

—air chilling:	chilling of poultry carcases in cold air,
— air-spray	chilling of poultry carcases in cold air interspersed with waterhaze or
chilling:	fine water spray,
— immersion	chilling of poultry carcases in tanks of water or of ice and water, in
chilling:	accordance with the counterflow process as defined in Council Directive
	71/118/EEC ⁽⁶⁾ , Annex I, Chapter V, points 28 (a) and (b).

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- F6** Substituted by [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 1321/2002 of 22 July 2002 amending Regulation \(EEC\) No 1538/91 introducing detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation \(EEC\) No 1906/90 on certain marketing standards for poultrymeat.](#)

Article 10

[^{F21} In order to indicate types of farming with the exception of organic or biological farming, no other terms except those set out hereunder and the corresponding terms in the other Community languages listed in Annex III may appear on the labelling within the meaning of Article 1 (3) (a) of [^{F6}Directive 2000/13/EC], and in any case they may appear only if the relevant conditions specified in Annex IV are fulfilled:]

- a 'Fed with ... % of ...'
- b 'Extensive indoor' ('Barn reared')
- c 'Free range'
- d 'Traditional free range'
- e 'Free range — total freedom'.

These terms may be supplemented by indications referring to the particular characteristics of the respective types of farming.

[^{F3}When free-range production (points c, d and e) is indicated on the label for meat coming from ducks and geese kept for the production of 'foie gras', the term 'from foie gras production' shall also be indicated.]

[^{F22} Mention of the age at slaughter of length of fattening period shall be permitted only when use is made of one of the terms referred to in paragraph 1 and for an age of not less than that indicated in Annex IV (b), (c) or (d). However, this provisions does not apply in the case of animals falling within the fourth indent of point 1 (a) of Article 1.]

3 These provisions shall apply without prejudice to national technical measures going beyond the minimum requirements given in Annex IV, which are applicable only to producers of the Member State concerned, provided that they are compatible with Community law and are in conformity with the common marketing standards for poultrymeat.

4 The national measures referred to in paragraph 3 shall be communicated to the Commission.

5 At any time and at the request of the Commission, Member States shall provide all the information necessary for assessing the compatibility of the measures referred to in this

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Article with Community law and their conformity with the common marketing standards for poultrymeat.

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- F6** Substituted by [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 1321/2002 of 22 July 2002 amending Regulation \(EEC\) No 1538/91 introducing detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation \(EEC\) No 1906/90 on certain marketing standards for poultrymeat](#).

Article 11

1 Slaughterhouses authorized to use the terms referred (SIC! referred) to in Article 10 shall be subject to special registration. They shall keep a separate record, by type of farming:

- of the names and addresses of the producers of such birds, who shall be registered following an inspection by the competent authority of the Member State,
- at the request of this authority the number of birds kept by each producer per turnround^[F6],
- ^[F3]of the number and total live or carcase weight of such birds delivered and processed,
- of details of sales including names and addresses of purchasers for a minimum of 6 months following dispatch.]

^[F62] The said producers shall subsequently be inspected regularly. They shall keep current records, for a minimum of six months following dispatch, of the number of birds by type of poultry system showing also the number of birds sold and the names and addresses of the purchasers and quantities and source of feed supply.

In addition producers using free-range systems shall also keep records of the date when birds were first given access to range.]

^[F32a] Feed manufacturers and suppliers shall keep records for at least six months after dispatch showing that the composition of the feed supplied to the producers referred to in Article 10(1)(a) complies with the indications given about feeding.

2b Hatcheries shall keep records of birds of the strains recognised as slow growing supplied to the producers referred to in Article 10(1)(d) and (e) for at least six months after dispatch.]

3 Regular inspections regarding compliance with Articles 10 and 11 shall be carried out at the

- farm: at least once per turnround,
- ^[F6]feed manufacturer and supplier: at least once a year,]
- slaughterhouse: at least four times per year,
- hatchery: at least once per year for the types of farming referred to in Article 10 (1) (d) and (e).

4 Each Member State shall provide the other Member States and the Commission before 1 July 1991 with a list of the approved slaughterhouse registered according to paragraph 1, showing the name and address and the number allotted to each of them. Any alteration of that

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list shall be communicated at the beginning of each quarter of the calendar year to the other Member States and the Commission.

Textual Amendments

- F3** Inserted by [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 1321/2002 of 22 July 2002 amending Regulation \(EEC\) No 1538/91 introducing detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation \(EEC\) No 1906/90 on certain marketing standards for poultrymeat.](#)
- F6** Substituted by [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 1321/2002 of 22 July 2002 amending Regulation \(EEC\) No 1538/91 introducing detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation \(EEC\) No 1906/90 on certain marketing standards for poultrymeat.](#)

Article 12

In the case of supervision of the indication of the type of farming used as referred to in Article 5 (6), second paragraph of Regulation (EEC) No 1906/90 bodies designated by the Member States shall comply with the criteria set out in European Norm No En/45011 of 26 June 1989, and as such shall be licensed and supervised by the competent authorities of the Member State concerned.

Article 13

Poultrymeat imported from third countries may bear one or more of the optional indications provided for in Articles 9 or 10 if it is accompanied by a certificate issued by the competent authority of the country of origin attesting to the compliance of the products in question with the relevant provisions of this Regulation.

On request from a third country to the Commission, a list of such authorities shall be established by the Commission.

^{F10} Article 14

Textual Amendments

- F10** Deleted by [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 1321/2002 of 22 July 2002 amending Regulation \(EEC\) No 1538/91 introducing detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation \(EEC\) No 1906/90 on certain marketing standards for poultrymeat.](#)

^{F2} Article 14a

1 Without prejudice to paragraphs 6 and 10, frozen and quick-frozen chickens may be marketed by way of business or trade within the Community only if the water content does not exceed the technically unavoidable values determined by the method of analysis described in Annex V (drip method) or that in VI (chemical method).

2 The competent authorities designated by each Member State shall ensure that the slaughterhouses adopt all measures necessary to comply with the provisions of paragraph 1 and in particular that:

- samples for monitoring water absorption during chilling and water content of frozen and quick-frozen chickens are taken,
- results of the checks are recorded and kept for a period of one year,

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— each batch is marked in such a way that its date of production can be identified; this batch mark must appear on the production record.

3 Regular checks in accordance with Annex VII on the water absorbed or checks in accordance with Annex V shall be carried out in the slaughterhouses at least once each working period of [F⁴eight] hours.

Where these checks reveal that the amount of water absorbed is greater than the total water content permitted under the terms of this Regulation, account being taken of the water absorbed by the carcasses during the stages of processing which are not subject to checking, and where, in any case, the amount of water absorbed is greater than the levels referred to in point 9 of Annex VII, or in point 7 of Annex V, the necessary technical adjustments shall be made immediately by the slaughterhouse to the process.

4 In all cases referred to in the second subparagraph of paragraph 3 and in any case at least once [F¹¹every two months,] checks on water content referred to in paragraph 1 shall be carried out, by sampling, on frozen and quick frozen chickens from each slaughterhouse according to Annexes V or VI, to be chosen by the competent authority of the Member State. These checks shall not be conducted for carcasses in respect of which proof is provided to the satisfaction of the competent authority that they are intended exclusively for export.

5 The checks referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 shall be carried out by or under the responsibility of the competent authorities. The competent authorities may, in specific cases, apply the provisions of paragraph 3, and in particular of points 1 and 9 of Annex VII, and of paragraph 4 more stringently in respect of a given slaughterhouse, where this proves necessary to ensure compliance with the total water content permitted under this Regulation.]

[F¹¹They shall in all cases, where a batch of frozen or quick-frozen chickens was deemed not to comply with this Regulation, resume testing at the minimum frequency of checks referred to in paragraph 4 only after three successive checks according to Annexes V or VI, to be carried out by sampling from three different days of production within a maximum of four weeks, have shown negative results. The costs for these check shall be paid by the slaughterhouse concerned.]

[F³5a Where, in the case of air chilling, the results of checks referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 show compliance with the criteria laid down in Annexes V to VII during a period of six months, the frequency of the checks referred to in paragraph 3 may be reduced to once every month. Any failure to comply with the criteria laid down in these Annexes shall result in reinstatement of checks as referred to in paragraph 3.]

[F²[F⁶6 If the result of the checks referred to in paragraph 4 is in excess of the admissible limits, the batch concerned shall be deemed not to comply with this Regulation. In that event, however, the slaughterhouse concerned may request that a counter-analysis be carried out in the reference laboratory of the Member State, using a method to be chosen by the competent authority of the Member State. The costs of this counter-analysis shall be borne by the holder of the batch.]

