

Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for on the hygiene of foodstuffs

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

Scope

1 This Regulation lays down specific rules on the hygiene of food of animal origin for food business operators. These rules supplement those laid down by Regulation (EC) No /2004⁽¹⁾. They shall apply to unprocessed and processed products of animal origin.

2 Unless expressly indicated to the contrary, this Regulation shall not apply to food containing both products of plant origin and processed products of animal origin. However, processed products of animal origin used to prepare such food shall be obtained and handled in accordance with the requirements of this Regulation.

3 This Regulation shall not apply in relation to:

- a primary production for private domestic use;
- b the domestic preparation, handling or storage of food for private domestic consumption;
- c the direct supply, by the producer, of small quantities of primary products to the final consumer or to local retail establishments directly supplying the final consumer;
- d the direct supply, by the producer, of small quantities of meat from poultry and lagomorphs slaughtered on the farm to the final consumer or to local retail establishments directly supplying such meat to the final consumer as fresh meat;
- e hunters who supply small quantities of wild game or wild game meat directly to the final consumer or to local retail establishments directly supplying the final consumer.

4 Member States shall establish, under national law, rules governing the activities and persons referred to in paragraph 3(c), (d) and (e). Such national rules shall ensure the achievement of the objectives of this Regulation.

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- a Unless expressly indicated to the contrary, this Regulation shall not apply to retail.
- b However, this Regulation shall apply to retail when operations are carried out with a view to the supply of food of animal origin to another establishment, unless:
 - (i) the operations consist only of storage or transport, in which case the specific temperature requirements laid down in Annex III shall nevertheless apply; or
 - (ii) the supply of food of animal origin from the retail establishment is to other retail establishments only and, in accordance with national law, is a marginal, localised and restricted activity.
- c Member States may adopt national measures to apply the requirements of this Regulation to retail establishments situated on their territory to which it would not apply pursuant to subparagraphs (a) or (b).

6 This Regulation shall apply without prejudice to:

- a relevant animal and public health rules, including more stringent rules laid down for the prevention, control and eradication of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies;
- b animal welfare requirements; and
- c requirements concerning the identification of animals and the traceability of products of animal origin.

Article 2

Definitions

The following definitions shall apply for the purposes of this Regulation:

- 1) the definitions laid down in Regulation (EC) No 178/2002;
- 2) the definitions laid down in Regulation (EC) No /2004⁽²⁾;
- 3) the definitions laid down in Annex I; and
- 4) any technical definitions contained in Annexes II and III.

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