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

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Horst SCHNELLHARDT (EPP-ED, Germany) on hygiene rules for food of animal origin with a large number of amendments. (Please refer to the document dated 17/04/02.) Parliament considered that the regulation should not apply to private use or the preparation of game meat for private use and to direct supplies of small quantities of wild game and game meat to the final consumer or to the local retail trade. Where game and game meat were supplied directly by a hunter to the consumer or retailer, this should be classified as traditional food production, for which special methods of marketing exist and to which sufficient flexibility should apply. From the point of view of public health, Parliament felt that it was not necessary to provide for an exhaustive training programme concerning the hygiene of wild game and pathology for all the hunters in the EU. There are additional guarantees in respect of salmonella that are for Sweden and Finland.