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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) At the time of their accession, Finland and Sweden were granted additional salmonella guarantees covering trade in fresh meat from bovine and porcine animals, fresh poultrymeat and table eggs which were extended to minced meat by Council Directive 94/65/EC⁽²⁾. Those guarantees were set out in certain Directives, as amended by the Act of Accession for Austria, Finland and Sweden, namely as regards food in Council Directive 64/433/EEC⁽³⁾, in respect of fresh meat, Council Directive 71/118/EEC⁽⁴⁾ in respect of fresh poultrymeat and Directive 92/118/EEC⁽⁵⁾ in respect of eggs.
- (2) As from 1 January 2006, Directives 64/433/EEC, 71/118/EEC, and 94/65/EC are to be repealed by Directive 2004/41/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 repealing certain Directives concerning food hygiene and health conditions for the production and placing on the market of certain products of animal origin intended for human consumption and amending Council Directives 89/662/EEC and 92/118/EEC and Council Decision 95/408/EC⁽⁶⁾. Directive 92/118/EEC is to be amended by Directive 2004/41/EC.
- Article 4 of Directive 2004/41/EC provides that pending the adoption of the necessary provisions on the basis of Regulations (EC) No 852/2004⁽⁷⁾, (EC) No 853/2004, (EC) No 854/2004⁽⁸⁾ of the European Parliament and of the Council or Council Directive 2002/99/EC⁽⁹⁾, the implementing rules adopted on the basis of Directives 71/118/EEC and 94/65/EC and those adopted on the basis of Annex II to Directive 92/118/EEC, with the exception of Council Decision 94/371/EC⁽¹⁰⁾ are to continue to apply *mutatis mutandis*.

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- (4) As from 1 January 2006, new rules concerning special guarantees for food in respect of salmonella will apply under Regulation (EC) No 853/2004.
- There is therefore a need to update and complement as appropriate the implementing provisions provided for in Commission Decision 95/168/EC of 8 May 1995 establishing, as regards salmonella, additional guarantees for consignments to Finland and Sweden of certain types of eggs intended for human consumption⁽¹¹⁾, Council Decision 95/409/EC of 22 June 1995 laying down the rules for the microbiological testing by sampling of fresh beef and veal and pigmeat intended for Finland and Sweden⁽¹²⁾, Council Decision 95/411/EC of 22 June 1995 laying down the rules for the microbiological testing for salmonella by sampling of fresh poultry meat intended for Finland and Sweden⁽¹³⁾, and Commission Decision 2003/470/EC of 24 June 2003 on the authorisation of certain alternative methods to be used in microbiological testing of meat intended for Finland and Sweden⁽¹⁴⁾, pursuant to the new provisions of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004. It is furthermore appropriate to gather all the provisions in one Commission Regulation and to repeal Decisions 95/168/EC, 95/409/EC, 95/411/EC and 2003/470/EC.
- (6) Implementing provisions should also be adopted for the new special guarantees laid down in Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 as regard minced meat from poultry.
- (7) The rules relating to microbiological tests by sampling should be drawn up laying down the sampling method, the number of samples to be taken and the microbiological method to be used for examining the samples.
- (8) In the rules on sampling methods, it is appropriate to make a distinction, as regards meat from bovine and porcine animals, between carcases and half carcases, on the one hand and quarters, cuts and smaller pieces on the other, and, as regards meat from poultry, between whole carcases, on the one hand, and parts of carcases and offal on the other.
- (9) It is appropriate to take account of international methods for the sampling and for the microbiological examination of samples, as reference methods, while allowing the use of certain alternative methods that have been validated and certified as providing equivalent guarantees.
- (10) It is necessary to update or to establish where appropriate the models of trade and certification documents accompanying consignments and declaring or certifying that the guarantees are fulfilled.
- (11) Pursuant to Article 8(2)(c) and (d) of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004, the special guarantees should not be applicable to any consignment that is subject to a programme recognised as equivalent to that implemented by Finland and Sweden, or to consignments of meat from bovine and porcine animals and eggs destined to special treatments.
- (12) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee for the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

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Article 1

Sampling of meat from bovine animals

The sampling of meat from bovine animals, including minced meat but excluding meat preparations and mechanically separated meat, intended for Finland and Sweden, and subjected to a microbiological test shall be carried out in accordance with Annex I.

