Protection of human health: food of animal origin, specific hygiene rules

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A compromise package of amendments was submitted to the European Parliament with the endorsement of the Council. As the amendments approved by the Parliament reflect the compromise agreement reached between the three institutions, the compromise is acceptable to the Commission. The compromise package contains the following amendments: - a recital emphasising the need for the Commission to coordinate the procedure that allows Member States to deviate from the hygiene rules in order to accommodate the needs of businesses applying traditional methods of food production; - an editorial amendment that describes the possibilities for the Commission to amend the annexes using the comitology procedure; - an editorial amendment that clarifies the obligation of hunters with regard to food safety. The Commission accordingly amends its proposal.