Updated guidance on hygiene requirements for food of animal origin

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Guidance document on the implementation of certain provisions of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 on the hygiene of food of animal origin

What is changing and why?

This guidance document has been updated to reflect recent changes in EU law. Key updates include clarification of the scope of Regulation 853/2004, a list of definitions, criteria for flexibility for small slaughterhouses and game-handling establishments, approval of mobile slaughterhouses, guidelines on freezing of fresh meat without undue delay, identification marking, and application of hygiene rules in the fishery sector.

Actions

Non-EU countries exporting animal food to the EU must comply with the requirements of Regulation 853/2004. These requirements are part of the public health attestation, which must be signed by the authorities of the exporting country, in the official certificates accompanying consignments. This updated guidance document is a useful tool to help in implementing these requirements.

Timeline

The updated version was published on 22 April 2024.

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