Article 2

Sampling of meat from porcine animals

The sampling of meat from porcine animals, including minced meat but excluding meat preparations and mechanically separated meat, intended for Finland and Sweden and subjected to a microbiological test, shall be carried out in accordance with Annex I.

Article 3

Sampling of meat from poultry

The sampling of meat from domestic fowl, turkeys, guinea fowl, ducks and geese, including minced meat but excluding meat preparations and mechanically separated meat, intended for Finland and Sweden and subjected to a microbiological test, shall be carried out in accordance with Annex II.

Article 4

Sampling of the flocks of origin of eggs

The sampling of the flocks of origin of the eggs intended for Finland and Sweden and subjected to a microbiological test shall be carried out in accordance with Annex III.

Article 5

Microbiological methods for the examination of the samples

- 1 Microbiological testing for salmonella of the samples taken in accordance with Articles 1 to 4 shall be carried out in accordance with the most recent edition of:
 - a standard EN/ISO 6579⁽¹⁵⁾ (EN/ISO 6579); or
 - b method No 71 described by the Nordic Committee on Food Analysis (NMKL)⁽¹⁶⁾ (method No 71).

Where the results of the microbiological testing are contested between Member States, the most recent edition of EN/ISO 6579 shall be regarded as the reference method.

2 However, for samples of meat from bovine and porcine animals and of meat from poultry, the following analytical methods, which shall be validated by the use of meat samples in the validation studies, may be used for the microbiological testing for salmonella:

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methods that have been validated against the most recent editions of EN/ISO 6579 or of method No 71 and if a proprietary method, certified by a third party in accordance with the protocol set out in standard EN/ISO 16140 (EN/ISO 16140) or other internationally accepted protocols.

Article 6

Documentation

- 1 Consignments of meat referred to in Articles 1, 2 and 3 shall be accompanied by a trade document complying with the model set out in Annex IV.
- 2 Consignments of egg referred to in Article 4 shall be accompanied by a certificate complying with the model set out in Annex V.

Article 7

Decisions 95/168/EC, 95/409/EC, 95/411/EC and 2003/470/EC are repealed.

Article 8

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the *Official journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 14 October 2005.

For the Commission

Markos KYPRIANOU

Member of the Commission

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ANNEX I

Sampling rules applicable to meat or minced meat from bovine and porcine animals when intended for Finland and Sweden

Section A

SAMPLING METHOD

1. Carcases, half-carcases and quarters obtained from the slaughterhouse of origin (swab technique)

The non-destructive sampling method as described in ISO 17604 standard, including the rules for storage and transport of samples must be used.

For beef carcases, three sites must be sampled (leg, flank and neck). For pork carcases, two sites must be sampled (leg and brisket). An abrasive sponge sampling method must be used. The sampling area must cover a minimum of 100 cm² per site selected. Samples from the different sampling sites on the carcase must be pooled before examination.

Each sample must be duly marked and identified.

2. Quarter cuts obtained from an establishment other than the slaughterhouse of origin of the carcase, cuts and smaller pieces (destructive method)

Pieces of tissue must be obtained by punching a sterile cork borer into the meat surface or cutting a slice of tissue of approximately 25 cm² with sterile instruments. The samples must be aseptically transferred into a sample container or plastic dilution bag and then homogenised (peristaltic stomacher or rotary blender (homogeniser)). Samples of frozen meat must remain frozen during transport to the laboratory. Samples from chilled meat must not be frozen but kept refrigerated. Separate samples of the same consignment may be pooled as established in EN/ ISO 6579 standard, up to a maximum of 10.

Each sample must be duly marked and identified.

3. Minced meat (destructive method)

Pieces of meat must be obtained by sampling of approximately 25 g with sterile instruments. The samples must be aseptically transferred into a sample container or plastic dilution bag and then homogenised (peristaltic stomacher or rotary blender (homogeniser)). Samples of frozen meat must remain frozen during transport to the laboratory. Samples from chilled meat must not be frozen but kept refrigerated. Separate samples of the same consignment may be pooled as established in EN/ISO 6579 standard, up to a maximum of 10.

Each sample must be duly marked and identified.

