

Amended hygiene rules for food of animal origin

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Draft Commission Delegated Regulation concerning specific hygiene rules for emergency slaughter of domestic ungulates, for tuna frozen in brine and for highly refined products

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What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) proposes changes to certain rules on the hygiene of foods of animal origin.

Frozen tuna in brine

- Vessels must be equipped so that the temperature of brine can be continuously monitored on board and onshore.
- Operators must put in place a validation plan regarding the freezing capacity of vessels and the continuous monitoring of temperature requirements. Competent authorities must put in place measures to control the effectiveness of the plan.
- Whole tuna in brine must meet new conditions including the maximum duration of freezing or cooling processes to reach certain temperatures, salt concentrations, and temperature measuring instruments.

Meat from emergency slaughter

The declaration by the food business operator that should accompany meat from domestic ungulates to the slaughterhouse after emergency slaughter is replaced by a reference to the food chain information required by Regulation 853/2004, for the sake of clarification.

Highly refined products

- Inclusion of insects as a raw material for food additives.
- Inclusion of a new process to extract vitamin D3 from wool grease (heat treatment of at least 135°C for at least 90 min).

Actions

Countries that are members of the World Trade Organization can submit comments or concerns about potential impacts, via the [National SPS notification authority](#) of the country concerned, to the [EU SPS Enquiry Point](#) until **24 May 2025**. All stakeholders can submit comments via the EU's [Have your say](#) platform until **23 April 2025** (midnight).

Timeline

The Regulation is expected to be adopted in approximately the fourth quarter of 2025.

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