

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 III

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL CONTROLS AND THE UNIFORM MINIMUM FREQUENCY FOR OFFICIAL CONTROLS ON FRESH MEAT

CHAPTER III

Communication of inspection results and measures to be taken by competent authorities in cases of specific non-compliance with requirements for fresh meat and for animal welfare

Article 43

Measures in cases of non-compliance with requirements for live animals

1 The official veterinarian shall verify the food business operator's compliance with its duty under point 3 in Chapter IV of Section I of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 to ensure that animals accepted for slaughter for human consumption are properly identified. The official veterinarian shall ensure that animals whose identity is not ascertainable are killed separately and declared unfit for human consumption. Where the official veterinarian considers it necessary, official controls shall be carried out on the holding of provenance.

2 The official veterinarian shall ensure that animals subject to an unacceptable risk of contamination of the meat during slaughter, as laid down in Article 11(4), are not slaughtered for human consumption unless they are cleaned beforehand.

3 The official veterinarian shall ensure that animals with a disease or condition that may be transmitted to animals or humans handling or eating the meat and, in general, animals showing clinical signs of systemic disease or emaciation, or any other condition rendering meat unfit for human consumption, are not slaughtered for human consumption. Such animals shall be killed separately under such conditions that other animals or carcasses cannot be contaminated, and declared unfit for human consumption.

4 The official veterinarian shall defer the slaughter of animals suspected of having a disease or condition that may adversely affect human or animal health. Such animals shall undergo detailed ante-mortem examination by the official veterinarian in order to make a diagnosis. In addition, the official veterinarian may decide that sampling and laboratory examinations must take place to supplement post-mortem inspection. If necessary to avoid contamination of other meat, the animals shall be slaughtered separately or at the end of normal slaughtering, taking all other necessary precautions.

5 The official veterinarian shall ensure that animals that might contain residues of prohibited or unauthorised pharmacologically active substances or residues of authorised

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pharmacologically active substances, pesticides or contaminants in excess of the levels laid down in accordance with Union legislation, are dealt with in accordance with Articles 16 to 19 of Directive 96/23/EC.

6 The official veterinarian shall impose the conditions under which animals shall be dealt with under a specific scheme for the eradication or control of a specific disease, such as brucellosis or tuberculosis, or zoonotic agents such as salmonella, under his/her direct supervision. The competent authorities shall determine the conditions under which such animals may be slaughtered. These conditions shall be designed to minimise the contamination of other animals and the meat of other animals.

As a rule, animals that are presented to a slaughterhouse for slaughter shall be slaughtered there. However, in exceptional circumstances, such as a serious breakdown of the slaughter facilities, the official veterinarian may allow direct movements to another slaughterhouse.

Where non-compliance which results in a risk to animal or human health, or animal welfare, is detected during ante-mortem inspection at the holding of provenance, the official veterinarian shall not allow the animals to be transported to the slaughterhouse and the relevant measures regarding the communication of inspection results in accordance with Article 39(2)(b)(i) and (iii) shall apply.

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- Art. 43(5) words substituted by [S.I. 2020/1631 reg. 16\(17\)\(a\)](#)
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- Annex 2 para. 3 words substituted by [S.I. 2020/1631 reg. 16\(27\)\(b\)](#)
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- Annex 6 Ch. 1 Pt. D words substituted by [S.I. 2020/1631 reg. 16\(29\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
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- Annex 6 Ch. 2 Pt. A para. 1(d) word substituted by [S.I. 2020/1631 reg. 16\(29\)\(b\)\(i\)\(bb\)](#)
- Annex 6 Ch. 2 Pt. A para. 1(d) words substituted by [S.I. 2020/1631 reg. 16\(29\)\(b\)\(i\)\(aa\)](#)
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- Art. 3(3)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2020/1631 reg. 16\(4\)\(b\)](#)
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