Section B

NUMBER OF SAMPLES TO BE TAKEN

1. Carcases, half-carcases, half-carcases cut into a maximum of three pieces and quarters referred to under A(1)

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The number of carcases or half-carcases (units) in a consignment of which separate random samples are to be taken must be as follows:

Consignment (number of packing units)	Number of packing units to be sampled
1-24	Number equal to the number of packing units, with a maximum of 20
25-29	20
30-39	25
40-49	30
50-59	35
60-89	40
90-199	50
200-499	55
500 or more	60

Quarters, cuts and smaller pieces as referred to under A(2) and minced meat as referred to under A(3)

The number of packing units in the consignment of which separate random samples are to be taken must be as follows:

Consignment (number of packing units)	Number of packing units to be sampled
1-24	Number equal to the number of packing units, with a maximum of 20
25-29	20
30-39	25
40-49	30
50-59	35
60-89	40
90-199	50
200-499	55
500 or more	60

Depending on the weight of the packing units, the number of packing units to be sampled may be reduced using the following multiplication factors:

Weight of packing units	> 20 kg	10-20 kg	< 10 kg
Multiplication factors	× 1	× 3/4	× 1/2

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ANNEX II

Sampling rules applicable to meat or minced meat from poultry when intended for Finland and Sweden

Section A

SAMPLING METHOD

1. Carcases (with the neck skin still attached)

Random samples must be evenly distributed through the whole consignment. Sampling must consist of pieces of about 10 g of neck skin to be removed aseptically with a sterile scalpel and tweezers. Samples must be kept refrigerated until examination. Samples may be pooled as established in EN/ISO 6579 standard, up to a maximum of 10.

Samples must be duly marked and identified.

2. Carcases without neck skin, carcase parts and offal (Destructive method)

Pieces of tissue of about 25 g must be obtained by punching a sterile cork borer into the meat surface or cutting a slice of tissue with sterile instruments. Samples must be kept refrigerated until examination. Samples may be pooled as established in EN/ISO 6579 standard, up to a maximum of 10.

Samples must be duly marked and identified.

3. Minced meat (Destructive method)

Pieces of meat must be obtained by sampling of approximately 25 g with sterile instruments. Samples must be kept refrigerated until examination. Samples may be pooled as established in EN/ISO 6579 standard, up to a maximum of 10.

Samples must be duly marked and identified.

Section B

NUMBER OF SAMPLES TO BE TAKEN

The number of packing units in the consignment of which separate random samples are to be taken must be as follows:

Consignment (number of packing units)	Number of packing units to be sampled
1-24	Number equal to the number of packing units, with a maximum of 20
25-29	20
30-39	25
40-49	30
50-59	35
60-89	40

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90-199	50
200-499	55
500 or more	60

Depending on the weight of the packing units, the number of samples may be reduced by using the following multiplication factors:

Weight of packing units	> 20 kg	10-20 kg	< 10 kg
Multiplication factors	× 1	× ³ / ₄	× 1/2

ANNEX III

Sampling rules applicable to flocks when eggs are intended for Finland and Sweden

Section A

SAMPLING METHOD

Sampling must consist of faecal material collected according to one of the following methods:

- 1. in the case of hens raised on perches or free-range:
 - 1.1. composite samples of faeces, each sample consisting of separate samples of fresh faeces, each weighing at least 1 gram, are to be taken at random at a number of points in the building in which the hens are kept or, where such hens have free access to more than one building on a given farm, such samples must be taken in each group of farm buildings in which the hens are kept;
 - 1.2. boot swabs (i.e. overboots or tubegauze 'socks'): the surface of the boot swab must be moistened using appropriate recovery diluent (such as 0,8 % sodium chloride plus 0,1 % peptone in sterile dionised water), or sterile water, or any other diluent approved by the competent authority. Farm water containing antimicrobials or additional disinfectants must not be used. Walking around must be done in a manner which will sample representatively all parts of the building, including littered and slatted areas when slats are safe to walk on. On completion of sampling, boot swabs must be removed carefully so as not to dislodge adherent material. The two pairs of boot swabs may be pooled for analysis;
- 2. in the case of laying hens in cages, such samples are to be taken from scrapers or from surface droppings in the pit.

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Section B

QUANTITY OF SAMPLES TO BE TAKEN

The quantity of samples must be as follows, depending of the sampling method used under section A:

- in case of the method referred to under 1.1.: 60 faeces samples must be taken in the building or group of farm buildings,
- in case of the method referred to under 1.2.: 2 pairs of boot swabs must be used,
- in case of the method referred to under 2.: 60 faeces samples must be taken, or at least 60 gram of naturally mixed faeces.

Section C

SAMPLING FREQUENCY

The flock must be sampled within a period of two weeks before the beginning of laying and thereafter at least once every 25 weeks.