7 Where, if necessary after such counter-analysis, the batch in question is deemed not to comply with this Regulation, the competent authority shall take the appropriate measures aimed at allowing such a batch to be marketed within the Community only on condition such a batch to be marketed within the Community only on condition that both individual and bulk packaging of the carcasses concerned shall be marked by the slaughterhouse under the supervision of the competent authority with a tape or label bearing at least one of the following forms of wording in red capital letters:]

— [F¹²Contenido en agua superior al límite CEE

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- Obsah vody překračuje limit EHS
- Vandindhold overstiger EØF-Normen
- Wassergehalt über dem EWG-Höchstwert
- Veesisaldus ületab EMÜ normi
- Περιεκτικότητα σε νερό ανώτερη του ορίου EOK
- Water content exceeds EEC limit
- Teneur en eau supérieure à la limite CEE
- Tenore d'acqua superiore al limite CEE
- Ūdens saturs pārsniedz EEK noteikto normu
- Vandens kiekis viršija EEB nustatytą ribą
- Víztartalom meghaladja az EGK által előírt határértéket
- Il-kontenut ta' l-ilma superjuri għal-limitu KEE
- Watergehalte hoger dan het EEG-maximum
- Zawartość wody przekracza normę EWG
- Teor de água superior ao limite CEE
- Cudzia voda v hydinovom mäse EEC limit
- Vsebnost vode presega EES omejitvev
- Vesipitoisuus ylittää ETY-normin
- Vattenhalten överstiger den halt som är tillåten inom EEG.]

[^{F2}The batch referred to in the first subparagraph shall remain under the supervision of the competent authority until it is dealt with in accordance with the paragraph or otherwise disposed of. If it is certified to the competent authority that the batch referred to in the first subparagraph is to be exported, the competent authority shall take all necessary measures to prevent the batch in question from being marketed within the Community. The forms of wording provided for in the first subparagraph shall be marked in a conspicuous place in such a way as to be easily visible, clearly legible and indelible. They shall not in any way be hidden, obscured or interrupted by other written or pictorial matter. The letters shall be at least 1 cm high on the individual packaging and 2 cm on bulk packaging.

8 The Member State of destination may, where there are serious ground for suspecting irregularities, carry out non-discriminatory random checks of frozen or quick-frozen chickens in order to verify that a consignment meets the requirements of this Article.

9 The checks referred to in paragraph 8 shall be carried out at the place of destination of the goods or at another suitable place, provided that in the latter case the choice of the places is not at the border and interferes as little as possible with the routing of the goods and that the goods may proceed normally to their destination once the appropriate sample has been taken. However the products concerned shall not be sold to the final consumer until the result of the check is available.

Such checks shall be carried out as soon as possible so as not unduly to delay their placing on the market, or cause delays which might impair their quality.

Results of these checks and any subsequent decisions and the grounds for taking them shall be notified at the latest two working days after sampling to the consignor, the consignee or their representative. Decisions taken by the competent authority of the Member State of destination and the reasons for such decisions shall be notified to the competent authority of the Member State of dispatch.

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If the consignor or his representative so requests, the said decisions and reasons shall be forwarded to him in writing with details of the rights of appeal which are available to him under the law in force in the Member State of destination and of the procedure and time limits applicable.

[^{F6}10 If the result of the checks referred to in paragraph 8 is in excess of the admissible limits, the holder of the batch concerned may request that a counter-analysis be carried out in one of the reference laboratories listed in Annex VIII, using the same method as for the initial test. The expenses occasioned by this counter-analysis shall be borne by the holder of the batch. Tasks and competencies of reference laboratories are provided for in Annex IX.]

11 If, after a check carried out in accordance with paragraphs 8 and 9 and, if requested, after a counter-analysis, it is found that the frozen or quick-frozen chickens do not comply with this Article, the competent authority of the Member State of destination shall apply the procedures provided for in paragraph 7.

12 In the cases provided for in paragraphs 10 and 11, the competent authority of the Member State of destination shall contact the competent authorities of the Member State of dispatch without delay. The latter authorities shall take all necessary measures and notify the competent authority of the first Member State of the nature of the checks carried out, the decisions taken and the reasons for such decisions.

Where the checks referred to in paragraphs 8 and 10 show repeated irregularities, or where such checks, in the view of the Member State or dispatch, are being carried out without sufficient justification, the competent authorities of the Member States concerned shall inform the Commission.

The Commission, to the extent necessary to ensure uniform application of this Regulation or at the request of the competent authority of the Member State of destination, and taking into account the nature of the infringements may:

- send a mission of experts to the establishment concerned, and in conjunction with the competent national authorities, carry out on-the-spot inspections, or
- request the competent authority of the Member State of dispatch to intensify its sampling of the products of the establishment concerned and if necessary to apply sanctions in accordance with Article 10 of Regulation (EEC) No 1906/90.

The Commission shall inform the Member States of its findings. Member States in whose territory an inspection is carried out shall give the experts all the assistance necessary for the performance of their tasks.

Pending the Commission's findings, the Member State of dispatch must, at the request of the Member State of destination, intensify checks on products coming from the establishment in question.

Where these measures are taken to deal with repeated irregularities on the part of an establishment, the Commission shall charge any expenses occasioned by the application of the indents of the third subparagraph to the establishment involved.]

[^{F11}12a The competent authorities of the Member States shall inform the respective national reference laboratory without delay about the results of the checks carried out by them or under their responsibility.

[^{F13}The national reference laboratories shall forward these data to the board of experts referred to in paragraph 14 for further evaluation and discussion with national reference laboratories before 1 July each year. The findings shall be presented to the Management

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Committee for consideration in accordance with Article 18 of Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75.]]

[^{F4}13 The Member States shall adopt the practical measures for the checks provided for in this Article at all stages of marketing including checks of imports from third countries at the time of customs clearance in accordance with Annexes V and VI. They shall inform the other Member States and the Commission before 1 September 2000 of these measures. Any relevant changes shall be communicated immediately to the other Member States and to the Commission.]

[^{F13}14 A board of experts in monitoring water content in poultrymeat shall act as a coordinating body for testing activities of national reference laboratories. It shall consist of representatives of the Commission and national reference laboratories. Tasks of the board and of national reference laboratories, as well as the organisational structure of the board are provided for in Annex IX.]

Textual Amendments

- F2** Inserted by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2891/93 of 21 October 1993.
- F3** Inserted by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1321/2002 of 22 July 2002 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1538/91 introducing detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1906/90 on certain marketing standards for poultrymeat.
- F4** Substituted by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1072/2000 of 19 May 2000 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1538/91 introducing detailed rules for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 1906/90 on certain marketing standards for poultrymeat.
- F6** Substituted by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1321/2002 of 22 July 2002 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1538/91 introducing detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1906/90 on certain marketing standards for poultrymeat.
- F11** Inserted by Commission Regulation (EC) No 205/96 of 2 February 1996.
- F12** Substituted by Commission Regulation (EC) No 814/2004 of 29 April 2004 adapting Regulation (EEC) No 1538/91 introducing detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1906/90 on certain marketing standards for poultrymeat by reason of the accession of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia to the European Union.
- F13** Substituted by Commission Regulation (EC) No 433/2006 of 15 March 2006 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1538/91 as regards the reference laboratories for monitoring water content in poultrymeat.

[^{F5}Article 14b

1 The following fresh, frozen and quick-frozen poultry cuts may be marketed by way of business or trade within the Community only if the water content does not exceed the technically unavoidable values determined by the method of analysis described in Annex VIa (chemical method):

- a chicken breast fillet, with or without wishbone, without skin;
- b chicken breast, with skin;
- c chicken thighs, drumsticks, legs, legs with a portion of the back, leg-quarters, with skin;
- d turkey breast fillet, without skin;
- e turkey breast, with skin;
- f turkey thighs, drumsticks, legs, with skin;
- g deboned turkey leg meat, without skin.

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2 The competent authorities designated by each Member State shall ensure that the slaughterhouses and cutting plants whether or not attached to slaughterhouses adopt all measures necessary to comply with the provisions of paragraph 1 and in particular that:

- [^{F6}regular checks on water absorbed are carried out in the slaughterhouses in accordance with Article 14a(3) also for chicken and turkey carcasses intended for the production of the fresh, frozen and quick-frozen cuts listed in paragraph 1. These checks shall be carried out at least once each working period of eight hours. However, in case of air chilling of turkey carcasses, regular checks on water absorbed need not to be carried out. The limit values fixed in Annex VII(9) shall also apply for turkey carcasses,]
- results of the checks are recorded and kept for a period of one year,
- each batch is marked in such a way that its date of production can be identified; this batch mark must appear on the production record.

[^{F3}Where, in the case of air chilling of chickens, the results of checks referred to in the first indent and in paragraph 3 show compliance with the criteria laid down in Annexes V to VII during a period of six months, the frequency of the checks referred to in the first indent may be reduced to once every month. Any failure to comply with the criteria laid down in Annexes V to VII shall result in reinstatement of checks as referred to in the first indent.]

