

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/627 of 15 March 2019 laying down uniform practical arrangements for the performance of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005 as regards official controls (Text with EEA relevance)

TITLE II

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL CONTROLS AND THE UNIFORM MINIMUM FREQUENCY FOR OFFICIAL CONTROLS ON PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN

CHAPTER I

Specific requirements for audits by the competent authorities in establishments handling products of animal origin

Article 4

Nature and frequency of auditing

1 The nature and frequency of auditing tasks in respect of individual establishments shall depend on the assessed risk. To this end, the competent authorities shall regularly assess:

- a human and, where appropriate, animal health risks;
- b in the case of slaughterhouses, animal welfare aspects;
- c the type and throughput of the processes carried out;
- d the food business operator's past record as regards compliance with food law.

2 Where food business operators in the food chain take additional measures to guarantee food safety by implementing integrated systems, private control systems or independent third-party certification, or by other means, and where these measures are documented and animals covered by such schemes are clearly identifiable, the competent authorities may take such measures into account when carrying out audits to review good hygiene practices and the HACCP-based procedures.