ANNEX IV

Notes:

- (a) Commercial documents shall be produced, according to the layout of the model appearing in this Annex. It shall contain, in the numbered order that appears in the model, the attestations that are required for the transportation of meat from bovine or porcine animals or meat from poultry, including minced meat.
- (b) It shall be drawn up in one of the official languages of the EU Member State of destination. However, it may also be drawn up in other EU languages, if accompanied by an official translation or if previously agreed by the competent authority of the Member State of destination.
- (c) The commercial document shall be produced at least in triplicate (one original and two copies). The original shall accompany the consignment to its final destination. The receiver must retain it. The producer must retain one of the copies and the carrier the other.
- (d) The original of each commercial document shall consist of a single page, both sides, or, where more text is required it shall be in such a form that all pages needed are part of an integrated whole and indivisible.
- (e) If for reasons of identification of the items of the consignment, additional pages are attached to the document, these pages shall also be considered as forming part of the original of the document by the application of the signature of the responsible person, in each of the pages.
- (f) When the document, including additional pages referred to in (e), comprises more than one page, each page shall be numbered, (page number) of (total number of pages), at the bottom and shall bear the code number of the document that has been designated by the responsible person at the top.

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- (g) The original of the document shall be completed and signed by the responsible person.
- (h) The colour of the signature of the responsible person shall be different to that of the printing.

Model commercial document for the consignment to Finland and Sweden of meat from bovine or porcine animals or meat from poultry, including minced meat

1.	Consignor (name of despatching establishment and address in full and, if appropriate approval number of the despatching establish-	Document reference number (1):	
	ment)	Total number of pages of this document:	
		Date (on which the material was taken from the premises):	
2.	Consignee (receiver's name and address in full and, if appropriate approval number of the establishment of destination of the product)	Place of loading for dispatch (address in full if different from point 1)	
4.	Carrier, means of transport, quantity and identification of	4.5. Nature of packaging:	
٦.	consignment	4.7. Nature of pacaging.	
4.1.	Carrier (name and address in full):	4.6. Number of packages per category of products:	
4.2	Lorry, rail-wagon, ship or aircraft (²)	4.7. Net weight (kg):	
	Registration number(s), ship name or flight number:	4.8. Container number if applicable:	
4.5.	Registation number(s), stilp name of right number.	4.6. Container number in applicable.	
5.	Description of the products		
5.1.	.1. Type of products (3):		
5.2.	Condition of products (4):		
6.	Declaration by the consignor		
	I, the undersigned, declare that:		
	The checks referred to in Commission Regulation [] have been carried out with negative results and a statement from the laboratory concerning the analyses performed on the consignment or the results of such analyses is attached to this document (2).		
	The meat from bovine or porcine animals, including minced meat thereof, is intended for an establishment for the purposes of pasteurisation, sterilisation or treatment having a similar effect (2).		
	The meat, including minced meat, comes from an establishment tapproved for Sweden and Finland $(^2\!).$	hat is subject to a control programme recognised as equivalent to that	
	Signature		
	Done at	on	
	(place)	(date)	
		(signature of the responsible person/consignor) (⁵)	
		(name, in capital letters)	
Notes (¹) Reference number issued by the responsible person for purpose of traceability.			

- (2) Delete as appropriate.
- (3) Describe the type of product (e.g. meat from bovine animals, meat from porcine animals, meat from poultry, minced meat).
- (4) Describe the condition of product: chilled or frozen.
- (5) The signature must be in a different colour to that of the printing.

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ANNEX V

Model certificate for the consignment to Finland and Sweden of eggs intended for human consumption