3 At least once every three months checks on the water content referred to in paragraph 1 shall be carried out, by sampling, on frozen and quick-frozen poultry cuts from each cutting-plant producing such cuts, according to Annex VIa. These checks shall not be conducted for poultry cuts in respect of which proof is provided to the satisfaction of the competent authority that they are intended exclusively for export.

[^{F6}After one year of compliance with the criteria laid down in Annex VIa in a particular cutting plant, the frequency of tests shall be reduced to once every six months. Any failure to comply with these criteria shall result in reinstatement of checks as referred to in the first subparagraph.]

4 Paragraphs 5 to 13 of Article 14a shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, for poultry cuts referred to in paragraph 1.]

Textual Amendments

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- F5** Inserted by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1072/2000 of 19 May 2000 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1538/91 introducing detailed rules for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 1906/90 on certain marketing standards for poultrymeat.
- F6** Substituted by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1321/2002 of 22 July 2002 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1538/91 introducing detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1906/90 on certain marketing standards for poultrymeat.

[^{F14} Article 15

This Regulation shall enter into force on 20 June 1991.

It shall apply from 1 July 1991.

Article 8 shall apply from 1 March 1992 in the case of imports from third countries.

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However, until [^{F15}31 March 1992] operators may pack products covered by this Regulation in packing material bearing indications provided for in Community or national legislation applicable before the entry into force of this Regulation. These products may then be marketed until 31 December 1992.]

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Textual Amendments

- F14** Inserted by [Commission Regulation \(EEC\) No 2988/91 of 11 October 1991](#).
- F15** Inserted by [Commission Regulation \(EEC\) No 315/92 of 10 February 1992](#).

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

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ARTICLE 1(1) – NAMES OF POULTRY CARCASSES

	es	cs	da	de	et	el	en	fr	it	lv
1.	Pollo (de carne)	Kuře, brojler	Kylling, slagtekylling	Hähnchen, Magstuhl	hibud, Magstuhlbroyler	Κοτόπουλο, Πετεινοί και κόττες (κρεατοπαραγωγής)	Chicken, broiler (de chair)	Poulet (de chair)	Pollo, 'Broiler'	Cālis, broilers
2.	Gallo, gallina	Kohout, slepice, drůbež na pečení, nebo vaření	Hane, høne, suppehøne	Suppenhahn, Kuckuck, kanad, hautamiskuk, või keetmise mõeldud kodulinnud	Κυκκός, kanad, hautamiskuk, või keetmise mõeldud kodulinnud	Πετεινοί και κόττες (για βρασίμο)	Cock, hen, casserole or boiling fowl	Coq, poule (à bouillir)	Gallo, gallina Pollame da brodo	Gailis, vista, sautēta vai vārīta mājputnu gaļa
3.	Capón	Kapoun	Kapun	Kapaun	Kohikukk	Καπόνια	Capon	Chapon	Cappone	Kapauns
4.	Polluelo	Kuřátko, Kohoutek	Poussin, Coquelet	Stubenkuck, Kama- ja kukepoj	Kama- ja kukepoj	Νεοσσός, πετεινό κοκκίτζι	Poussin, Coquelet	Poussin, Coquelet	Galletto	Cālitis
5.	Gallo joven	Mladý kohout	Unghane	Junger Hahn	Noor kukk	Πετεινό κοκκίτζι	Young cock	Jeune coq	Giovane gallo	Jauns gailis
1.	Pavo (joven)	(Mladá) krůta	(Mini) kalkun	(Junge) Pute, (Junger) Truthahn	(Noor) kalkun	(Νεαροί) γάλοι και γαλοπούλες	(Young) turkey	Dindonne (jeune) dinde	(Giovane) tacchino	(Jauns) tītars
2.	Pavo	Krůta	Avlskalkun	Pute, Truthahn	Kalkun	Γάλοι και γαλοπούλες	Turkey	Dinde (à bouillir)	Tacchino a	Tītars
1.	Pato (joven o anadino) pato de Berberia (joven), Pato cruzado (joven)	(Mladá) kachna, kachně, (Mladá) Pižmová kachna, Berberia (Mladá) Kachna Mulard	(Ung) and (Ung) berberian (Ung) mulardan	Frühmaske (Noor) Jungente, (Junge) pardipoe, (noor) Barbarie (noor), (Junge) muskuspatarés (noor), (noor) mullard	(Noor) part, (noor) pardipoe, (noor) muskuspatarés (noor), (noor) mullard	(Νεαρές) πάπιες έγκ, πάπιες παταρές πάπιες βαρβαρί (νεαρές) πάπιες mulard	(Young) duck, duckling (Young) Muscovy duck (Young) barbarie Mulard duck	(Jeune) canard, caneton, (jeune) canard de barbarie (jeune) canard mulard	(Giovane) anatra pīle, (Giovane) Anatra muta (Giovane) Anatra 'mularda'	(Jauna) pīle, (Jauna) Anatra Muskuss (Jauna) pīle, (Jauna) Anatra pīle
2.	Pato, pato de Berberia Pato cruzado	Kachna, Pižmová kachna, Kachna Mulard	Avlsand Berberian Mulardan	Ente, Barbarie Mulardente	Part, muskuspatarés mullard	Πάπιες, πάπιες βαρβαρί πάπιες mulard	Duck, Muscovy duck, Mulard duck	Canard, canard de Barbarie (à bouillir), canard	Anatra Anatra muta Anatra 'mularda'	Pīle, Muskuss pīle, Mullard pīle

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								mulard (à bouillir)		
1.	Oca (joven), ansarón	Mladá husa, house	(Ung) gås	Frühmas (Junge) Gans, Jungmastgans	(Noor) hani, hanepoeg	(Νεοπέτ) χήνες γοίττα χιηνάκια	(Young) goose, gosling	(Jeune) oie ou oison	(Giovane) oca	(Jauna) zoss, zoslēns
2.	Oca	Husa	Avlsgås	Gans	Hani	Χήνες	Goose	Oie	Oca	Zoss
1.	Pintada (joven)	Mladá perlička	(Ung) perlehön	(Junges) Perlhuhn	(Noor) pärkana	(Νεοπέτ) γοίττα	(Young) guinea fowl	(Jeune) pintade Pintadeau	(Giovane) faraona	(Jauna) pērļu vistiņa
2.	Pintada	Perlička	Avlsperle	Perlhuhn	Pärkana	Γοίττα	Guinea fowl	Pintade	Faraona	Pērļu vistiņa

	lt	hu	mt	nl	pl	pt	sk	sl	fi	sv
1.	Viščiukas broileris	Brojler csirke, pecsenye	Fellus, brojler ecsirke	Kuiken, braadkuiken	Kurczę, broiler	Frango	Kurča, brojler	Pitovni piščanec- brojler	Broileri	Kyckling, slaktkyckling (broiler)
2.	Gaidys, višta, skirti troškinti arba virti	Kakas és tyúk (főznivaló baromfi)	Serduk, tigiega (tal- lórodu)	Haan, hen, soep- of stoofkip	Kura rosółowa	Galo, galinha	Kohút, sliepka	Petelin, kokoš, perutnina za pečenje ali kuhanje	Kukko, kana	Tupp, höna, gryt- eller kokhöna
3.	Kaplūnas	Kappan	Hasi	Kapoen	Kapłon	Capão	Kapún	Kopun	Chapon (syöttökukko)	Kapun
4.	Viščiukas	Minicsirke	Chattuqa <i>coquelet</i>	Piepkuike	Kurczak	Franguito	Kuriatko	Mlad piščanec mlad petelin (kokelet)	Kananpo kukonpo	Ploussin, Caquelet
5.	Gaidžiukas	Kakas	Serduk žghir fl-eta	Jonge han	Młody kogut	Galo jovem	Mladý kohút	Mlad petelin	Nuori kukko	Ung tupp
1.	Kalakučia	Pecsenye gigantpulyka növendék pulyka	Dundjan (žghir fl-eta)	(Jonge) kalkoen	(Młody) indyk	Peru	Mladá morka	(Mlada) pura	(Nuori) kalkkuna	(Ung) kalkon
2.	Kalakučia	Bulyka	Dundjan	Kalkoen	Indyk	Peru adulto	Morka	Pura	Kalkkuna	Kalkon
1.	Ančiukas Muskusis anties ančiukai Mulardinės	Pecsenye pészmales papra žghira	Papusa, žghira (fl-eta)	(Jonge) eend, (Jonge) Barbarijs (Młoda) eend	(Młoda) kaczka tuczona (Młoda) kaczka	Pato, Pato Barbary Pato Mulard	(Mladá kačica), Barbary (Mladá) pyžmová	(Mlada) raca, kočačka, (Mlada) muškačka	(Nuori) ankka, (Nuori) myskianka	(Ung) anka, ankunge, (kaczka) mulardand

