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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. Carcasses, half-carcasses 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 carcasses, three sites must be sampled (leg, flank and neck). For pork carcasses, 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 carcass 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 carcass, 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. Carcasses, half-carcasses, half-carcasses cut into a maximum of three pieces and quarters referred to under A(1)

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The number of carcasses or half-carcasses (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

2. 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:

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25-29	20
30-39	25
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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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