EU	UROPEAN COMMUNITY Intra trade certificate			
	I.1. Consignor	I.2. Certificate reference number	I.2.a. Local reference number:	
	Name Address	I.3. Central Competent Authority		
	Postal code	I.4. Local Competent Authority		
ented	I.5. Consignee Name	I.6. No(s) of related original certificates	* No(s) of accompanying documents *	
res				
nt p	Address Postal code	I.7. Dealer *		
me			Approval number	
Part I: Details of consignment presented	I.S. Country of origin ISO code I.9. Region of origin Code	I.10. Country of destination ISO code	I.11. Region of destination Code	
je Je	I.12. Place of origin/Place of harvest	I.13. Place of destination		
ls c	* Assembly	* Assembly	C + Posteti constr. C	
etai	* Holding Centre * Dealer's premise	* Holding Centre	= : =	
I: D	* Approved body * Semen centre * Approved aquaculture holding * Embryo team * Establishment *Other	* Approved body * Semen centre * Embryo team Establishment	= " ' =	
Part	Name Approval number	Name	Approval number	
_	Address	Address		
	Postal code	Postal code		
	I.14. Place of loading *	I.15. Date and time of departure *		
	Postal code	•		
	I.16. Means of transport	I.17. Transporter *		
	Aeroplane Ship Railway wagon	Name	Approval number	
	Road vehicle Other	Address		
	Identification:	Postal code	Member State	
	I.18. Animal species/Product	I.19. Commodity code (CN code)		
			I.20. Number/Quantity	
	I.21. Temperature of products Ambient Chilled Chilled	Frozen	I.22. Number of packages	
	I.23. Identification of container/Seal number		I.24. Type of packaging	
			and it styles or ferranging	
	1.25. Animals certified as/products certified for:			
	* Breeding * Fattening * * Artificial reproduction * Registered equidae * * Gan	* Slaughter	ance * Approved body Pets	
		naceutical use * Technical	= _	
	·			
	I.26. Transit through Third country Third country ISO code	I.27. Transit through Member states Member State	ISO code	
	Exit point Code	Member State	ISO code	
	Entry point BIP unit no.:	Member State	ISO code	
	I.28. Export	I.29. Estimated journey time		
	Third country ISO code			
	Exit point Code			
	I.30. Route plan * Yes No			
	I.31. Identification of the animals/products			
	Approval number of establishments/vessels			
	Species (Scientific name) Category	Processing plant Q	Quantity Net weight	

^{*} Not to be completed

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EU	ROPEAN COMMUNITY	Eggs for human consumption	dispatched to Finland and Sweder
	II. Health information	II(a) Certificate reference number	II(b) Local reference number
	Attestation		
	I, the undersigned, hereby certify that:		
tion	(i) the eggs described above originate from a flock which has been subjected, with negative results, to the checks provided for in Commission Regulation [] (*);		
Part II: Certification	(ii) the eggs are destined to be used for the manufacture of processed products by a process that guarantees the elimination of salmonella (4).		
	Notes		
	(1) Box reference No L16: the registration number(s) of rail-wagon or lorry and the name of the ship should be given as appropriate. If known, the flight number of the aircraft. (2) Box reference No L23: in case of transport in containers or boxes, the total number, their registration and seal numbers, if present, should be indicated.		
	(*) Box reference No L31: for 'category', indicate class A or B as in revised Council Regulation (EC) No 1907/90. (*) Delete as appropriate. (*) The signature and the stamp must be in a colour different to that of the printing.		
	Official veterinarian or official inspector		
	Name (in Capital): Local Veterinary Unit: Date:	Qualification and title: No of the related LVU: Signature (5):	

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- (1) OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 3, as corrected by OJ L 226, 25.6.2004, p. 22.
- (2) OJ L 368, 31.12.1994, p. 10. Directive as amended by Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1).
- (3) OJ 121, 29.7.1964, p. 2012/64. Directive as last amended by the 2005 Act of Accession.
- (4) OJ L 55, 8.3.1971, p. 23. Directive as last amended by the 2005 Act of Accession.
- (5) OJ L 62, 15.3.1993, p. 49. Directive as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 445/2004 (OJ L 72, 11.3.2004, p. 60).
- (6) OJ L 157, 30.4.2004, p. 33 ,as corrected by OJ L 195, 2.6.2004, p. 12.
- (7) OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 1, as corrected by OJ L 226, 25.6.2004, p. 3.
- (8) OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 206, as corrected by OJ L 226, 25.6.2004, p. 83.
- (9) OJ L 18, 23.1.2003, p. 11.
- (10) OJ L 168, 2.7.1994, p. 34.
- (11) OJ L 109, 16.5.1995, p. 44. Decision as amended by Decision 97/278/EC (OJ L 110, 26.4.1997, p. 77).
- (12) OJ L 243, 11.10.1995, p. 21. Decision as amended by Decision 98/227/EC (OJ L 87, 21.3.1998, p. 14).
- (13) OJ L 243, 11.10.1995, p. 29. Decision as amended by Decision 98/227/EC.
- (14) OJ L 157, 26.6.2003, p. 66.
- (15) EN/ISO 6579: Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs Horizontal method for the detection of Salmonella *spp*.
- (16) NMKL method No 71: Salmonella. Detection in food.

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