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	anties ančiukai	mulard -kacsá	(fellus ta' papa), papa <i>muskovy</i> (žghira fl-eta), papa <i>mulard</i>	(Jonge) ' <i>Mulard</i> eend	pižmowa, (Młoda) kaczka mulard		kačica, (Mladý) mulard	raca, (Mlada) mulard raca		(ung) myskand
2.	Antis, Muskus antis, Mulard antis	Kacsá, Pézsma kacsá, Mulard kacsá	Papa, papa <i>muscovy</i> papa <i>mulard</i>	Eend Barbaris eend ' <i>Mulard</i> eend	Kaczka Kaczka pižmowa Kaczka mulard	Pato adulto, pato adulto <i>Barbary</i> , pato adulto <i>Mulard</i>	Kačica, Pyžmova kačica, Mulard	Raca, Muškata raca, Mulard raca	Ankka, myskian khalardand,	Anka, myskand
1.	Žasiukas	Fiatla liba, pecseny liba	Wizza (žghira fl-eta), fellusa ta' wizza	(Jonge) gans	Młoda gęś	Ganso	(Mladá) hus, húsatko	(Mlada) gos, goska	(Nuori) hanhi	(Ung) gås, gåsunge
2.	Žasis	Liba	Wizza	Gans	Gęś	Ganso adulto	Hus	Gos	Hanhi	Gås
1.	Perlinių vištų viščiukai	Pecseny vištų viščiukai	Gyngyűs (žghira fl-eta)	(Jonge) parelhoer	(Młoda) perliczka	Pintada	(Mladá) perlička	(Mlada) pegatka	(Nuori) helmikari	(Ung) párlhóna
2.	Perlinės vištos	Gyöngyűs vištos	Fekkehuna	Parelhoer	Perlica	Pintada adulta	Perlička	Pegatka	Helmikari	Párlhóna

ARTICLE 1(2) – NAMES OF POULTRY PARTS

	es	cs	da	de	et	el	en	fr	it	lv
a)	Medio	Půlka	Halvt	Hälfte oder Halbes	Pool	Μισά	Half	Demi ou moitié	Metà	Puse
b)	Charto	Čtvrťka	Kvart	(Vorder- Hinter-) Viertel	Veerand	Τεταρτη Κυβερ	Quarter	Quart	Quarto	Ceturdaļa
c)	Cuartos traseros unidos	Neoddě lání zadní čtvrťka	Sammen lårstykket	Hinteren Teil Stück	Idel koivad	Ανατό τεταρτη ποδιών	Unsepara Quarts	Quarts postérieurs non séparés	Cosciotto	Nesadalītas kāju ceturdaļas
d)	Pechuga	Prsa	Bryst	Brust, halbe Brust,	Rind	Στήθος	Breast	Poitrine, blanc ou	Petto con osso	Krūtiņa

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				halbierte Brust				filet sur os		
e)	Muslo y contra muslo	Stehno	Helt lår	Schenke Keule	Koib	Πόδι	Leg	Cuisse	Coscia	Kāja
f)	Charto trasero de pollo	Stehno kuřete s částí zad	Kyllinge med den af ryggen	Hähnchen mit Rücken Hühner mit Rückenstück	Koos stüke	Πόδι από το πόλο με ένα κομμάτι της ράχης	Chicken leg with a portion of the back	Cuisse de poulet avec une portion du dos	Coscetta	Caļa kāja ar muguras daļu
g)	Contra muslo	Horní stehno	Overlår	Oberschenkel, Oberkeule	Prisel,	Μηρός (μούτι)	Thigh	Haut de cuisse	Sovraccia	Šķiņķis
h)	Muslo	Dolní stehno (Palička)	Underlår	Unterschenkel, Unterkeule	Sädel, Stück	Κνήμη	Drumstick	Filet	Fuso	Stilbs
i)	Ala	Křídlo	Vinge	Flügel	Tiib	Φτερό	Wing	Aile	Ala	Spārns
j)	Alas unidas	Neoddě lená křídla	Sammen vænger	Beigende Flügel, ungetrennt	Beigende tiivad	Κατά το φτερούγας	Unseparated wings	Alas non séparées	Ali non separate	Nesadalīti spārni
k)	Filete de pechuga	Prsní řízek	Brystfilet	Brustfilet Filet aus der Brust, Filet	Rinnafilet	Φιλέτο στηθους	Breast fillet	Filet de poitrine, blanc, filet, noix	Filetto, fesa (tacchino)	Krūtiņas fileja
l)	Filete de pechuga con clavicula	Filety z prsou con klíčnicí kost s chrupavkou prsni kosti včetně svaloviny v přirozené souvislosti, klíč. kost a chrupavka max.3 % z cel.hmotnosti)	Brystfilet med ønskeben	Brustfilet mit Schlüsselbein	Rinnafilet koos chakk	Φιλέτο στηθους κλειδοκόκαλου	Breast fillet with cervicbone	Filet de poitrine avec clavicule	Petto (con forcella) fesa (con forcella)	Krūtiņas fileja ar krūšukaulu
m)	Magret, maigret	Magret, maigret	Magret, maigret	Magret, Maigret	Rinnalinn (‘magret maigret	Μαίγρετ, maigret	Magret, maigret	Magret, maigret	Magret, maigret	Pīles krūtiņa

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	(Filety z prsou kachen a hus s kůží a podkožním tukem pokrývajícím prsní sval, bez hlubokého svalu prsního)			või 'maigret')						
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a)	Pusé	Félbaromfi	Nofs	Helft	Połówka	Metade	Polená hydina	Polovica	Puolikas	Halva
b)	Ketvirtis	Negyedbaromfi	Kwart	Kwart	Ćwiartka	Quarto	Štvrťka hydiny	Četr	Neljänne	Kvart
c)	Neatskirtoju ketvirčiai	Ősszeűgő (egész) kombnegrédek	gő kwarti grédek wara tas-saqajn, mhux separati	Niet-gescheiden achterkwarten	Ćwiartka hydina war ten calości	Quartos de coxa não separados	Neoddelené hydiny stehná	Neljočené četrtnog	Takanelijä	Brustspart
d)	Krūtinele	Mell	Sidra	Borst	Pierś, połówka piersi	Peito	Prsia	Prsi	Rinta	Bröst
e)	Koja	Comb	Koxxa	Hele poot, hele dij	Noga	Perna inteira	Hydiny stehno	Bedro	Koipireis	Klubba
f)	Viščiukojoja su neatskirtoju nugaros dalimi	Csirkecok a hát egy részével	Koxxa tat-tigiega b'porzjon tad-dahar	Poot/dij met rugdeel (bout)	Noga kurczęca z częścią grzbietu	Perna inteira de frango com uma porção do dorso	Kuracie stehno s panvou	Piščančj bedra z delom hrbta	Koipireis jossa selkäosa	Kycklingklubba med del av ryggben
g)	Šlaunelė	Felsőcomb	nile bičca ta' fuq	Bovenpoot/bovendij	Póto	Coxa	Horné hydiny stehno	Stegno	Reisi	Lår

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			tal- koxxa							
h)	Blauzdel	Alsócomb-	mb- bičča t'isfel tal- koxxa (<i>drumstick</i>)	Onderpō onderdij (Drumstick)	Podudzi	Perna	Dolné hydínové stehno	Krača	Koipi	Ben
i)	Sparnas	Szárny	Ġewnaħ	Vleugel	Skrzydło	Asa	Hydínové kridelko	Peruti	Siipi	Vinge
j)	Neatski sparnai	Ősszefűgő (egész) szárnyak	Ġewnaħ mhux separati	Niet- gescheidan vleugels	Skrzydła całości	Asas não separadas	Neoddel hydínové kridla	Peruti	Siivet kiini toisissaan	Sammanhängande vingar
k)	Krütinē filē	Mellfilē	Flett tas- sidra	Borstfile	Filet z piersi	Carne de peito	Hydínové rezeň	Prsni file	Rintafile	Bröstfilē
l)	Krütinē filē su raktika ir krütinka ir	Mellfilē szegycs całal sidra bil-wish	Flett tas- sidra bone	Borstfile met vorkbeerz	Filet z piersi obojczy kiom	Carne de peito fūrçula	Hydínové rezeň s kost'ou	Prsni file s prsno kostjo	Rintafile solisluin cod	Bröstfilē nyckelben
m)	Krütinē filē be kiliojo raumens (magret)	Bőrös libamell- filē, (maigret)	Magret, maigret	Magret	Magret	Magret, maigret	Magret	Magret	Magret, maigret]	Magret, maigret]

ANNEX I A

Cut separating thigh/leg and back
 — delimitation of hip joint —

Cut separating thigh and drumstick
 — delimitation of knee joint —

ANNEX II

ARTICLE 9 – CHILLING METHODS

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1.	Refrigeración por aire	Chlazení vzduchem	Luftkøling	Luftkühlung	Õhk jahutus	Ψύξη με αέρα	Air chilling	Refroidissement à l'air	Raffreddamento ad aria	Dzesināšana ar gaisu

