Analytical methods to verify compliance with microbiological criteria

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Draft Commission Implementing Regulation laying down analytical methods applicable to official controls performed for the verification of compliance of food business operators with Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 [go to Download]

What is changing and why?

The European Union proposes to define the methods that reference laboratories can use during official controls to verify operator's compliance with the microbiological hygiene requirements laid down in Regulation 2073/2005.

The aim is to allow more flexibility and ensure greater consistency of official controls.

Alternative methods, including proprietary ones, may be used only if they are validated against the analytical reference methods referred to in Annex I of Regulation 2073/2005, or if they are validated against other internationally accepted scientific methods. Proprietary methods must be certified by an independent certification body and re-evaluated every 5 years.

Actions

Feedback on this proposal closed on 2 July 2024.

Timeline

The Regulation will apply 20 days after it is published.

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