Meat inspection: alignment of EU rules

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Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2025/687 as regards ante-mortem inspections in slaughterhouses, ante-mortem inspections at the holding of provenance and post-mortem inspections

What is changing and why?

In recent years, the European Union (EU) has updated its animal health and hygiene rules in a number of areas. As a result, the rules on meat inspection (Regulation 2019/624) are being updated for consistency. The changes include replacing references to tuberculosis and brucellosis with scientific names; allowing the granting of disease-free status for these two diseases at establishment level (instead of at herd level); and clarifying where ante-mortem (pre-death) inspections of sheep, goats, and farmed game may be conducted.

Timeline

This Regulation applies from **27 April 2025**.

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