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2.	Refrigerador por aspersión ventilada	Výhledem proudem vzduchu postříkem	Inýtspray	Udfling Sprühkühlung	Önkpiser	Ηύση με νεκασμ	Asr spray chilling	Refrigidador por aspersión ventilée	Raffreddore per aspersione ventilazione	Özesana ar izsmidzinātu gaisu
3.	Refrigerador inmersión	Vodní lázni ponořením	Neddypr	Gregdshing Tauchkühlung	Önkjeljan	Ηύση με βύθση	Immersiō chilling	Refrigidador por inmersiō	Raffreddore in immersione	Özesana iegremdējot

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1.	Atšaldinātore	Hűtőgőszűtés	Tkessih bl-arja	Luchtkoeler	Owiewo	Refrigerador por ventilação	Chladenie vzduchom	Zračno hlajenje	Ilmajähdytys	Luftskylning
2.	Atšaldinātore pučiantorā	Pasmetēzűtés	Tkessih b'air spray	Lucht-sproeik	Owiewo kłirgskopar	Refrigerador por aspersão e ventilação	Chladenie sprejovanim	Hlajenje pršenjem	Ilmaspray	Ejapuhlyts kylning
3.	Atšaldinātore panardinātore	Pasmerēzűtés	Tkessih b'immersjoni	Dompelk	Zonirg	Refrigerador por imersão	Chladenie vo vode	Hlajenje s potapljanjem	Vesijähdytys	Vattenskylning

[^{F2}][^{F12} ANNEX III

ARTICLE 10(1) – TYPES OF FARMING

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a)	Alimentación con... % Oca engordada con avena	Krmena (čím) ... % (čeho) Husa krmená ovsem	Fodret med... % ... Havrefod gås	Mast mit... % ... Hafermast	Söödetumis sisaldab kaeraga toidetud hani	Έχει τροφείμ... % ... Χήνα που παχύνεται με βρώμη	Fed with... % of ... Oats fed to gose	Alimenté avec... % de ... Oie nourrie à l'avoine	Alimentato con il... % di ... Oca ingrassata con avena	Barība ar... % ar auzām un kartototies
b)	Sistema extensivo en gallinero	Extenzivní chov hale	Ekstensiv staldoppdret (skrabe...)	Extensiv Bodenhaltung	Ekstensiv pidamine (lindlas pidamine)	Εναρτική ανατροφή (barnrearing)	Extensive indoor (barnrearing)	Élevé à l'extérieur système extensif	Estensivo all'aperto	Turēšana galvenokārt telpās ('Audzēti kūti')
c)	Gallinero con salida libre	Volný výběh	Fritgående	Auslaufhaltung	Väljapiidamine	Ελεύθερη βοσκή	Free range	Sortant à l'extérieur	All'aperto	Brīvā turēšana

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d)	Granja al aire libre	Tradiční volný výběh	Frilands ...	Bäuerliche Auslauf	Traditsiohalbard	Ελευθεροβασκή	Traditionele vrije	Fermier en plein air	Rurale all'aperto	Tradicionālā brīvā turēšana
e)	Granja de cría en libertad	Volný výběh – úplná volnost	Frilands opdrætte i fuld frihed	Bäuerliche Freiland	Täieliku vabaduse vabapidamine	Πληρωτά ελευθερία	Frío total freedom	Fermier en liberté	Rurale in libertà	Pilnīgā brīvība

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a)	Lesinta %... Avizomienos žašys	... %- ban... isval etetett Zabballib	Mitmugħta' Wizza mitmughbil-hafur	Gaevoed met... % Met haver vetgemestgans	Żywione z udziałem %... tucz ste siany (geši)	Alimentação %... de ... Ganso engordado com aveia	Krmené husi krmné ovsom	Krmljena z ovsem	Ruokittu % ... Kauralla ruokittu hanhi	Utfodrad med... Havreutfodrad gås
b)	Patalaisvaimauginti paukščių (Auginti tvartuose)	Istállókülterjesgawwa: tartott szabadtartás (Auginti tvartuose)	Mrobbija sistema estensiva	Scharrel binnengedruwen	Ekstensywna	Produção extensiva interior	Extenzió halách	Ekstenzió zaprta reja	Uajaper siskasvat	Fintensivt uppsödd inomhus
c)	Laisvaimauginti paukščių	Szabadta (free range)	Barra (free range)	Scharrel met uitloop	Chów wybiegowy	Produção semiliberdade	Chované v dle výbehu	Prosta reja	Ulkoilum	Tilgjällig utomhusvistelse
d)	Tradicišnisvaimauginti paukščių	Hagyományos szabadtartás (free range) tradizzjoni	Barra (free range) tradizzjoni	Boerens met uitloop Hoeve... met uitloop	Tradycyjny chów wybiegowy	Produção ao ar livre	Chované tradičným spôsobom v halách	Tradicionálna prosta reja	Ulluv	Traditionell utomhusvistelse
e)	Visiškojė laisvėjė laukomiu paukščių	Feljes szabadtartás (free range) – liberta totali	Barra (free range) – liberta totali	Boerens met vrije uitloop Hoeve... met vrije uitloop	Chów w ograniczeniu	Produção na liberdade	Chované na pašni	Prosta reja – neomejen izpust	Vapaa kasvat	Uppfödd i full frihet]

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ANNEX IV

[^{F16}The conditions referred to in Article 10 are as follows:]**Textual Amendments**

F16 Inserted by Commission Regulation (EC) No 81/2006 of 18 January 2006 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1538/91 concerning the terms that may be used on the marketing of poultrymeat in the event of restrictions on access for poultry to open-air runs.

(a) [^{F6}*Fed with ... % of ...*]

Reference to the following particular feed ingredients may only be made where:

- in the case of cereals, they account for at least 65 % in weight of the feed formula given (SIC! given) during the greater part of the fattening period, which may include not more than 15 % of cereal by-products; however, where reference is made to one specific cereal, it shall account for at least 35 % of the feed formula used, and for at least 50 % in the case of maize,
- in the case of pulses or green vegetables they account for at least 5 % in weight of the feed formula given during most of the fattening period,
- in the case of dairy products, they account for at least 5 % in weight of the feed formula given during the finishing stage.

The term 'Oats fed goose' may however be used where the geese are fed during the finishing stage of three weeks not less than 500 g of oats per day.

(b) '*Extensive indoor*' ('*barn reared*')

This term may only be used where:

- the stocking rate per m² floor space does not exceed in the case of
 - [^{F6}chickens, young cocks, capons: 15 birds but not more than 25 kg liveweight,]
 - ducks, guinea fowl, turkeys: 25 kg liveweight,
 - geese: 15 kg liveweight,
- the birds are slaughtered in the case of:
 - chickens at 56 days or later,
 - turkeys at 70 days or later,
 - geese at 112 days or later,
 - peking ducks: 49 days or later,
 - Muscovy ducks: 70 days or later for females, 84 days or later for males,
 - female mulard ducks: 65 days or later,
 - guinea fowl: 82 days or later[^{F4},]
 - [^{F5}young geese (goslings): 60 days or later[^{F6},]]
 - [^{F3}young cocks: 90 days or later,
 - capons: 140 days or later.]

(c) *Free range*

This term may only be used where:

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- the stocking rate in the house and the age of slaughter are in accordance with the limits fixed under (b), except for chickens, for which the stocking rate may be increased to 13, but not more than 27,5 kg liveweight per m² and for capons, for which the stocking rate shall not exceed 7,5 m², and not more than 27,5 kg liveweight per m²,
 - the birds have had during at least half their lifetime continuous daytime access to open-air runs comprising an area mainly covered by vegetation of not less than:
 - 1 m² per chicken or guinea fowl]
 - [^{F1}2 m² per duck or per capon]
 - [^{F2}4 m² per turkey or goose.
- In the case (SIC! case) of guinea fowls, open-air runs may be replaced by a perchery having a floor surface of at least that of the house and a height of at least 2 m. Perches of at least 10 cm length are available per bird in total (house and perchery),
- the feed formula used in the fattening stage contains at least 70 % of cereals,
 - the poultryhouse is provided with popholes of a combined length at least equal to 4 m per 100 m² surface of the house.

