

Amended hygiene rules for food of animal origin

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Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) [2025/1449](#) concerning specific hygiene rules for emergency slaughter of domestic ungulates, for tuna frozen in brine and for highly refined products

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) has amended certain rules on the hygiene of foods of animal origin. These changes concern the validation of requirements for freezing tuna in brine at -18°C on-board freezer vessels; the declaration of food chain information for domestic ungulates that have undergone emergency slaughter outside the slaughterhouse; and the inclusion of insects as a raw material for food additives and a new process to extract vitamin D3 derived from wool grease.

Actions

Exporters to the EU of tuna frozen in brine must verify that vessels are equipped to meet new requirements by the time the Regulation enters into application.

Competent authorities in exporting countries must take steps to ensure the effectiveness of operators' validation plans.

Timeline

The Regulation applies from **18 November 2025**. The Regulation applies from **18 November 2025**. The rule changes relating to tuna frozen in brine apply from **27 January 2026**.

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