Official controls: Sampling of veterinary medicine residues in animal products and feed

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/731 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/808 as regards its transitional provisions and certain provisions on sampling

What is changing and why?

When undertaking official controls on animal products for veterinary medicine residues, authorities must follow certain procedures for managing and transporting samples. This Regulation updates these rules so that:

- they apply to feed as well as animal products
- laboratories have longer (until 31 December 2027) to adapt and validate analytical methods
- in the case of sampling ostrich eggs, a minimum sample of one egg is required (rather than the 12 needed for sampling hen eggs).

Timeline

This Regulation applies from **19 April 2026**.

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