Official controls on the use of pharmacologically active substances and their residues

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Tables & Figures

Table 1 Official controls in exporting countries on pharmacologically active substances and residues		
Product	Sampling frequency for exporting country MANCP[a]	
	Group A substances	Group B substances
Bovine	Minimum 0.25% of slaughtered animals (minimum 25% of samples to be taken from live animals on the farm; minimum 25% to be taken at the slaughterhouse)	Minimum 0.10% of slaughtered animals
Sheep and goats	Minimum 0.01% of slaughtered animals per species	Minimum 0.02% of slaughtered animals per species
Porcine	Minimum 0.02% of slaughtered animals	Minimum 0.02% of slaughtered animals
Equine	Minimum 0.02% of slaughtered animals	Minimum 0.02% of slaughtered animals
Poultry	For each category of poultry (broiler chickens, spent hens, turkeys and other poultry) minimum 1 sample per 400 t annual production (dead weight)	For each category of poultry (broiler chickens, spent hens, turkeys and other poultry) minimum 1 sample per 500 t annual production (dead weight)
Aquaculture (finfish, crustaceans, other)	Minimum 1 sample per 300 t annual production of aquaculture for first 60,000 t production; then 1 additional sample for each additional 2,000 t	Minimum 1 sample per 300 t annual production of aquaculture for first 60,000 t production; then 1 additional sample for each additional 2,000 t
Bovine, ovine and caprine milk	Minimum 1 sample per 30,000 t annual production of milk per species	Minimum 1 sample per 30,000 t annual production of milk per species
Hen eggs and other eggs	Minimum 1 sample per 2,000 t annual production of eggs per species	Minimum 1 sample per 2,000 t annual production of eggs per species
Rabbits, farmed game, reptiles and insects	Minimum 1 sample per 100 t annual production (dead weight) of rabbits, farmed game or reptiles for first 3,000 t production; 1 sample for each additional 1,000 t Minimum 1 sample per 25 t annual production of insects	Minimum 1 sample per 50 t annual production (dead weight) of rabbits, farmed game or reptiles for first 3,000 t production; 1 sample for each additional 500 t Minimum 1 sample per 25 t annual production of insects
Honey	Minimum 1 sample per 50 t annual production for first 5,000 t production; then 1 additional sample for each additional 500 t	Minimum 1 sample per 50 t annual production for first 5,000 t production; then 1 additional sample for each additional 500 t
Casings	Minimum 1 sample per 300 t annual production	

a Multiannual national control plan.

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Table 2
Official controls at the EU border on pharmacologically active substances and residues

Product	Sampling frequency[a]
Bovine (includes live animals, meat, minced meat, mechanically separated meat, meat preparations and meat products)	7
Ovine/caprine (includes live animals, meat, minced meat, mechanically separated meat, meat preparations and meat products)	3
Porcine (includes live animals, meat, minced meat, mechanically separated meat, meat preparations and meat products)	3
Equine (includes live animals intended for slaughter for human consumption, meat, minced meat, mechanically separated meat, meat preparations and meat products)	3
Poultry (includes live animals, poultry meat and poultry meat products)	7
Aquaculture (finfish, crustaceans and other aquaculture products)	7
Milk (includes raw milk, dairy products, colostrum and colostrum-based products of all species)	7
Eggs (includes eggs and egg products from all bird species)	12
Rabbits, farmed and wild game, reptiles and insects (includes live animals, meat and meat products of the mentioned species and products derived from these species)	12
Honey (includes honey and other apiculture products)	7
Casings	2

a Sampling frequency for Group A and Group B substances (minimum % of imported consignments).

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Table 3
Legislation based on the Official Controls Regulation[1]

New rules apply from 15 Dec 2022 (1 Jan 2023 for contaminants)[2]

New legislation	Control plans/programmes for exporting countries[3] are required for:		
	Pharmacologically active substances and their residues	Pesticide residues	Contaminants in food
	Risk-based, surveillance and import control	Coordinated multi-annual control programme	Food of animal origin and other foods
Delegated Act[4]	2022/1644	2021/2244	2022/931
Implementing Act[5]	2022/1646	2021/1355	2022/932

1 Official Controls Regulation (EU) 2017/625 (Art. 19).
2 New rules replace Directive 96/23/CE.
3 Control plans/programmes based on Regulation 2022/2292.
4 Delegated Acts supplement or amend non-essential elements of the basic law, and are adopted after consulting expert groups.
5 Implementing Acts aim to ensure uniform conditions for implementation, and are adopted with the agreement of Member States (a qualified majority) through a procedure called "comitology".

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