

Simplifications in meat inspection

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2025/2241](#) as regards post-mortem inspections of bovine animals, sheep and goats.

What is changing and why?

In response to practical experience, the European Union (EU) has simplified its requirements for veterinary inspection procedures of certain animals. During routine post-mortem inspections, veterinarians will no longer have to palpate the gastric and mesenteric lymph nodes of cattle, or incise the esophagus of goats and sheep.

The EU has also removed the difference in age requirements for post-mortem inspection of goats and sheep: the requirements will now apply to both from 12 months.

Timeline

The revised rules apply from **26 November 2025**.

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