(d) *Traditional free range*

This term may only be used where:

- the indoor stocking rate per m² does not exceed in the case of:
 - chickens: 12 but not more than 25 kg liveweight; however, in the case of mobile houses not exceeding 150 m² floor space and which remain open at night, the stocking rate may be increased to 20, but not more than 40 kg liveweight per m²,
 - capons: 6,25 (up to 91 days of age: 12) but not more than 35 kg liveweight,
 - Muscovy and Peking ducks: 8 males but not more than 35 kg liveweight, 10 females but not more than 25 kg liveweight,
 - Mulard ducks: 8 but not more than 35 kg liveweight,
 - [^{F6}guinea fowl: 13 but not more than 25 kg liveweight,]
 - turkeys: 6,25 (up to seven weeks of age: 10) but not more than 35 kg liveweight,
 - geese: 5 (up to six weeks of age: 10), 3 during last three weeks of fattening if kept in clausturation, but not more than 30 kg liveweight,
- the total usable area of poultryhouses at any single production site does not exceed 1 600 m²,
- each poultryhouse does not contain more than:
 - 4 800 chickens,
 - 5 200 guinea fowl, (SIC! fowl,)
 - 4 000 female Muscovy or Peking ducks or 3 200 male Muscovy or Peking ducks or 3 200 Mulard ducks,
 - 2 500 capons, geese and turkeys,

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- the poultryhouse is provided with propholes of a combined length at least equal to 4 m per 100 m² surface of the house,
- there is continuous day-time access to open-air runs at least as from the age of
 - six weeks in the case of chickens, and capons,
 - eight weeks in the case of ducks, geese, guinea fowl and turkeys,
- open-air runs comprise an area mainly covered by vegetation amounting to at least:
 - 2 m² per chicken or Muscovy or Peking duck or guinea fowl,
 - 3 m² per Mulard duck,
 - 4 m² per capon, as from 92 days (2 m² up to 91st day),
 - 6 m² per turkey,
 - 10 m² per goose.

In the case of guinea fowls, open-air runs may be replaced by a perchery having a floor surface of at least double that of the house and a height of at least 2 m. Perches of at least 10 cm length are available per bird in total (house and perchery),

- the birds fattened are of a strain recognized as being slow growing,
- the feed formula used in the fattening stage contains at least 70 % of cereals,
- the minimum age at slaughter is:
 - 81 days for chickens,
 - 150 days for capons,
 - 49 days for Peking ducks,
 - 70 days for female Muscovy ducks,
 - 84 days for male Muscovy ducks,
 - 92 days for Mulard ducks,
 - 94 days for guinea fowl,
 - [^{F6}140 days for turkeys and geese marketed whole for roasting,
 - 98 days for female turkeys intended for cutting up,
 - 126 days for male turkeys intended for cutting up,]
 - 95 days for geese intended for the production of foie gras and ‘magret’,
 - [^{F5}60 days for young geese (goslings),]
- finition in claustration does not exceed:
 - for chickens after 90 days of age: 15 days,]
 - [^{F1}for capons: four weeks,]
 - [^{F2}for geese and mulards (SIC! mulard) ducks intended for the production of foie gras and magret, after 70 days of age: 4 weeks.

(e) *Free-rang (SIC! Free-range) — total freedom*

The use of this term shall require conformity with the criteria set out under (d), except that the birds shall have continuous day-time access to open-air runs of unlimited area.

[^{F16}In the event of restrictions, including veterinary restrictions adopted under Community law to protect public and animal health, having the effect of restricting the access of poultry to open-air runs, poultry reared in accordance with the production methods described in points (c), (d)

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and (e) of the first subparagraph, with the exception of guinea fowls reared in percheries, may continue to be marketed with a special reference to the method of rearing for the duration of the restriction but under no circumstances for more than 12 weeks.]

ANNEX V

DETERMINATION OF THAW LOSS (Drip test)

1. *Object and scope*

This method shall be used to determine the amount of water lost from frozen or quick-frozen chickens during thawing. If this drip loss, expressed as a percentage by weight of the carcase (including all the edible offal contained in the pack) exceeds the limit value laid down in paragraph 7, it is considered that excess water has been absorbed during processing. [X²]

2. *Definition*

Drip loss determined by this method shall be expressed as a percentage of the total weight of the frozen or quick-frozen carcase, including edible offal.

3. *Principle*

The frozen or quick-frozen carcase, including edible offal present, shall be allowed to thaw under controlled conditions which allow the weight of water lost to be calculated.

4. *Apparatus*

- 4.1. Scales capable of weighing up to 5 kg with an accuracy better than approximately 1 g.
- 4.2. Plastic bags large enough to hold the carcase and having a secure means of fixing the bag.
- 4.3. Thermostatically controlled water-bath with equipment capable of holding the carcases as described in 5.5 and 5.6. The water-bath shall contain a volume of water not less than eight times that of the poultry to be checked and shall be capable of maintaining the water at a temperature of 42 plus or minus 2 °C.
- 4.4. Filter paper or other absorbent paper towels.

5. *Technique*

- 5.1. Twenty carcases shall be removed at random from the quantity of poultry to be checked. Until each can be tested as described in 5.2 to 5.11, they shall be kept at a temperature no higher than - 18 °C.
- 5.2. The outside of the pack shall be wiped to remove superficial ice and water. The pack and its content shall be weighed to the nearest gram: this weight shall be M₀.
- 5.3. The carcase, together with any edible offal sold with it, shall be removed from the outer wrap, which shall be dried and weighed to the nearest gram: this weight shall be M₁.
- 5.4. The weight of frozen carcase plus offal shall be calculated by subtracting M₁ from M₀.

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- 5.5. The carcase, including the edible offal, shall be placed in a strong, waterproof plastic bag with the abdominal cavity facing towards the bottom, closed end of the bag. The bag shall be of sufficient length so as to ensure that it can be fixed securely when in the water-bath but shall not be unduly wide as to allow the carcase to move from the vertical position.
- 5.6. The part of the bag containing the carcase end edible offal shall be completely immersed in a water-bath and shall remain open, enabling as much air as possible to escape. It shall be held vertically, if necessary by guide bars or by extra weights put in the bag, such that water from the bath cannot enter it. The individual bags shall not touch each other.
- 5.7. The bag shall be left in the water-bath, maintained at 42 plus or minus 2 °C throughout, with continuous movement of the bag or continuous agitation of the water, until the thermal centre of the carcase (the deepest part of the breast muscle close to the breast bone, in chickens without giblets, or the middle of the giblets in chickens with giblets) reaches at least 4 °C, measured in two randomly chosen carcasses. The carcasses should not remain in the water-bath for longer than is necessary to reach 4 °C. The required period of immersion, for carcasses stored at – 18 °C is of the order of:

Weight class (g)	Weight of carcase ± offal (g)	Indicative immersion time in minutes	
		Chickens without offal	Chickens with offal
< 800	< 825	77	92
850	825 — 874	82	97
900	875 — 924	85	100
950	925 — 974	88	103
1 000	975 — 1 024	92	107
1 050	1 025 — 1 074	95	110
1 100	1 050 — 1 149	98	113
1 200	1 150 — 1 249	105	120
1 300	1 250 — 1 349	111	126
1 400	1 350 — 1 449	118	133

Thereafter, an increase of seven minutes for each additional 100 g is required. If the suggested period of immersion is passed without reaching + 4 °C, in the two carcasses which are checked, the thawing process shall be continued until they do reach + 4 °C in the thermal centre.

- 5.8. The bag and its content shall be removed from the bath of water; the bottom of the bag shall be pierced to allow any water produced on thawing to drain. The bag and its content shall be allowed to drip for one hour at an ambient temperature of between + 18 °C and + 25 °C.
- 5.9. The thawed carcase shall be removed from the bag and the pack containing offal (if present) shall be removed from the abdominal cavity. The carcase shall be dried inside and out with filter paper or paper towels. The bag containing the offal shall be pierced

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and, once any water has drained away, the bag and thawed offal shall also be dried as carefully as possible.

5.10. The total weight of thawed carcase, offal and pack shall be determined to the nearest gram and expressed as M_2 .

5.11. The weight of the pack which contains the offal shall be determined to the nearest gram and expressed as M_3 .

6. *Calculation of result*

The amount of water lost through thawing as a percentage by weight of the frozen or quick-frozen carcase (including offal) shall be given by:

$$\frac{M_0 - M_1 - M_2}{M_0 - M_1 - M_3} \times 100$$

7. *Evaluation of result*

If the average water loss on thawing for the 20 carcasses in the sample exceeds the percentages given below, it is considered that the amount of water absorbed during processing exceeds the limit figure.

The percentages are in the case of:

- air chilling: 1,5 %,
- air spray chilling: 3,3 %,
- immersion chilling: 5,1 %.

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ANNEX VI⁽⁷⁾

DETERMINATION OF THE TOTAL WATER CONTENT OF CHICKENS
(Chemical test)

1. *Object and scope*

This method shall be used to determine the total water content of frozen and quick-frozen chickens. The method shall involve determination of the water and protein contents of samples from the homogenized poultry carcase. The total water content as determined shall be compared with the limit value given by the formulae indicated in paragraph 6.4, to determine whether or not excess water has been taken up during processing. If the analyst suspects the presence of any substance which may interfere with the assessment, it shall be for him or her to take the necessary appropriate precautions.

