Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1223/2011 of 28 November 2011 amending Regulation (EC) No 1688/2005 as regards sampling of flocks of origin of eggs and the microbiological examination of such samples and samples of certain meat intended for Finland and Sweden (Text with EEA relevance)

#### Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 1688/2005 is amended as follows:

(1) Articles 4 and 5 are replaced by the following:

#### Article 4

## Sampling of the flocks of origin of eggs

The sampling of flocks of origin of eggs intended for Finland and Sweden and subject to a microbiological test as provided for in Article 8(2)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 shall be carried out in accordance with:

- the minimum sampling requirements for laying flocks laid down in the table set out in point 1 of part B of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003;
- (b) the requirements for monitoring in laying flocks set out in point 2 of the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 517/2011.

### Article 5

### Microbiological methods for the examination of the samples

- Microbiological testing for *Salmonella* of the samples taken in accordance with Articles 1 to 4 shall be carried out in accordance with the methods described in the following documents:
  - a in case of samples of meat as referred to in Articles 1, 2 and 3:
    - (i) EN/ISO 6579: Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs Horizontal method for the detection of *Salmonella* spp;
    - (ii) NMKL (Nordic Committee on Food Analysis) method No 71: *Salmonella*. Detection in food; or
    - (iii) methods validated for meat against the methods referred to in (i) and (ii) or other internationally accepted protocols, provided that they are:
      - used on meat from bovine and porcine animals and from poultry, and
      - certified by a third party in accordance with the protocol set out in standard EN/ISO 16140 Microbiology of food and animal feeding stuffs - Protocol for the validation of alternative methods (EN/ISO 16140).
  - b in case of samples of flocks as referred to in Article 4: EN/ISO 6579-2002/Amd1:2007 Annex D: Detection of *Salmonella* spp. in animal faeces and in environmental samples from the primary production stage.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1223/2011, Article 1. (See end of Document for details)

- Where the results of the microbiological testing referred to paragraph 1(a) are contested between Member States, the most recent edition of EN/ISO 6579 shall be regarded as the reference method.
- (2) Annex III is deleted.

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