

**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**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1906/90 of 26 June 1990 on certain marketing standards for poultrymeat <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular to Article 9 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Paragraphs 10, 12 and 12a of Article 14a of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1538/91 of 5 June 1991 introducing detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1906/90 on certain marketing standards for poultrymeat <sup>(2)</sup> provide for detailed guidelines regarding the levels of controls and actions to be undertaken by reference laboratories for monitoring water content in poultrymeat.

(2) The Community Reference Laboratory 'Het Spelderholt' provided for in Article 14a(14) of Regulation (EEC) No 1538/91 is no longer in a position to continue its work.

(3) Experience with the work of the reference laboratories has shown that there is no need for a separate Community Reference Laboratory any more. Instead it appears sufficient to establish a coordinating board for testing activities by national reference laboratories.

(4) The coordinating board should 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.

(5) The representative of IRMM should be the chairperson of the board and should appoint the national reference laboratories on rotational basis.

(6) Annex VIII to Regulation (EEC) No 1538/91 contains the names and addresses of all reference laboratories. Several Member States have informed the Commission of a change of their national reference laboratories. Malta has sent the name and address of the Maltese National Reference Laboratory in a neighbouring Member State. It is therefore necessary to update the name and address of certain Reference Laboratories and introduce the name and address of the Maltese Reference Laboratory.

(7) Annex IX to Regulation (EEC) No 1538/91 contains the specific tasks to be performed by the Community Reference Laboratory and by the national reference laboratories. The change in organisational structure of reference laboratories for monitoring water content in poultrymeat should be laid down in Annex IX.

(8) Regulation (EEC) No 1538/91 should be amended accordingly.

(9) 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:

*Article 1*

Regulation (EEC) No 1538/91 is amended as follows:

1. Article 14a is amended as follows:

(a) In paragraph 12a, the second subparagraph is replaced by the following:

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

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 173, 6.7.1990, p. 1. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1101/98 (OJ L 157, 30.5.1998, p. 12).

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 143, 7.6.1991, p. 11. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC) No 81/2006 (OJ L 14, 19.1.2006, p. 8).

(b) Paragraph 14 is replaced by the following:

'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.'

2. Annex VIII is replaced by the text in Annex I to this Regulation.

3. Annex IX is replaced by the text in Annex II to this Regulation.

*Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

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

Done at Brussels, 15 March 2006.

*For the Commission*  
Mariann FISCHER BOEL  
*Member of the Commission*

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## ANNEX I

## ANNEX VIII

## LIST OF NATIONAL REFERENCE LABORATORIES

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## ANNEX II

## 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 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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