2. *Definitions*

‘Carcase’: the poultry carcase with bones, cartilage and offals eventually contained in the carcase.

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‘Offal’: liver, heart, gizzard and neck.

3. *Principle*

Water and protein contents shall be determined in accordance with recognized ISO (International Organization for Standardization) methods or other methods or analysis approved by the Council.

The highest permissible total water content of the carcase will be estimated from the protein content of the carcase, which can be related to the physiological water content.

4. *Apparatus and reagents*

4.1. Scales for weighing the carcase and wrappings, capable of weighing with an accuracy better than ± 1 g.

4.2. Meat-axe or saw for cutting carcasses into pieces of appropriate size for the mincer.

4.3. Heavy-duty mincing machine and blender capable of homogenizing complete frozen or quick-frozen poultry pieces.

Note:

No special mincer shall be recommended. It should have sufficient power to mince frozen or quick-frozen meat and bones to produce a homogeneous mixture corresponding to that obtained from a mincer fitted with a 4 mm hole disc.

4.4. Apparatus as specified in ISO 1442, for the determination of water content.

4.5. Apparatus as specified in ISO 937, for the determination of protein content.

5. *Procedure*

5.1. Seven carcasses shall be taken at random from the quantity of poultry to be checked and in each case kept frozen until analysis in accordance with 5.2 to 5.6 begins.

12 It may be conducted either as an analysis of each of the seven carcasses, or as an analysis of a composite sample of the seven carcasses.

5.2. The preparation shall be commenced within the hour following the removal of the carcasses from the freezer.

5.3. (a) The outside of the pack shall be wiped to remove superficial ice and water. Each carcase shall be weighed and removed from any wrapping material. After cutting up of the carcase into smaller pieces, any wrapping material around the edible offal shall be removed and ice adhering to the carcase, shall be determined to the nearest gram after deduction of the weight of any wrapping material removed to give ‘P₁’.

(b) In the case of a composite sample analysis, the total weight of the seven carcasses, prepared in accordance with 5.3 (a), shall be determined to give ‘P₇’.

5.4. (a) The whole carcase of which the weight is P₁ shall be minced in a mincer as specified under 4.3 (and, if necessary, mixed with the use of a blender as well) to obtain a homogeneous material from which a sample representative of each carcase may then be taken.

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- (b) In the case of a composite sample analysis, all seven carcasses of which the weight is P_7 shall be minced in a mincer as specified under 4.3 (and, if necessary, mixed with the use of a blender as well) to obtain a homogeneous material from which two samples representative of the seven carcasses may then be taken.

The two samples are to be analysed as described in 5.5 and 5.6.

- 5.5. A sample of the monogenized material shall be taken and used immediately to determine the water content in accordance with ISO 1442 to give the water content 'a %'.
- 5.6. A sample of the homogenized material shall also be taken and used immediately to determine the nitrogen content in accordance with ISO 937. This nitrogen content shall be converted to crude protein content 'b %' by multiplying it by the factor 6,25.

6. *Calculation of results*

- 6.1. (a) The weight of water (W) in each carcass shall be given by $aP_1/100$ and the weight of protein (RP) by $bP_1/100$, both of which are to be expressed in grams.

The sums of the weights of water (W_7) and the weights of protein (RP_7) in the seven carcasses analysed shall be determined.

- (b) In the case of a composite sample analysis, the average content of water and protein from the two samples analysed shall be determined to give a % and b %, respectively. The weight of the water (W_7) in the seven carcasses shall be given by $aP_7/100$, and the weight of protein (RP_7) by $bP_7/100$, both of which are to be expressed in grams.

- 6.2. The average weight of water (W_A) and protein (RP_A) shall be calculated by dividing W_7 and RP_7 , respectively, by seven.

- 6.3. The theoretical physiological water content in grams as determined by this method may be calculated by the following formula:

— chickens: $3,53 \times RP_A + 23$

- 6.4. (a) Air chilling

Assuming that the minimum technically unavoidable water content absorbed during preparation amounts to 2 % ⁽¹⁾, the highest permissible limit for the total water content (W_G) in grams as determined by this method shall be given by the following formula (including confidence interval):

— chickens: $W_G = 3,65 \times RP_A + 42$.

- (b) Air-spray chilling

Assuming that the minimum technically unavoidable water content absorbed during preparation amounts to 4,5 % ⁽¹⁾, the highest permissible limit for the total water content (W_G) in grams as determined by this method shall be given by the following formula (including confidence interval):

— chickens: $W_G = 3,79 \times RP + 42$.

- (c) Immersion chilling

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Assuming a technically unavoidable water absorption during preparation of 7 % ⁽¹⁾, the highest permissible limit for the total water content (W_G) in grams as determined by this method shall be given by the following formula (including confidence interval):

$$\text{— chickens: } W_G = 3,93 \times RP_A + 42.$$

- 6.5. If the average water content (W_A) of the seven carcasses as calculated under 6.2 does not exceed the value given in 6.4 (W_G), the quantity of poultry subjected to the check shall be considered up to standard.

[^{F5}ANNEX VIa

DETERMINATION OF THE TOTAL WATER CONTENT OF POULTRY CUTS (Chemical test)

1. Object and scope

This method shall be used to determine the total water content of certain poultry cuts. The method shall involve determination of the water and protein contents of samples from the homogenised poultry cuts. The total water content as determined shall be compared with the limit value given by the formulae indicated in paragraph 6.4, to determine whether or not excess water has been taken up during processing. If the analyst suspects the presence of any substance which may interfere with the assessment, it shall be for him or her to take the necessary appropriate precautions.

2. Definitions and sampling procedures

[^{F6}The definitions given in Article 1(2) are applicable to the poultry cuts referred to in Article 14b. The sample sizes should be at least as follows:

- chicken breast: half of the breast,
- chicken breast fillet: half of the boned breast without skin,
- turkey breast, turkey breast fillet and boned leg meat: portions of about 100 g
- other cuts: as defined in Article 1(2).]

In the case of frozen or quick frozen bulk products (cuts not individually packed) the large packs from which samples are to be taken may be kept at 0 °C until individual cuts can be removed.

3. Principle

Water and protein contents shall be determined in accordance with recognised ISO (International Organisation for Standardisation) methods or other methods or analysis approved by the Council.

The highest permissible total water content of the poultry cuts will be estimated from the protein content of the cuts, which can be related to the physiological water content.

4. Apparatus and reagents

- 4.1. Scales for weighing the cuts and wrappings, capable of weighing with an accuracy better than ± 1 g.
- 4.2. Meat axe or saw for cutting cuts into pieces of appropriate size for the mincer.

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- 4.3. Heavy-duty mincing machine and blender capable of homogenising poultry cuts or parts thereof.

Note: No special mincer shall be recommended. It should have sufficient power to mince also frozen or quick-frozen meat and bones to produce a homogeneous mixture corresponding to that obtained from a mincer fitted with a 4 mm hole disc.

- 4.4. Apparatus as specified in ISO 1442, for the determination of water content.

- 4.5. Apparatus as specified in ISO 937, for the determination of protein content.

5. Procedure

- 5.1. Five cuts shall be taken at random from the quantity of poultry cuts to be checked and in each case kept frozen or refrigerated as the case may be until analysis in accordance with points 5.2 to 5.6 begins.

Samples from frozen or quick-frozen bulk products referred to under point 2 may be kept at 0 °C until analysis begins.

It may be conducted either as an analysis of each of the five cuts, or as an analysis of a composite sample of the five cuts.

- 5.2. The preparation shall be commenced within the hour following the removal of the cuts from the freezer or refrigerator.

5.3.

- (a) The outside of the pack shall be wiped to remove superficial ice and water. Each cut shall be weighed and removed from any wrapping material. After cutting up the cuts into smaller pieces, the weight of the poultry cut shall be determined to the nearest gram after deduction of the weight of any wrapping material removed to give 'P₁'.

- (b) In the case of a composite sample analysis, the total weight of the five cuts, prepared in accordance with 5.3(a), shall be determined to give 'P₅'.

- (a) The outside of the pack shall be wiped to remove superficial ice and water. Each cut shall be weighed and removed from any wrapping material. After cutting up the cuts into smaller pieces, the weight of the poultry cut shall be determined to the nearest gram after deduction of the weight of any wrapping material removed to give 'P₁'.

- (b) In the case of a composite sample analysis, the total weight of the five cuts, prepared in accordance with 5.3(a), shall be determined to give 'P₅'.

5.4.

- (a) The whole cut of which the weight is P₁, shall be minced in a mincer as specified under point 4.3 (and, if necessary, mixed with the use of a blender as well) to obtain a homogeneous material from which a sample representative of each cut may then be taken.

- (b) In the case of a composite sample analysis, all five cuts of which the weight is P₅ shall be minced in a mincer as specified under point 4.3 (and, if necessary, mixed with the use of a blender as well) to obtain a homogeneous material from which two samples representative of the five cuts may then be taken.

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- (a) The whole cut of which the weight is P_1 , shall be minced in a mincer as specified under point 4.3 (and, if necessary, mixed with the use of a blender as well) to obtain a homogeneous material from which a sample representative of each cut may then be taken.
- (b) In the case of a composite sample analysis, all five cuts of which the weight is P_5 shall be minced in a mincer as specified under point 4.3 (and, if necessary, mixed with the use of a blender as well) to obtain a homogeneous material from which two samples representative of the five cuts may then be taken.

The two samples are to be analysed as described in points 5.5 and 5.6.

5.5. A sample of the homogenised material shall be taken and used immediately to determine the water content in accordance with ISO 1442 to give the water content 'a %'.

5.6. A sample of the homogenised material shall also be taken and used immediately to determine the nitrogen content in accordance with ISO 937. This nitrogen content shall be converted to crude protein content 'b %' by multiplying it by the factor 6,25.

6. Calculation of results

6.1.

(a) The weight of water (W) in each cut shall be given by $aP_1/100$ and the weight of protein (RP) by $bP_1/100$, both of which are to be expressed in grams.

The sums of the weights of water (W_5) and the weights of protein (RP_5) in the five cuts analysed shall be determined.

(b) In the case of a composite sample analysis, the average content of water and protein from the two samples analysed shall be determined to give a % and b %, respectively. The weight of the water (W_5) in the five cuts shall be given by $aP_5/100$, and the weight of protein (RP_5) by $bP_5/100$, both of which are to be expressed in grams.

(a) The weight of water (W) in each cut shall be given by $aP_1/100$ and the weight of protein (RP) by $bP_1/100$, both of which are to be expressed in grams.

The sums of the weights of water (W_5) and the weights of protein (RP_5) in the five cuts analysed shall be determined.

(b) In the case of a composite sample analysis, the average content of water and protein from the two samples analysed shall be determined to give a % and b %, respectively. The weight of the water (W_5) in the five cuts shall be given by $aP_5/100$, and the weight of protein (RP_5) by $bP_5/100$, both of which are to be expressed in grams.

6.2. The average weight of water (W_A) and protein (RP_A) shall be calculated by dividing W_5 and RP_5 respectively, by five.

6.3. The mean physiological W/RP ratio as determined by this method is as follows:

- chicken breast fillet: $3,19 \pm 0,12$
- chicken legs and leg quarters: $3,78 \pm 0,19$
- turkey breast fillet: $3,05 \pm 0,15$
- turkey legs: $3,58 \pm 0,15$
- deboned turkey leg meat: $3,65 \pm 0,17$.

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- 6.4. Assuming that the minimum technically unavoidable water content absorbed during preparation amounts to 2 %, 4 % or 6 %⁽⁸⁾ depending on the type of products and chilling methods applied, the highest permissible W/RP ratio as determined by this method shall be as follows:

	Air chilled	Air-spray chilled	Immersion chilled
Chicken breast fillet; without skin	3,4	3,4	3,4
Chicken breast; with skin	3,4	3,5	3,6
Chicken thighs, drumsticks, legs, legs with a portion of the back, leg quarters, with skin	4,05	4,15	4,3
Turkey breast fillet; without skin	3,4	3,4	3,4
Turkey breast, with skin	3,4	3,5	3,6
Turkey thighs, drumsticks, legs, with skin	3,8	3,9	4,05
Deboned turkey leg meat, without skin	3,95	3,95	3,95

If the average W_A/RP_A ratio of the five cuts as calculated from the values under point 6.2 does not exceed the ratio given in point 6.4, the quantity of poultry cuts subjected to the check shall be considered up to standard.]

ANNEX VII

Check on absorption of water in the production establishment

1. ^[F4]At least once each working period of eight hours:
select at random 25 carcasses from the evisceration line immediately after evisceration and the removal of the offal and fat and before the first subsequent washing.]
2. If necessary, remove the neck by cutting, leaving the neck skin attached to the carcass.
3. Identify each carcass individually. Weigh each carcass and record its weight to the nearest gram.
4. Re-hang the test carcasses on the evisceration line to continue through the normal processes of washing, chilling, dripping, etc.

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5. Remove identified carcasses at the end of the drip line without allowing them any longer time to drip than that allowed normally for poultry from the lot from which the sample was taken.
6. The sample shall consist of the first 20 carcasses recovered. They shall be re-weighed. Their weight to the nearest gramme shall be recorded against the weight recorded on first weighing. The test shall be declared void if less than 20 identified carcasses are recovered.
7. Remove identification from sample carcasses and allow the carcasses to proceed through normal packing operations.
8. Determine percentage moisture absorption by subtracting the total weight of these same carcasses after washing, chilling and dripping, dividing the difference by the initial weight and multiplying by 100.
- 8a. [^{F5}Instead of manual weighing as described under points 1 to 8 automatic weighing lines may be used for the determination of the percentage moisture absorption for the same number of carcasses and according to the same principles, provided that the automatic weighing line is approved in advance for this purpose by the competent authority.]
9. The result shall not exceed the following percentages of the initial weight of the carcass or any other figure allowing compliance with the maximum total extraneous water content:

—	air chilling:	0,1 %
—	air-spray chilling:	2,0 %
—	immersion chilling:	4,5 %]

[^{F13}ANNEX VIII

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[^{F13}ANNEX IX

Tasks and organisational structure of the board of experts in monitoring water content in poultrymeat

The board of experts referred to in Article 14a(14) is responsible for the following tasks:

- (a) supplying information on analytical methods and comparative testing regarding the water content of poultrymeat to the national reference laboratories,
- (b) coordinating the application by the national reference laboratories of the methods referred to in (a), by organising comparative testing, and proficiency testing in particular,
- (c) supporting the national reference laboratories in proficiency testing by providing scientific support for statistical data evaluation and reporting,
- (d) coordinating the development of new analytical methods and informing the national reference laboratories of progress made in this area,
- (e) providing scientific and technical assistance to the Commission, especially in cases where the results of analyses are contested between Member States.

The board of experts referred to in Article 14a(14) shall be organised as follows:

The board of experts in monitoring water content in poultrymeat shall consist of representatives of the Directorate-General Joint Research Centre (JRC) — Institute for Reference Materials and Measurements (IRMM), of the Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development and of three national reference laboratories. The representative of IRMM shall act as the chairperson of the board and shall appoint the national reference laboratories on rotational basis. The Member States' authorities responsible for the national reference laboratory selected shall

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subsequently appoint individual experts in monitoring water content in food to serve on the board. Through annual rotation, one participating national reference laboratory shall be replaced at a time, so as to ensure a degree of continuity on the board. Expenses incurred by the Member States' experts and/or the national reference laboratories in the exercise of their functions under this paragraph shall be borne by the respective Member States.

Tasks of national reference laboratories

The national reference laboratories listed in Annex VIII are responsible for the following tasks:

- (a) coordinating the activities of the national laboratories responsible for analyses of water content in poultrymeat,
- (b) assisting the competent authority in the Member State to organise the system for monitoring water content in poultrymeat,
- (c) participating in comparative testing (proficiency testing) between the various national laboratories referred to in (a),
- (d) ensuring that the information supplied by the board of experts is disseminated to the competent authority in the relevant Member State and to the national laboratories referred to in (a),
- (e) collaborate with the board of experts and in case of appointment to join the board of experts, to prepare the necessary test samples, including homogeneity testing, and to arrange appropriate shipping.]

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- (1) OJ No L 173, 6. 7. 1990, p. 1.
- (2) OJ No L 46, 21. 2. 1976, p. 1.
- (3) OJ No L 311, 4. 11. 1978, p. 21.
- (4) OJ No L 33, 8. 2. 1979, p. 1.
- (5) Freezer-burn: (in the sense of a reduction in quality) is the local or area-type irreversible drying up of skin and/or flesh which may show itself as changes:
 - in the original colour (mostly getting paler), and/or
 - in flavour and smell (flavourless or rancid), and/or
 - in consistency (dry, spongy).
- (6) OJ No L 55, 8. 3. 1971, p. 23
- (7) [^{F2}Calculated on the basis of the carcass exclusive of absorbed extraneous water.
- (8) [^{F5}Calculated on the basis of the cut, exclusive of absorbed extraneous water. For (skinless) fillet and deboned turkey leg meat, the percentage is 2 % for each of the chilling methods.]]

Textual Amendments

- F2** Inserted by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2891/93 of 21 October 1993.
- F5** Inserted by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1072/2000 of 19 May 2000 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1538/91 introducing detailed rules for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 1906/90 on certain marketing standards for poultrymeat.

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