Products of animal origin, human consumption: safety, controls. Hygiene package

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ACT : Commission Regulation 2075/2005/EC laying down specific rules on official controls for Trichinella in meat.

CONTENT : Regulations 853/2004/EC, 854/2004/EC and 882/2004/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council lay down the health rules and requirements regarding food of animal origin and the official controls required.

In addition to those rules, more specific requirements should be laid down for Trichinella. Meat of domestic swine, wild boar, horses and other animal species may be infested with nematodes of the genus Trichinella. Consumption of meat infested with Trichinella can cause serious disease in humans.

Consequently, this Regulation lays down measures to prevent human disease caused by the consumption of meat infested with Trichinella.

It defines:

- the obligations of competent authorities and of food business operators; sampling of carcases; derogations; trichinella examination and application of health mark; staff training; methods of detection; contingency plans; recognition of officially Trichinella-free holdings; obligations on food business operators to inform; monitoring programmes; withdrawal of official recognition of Trichinella-free holdings or regions with negligible risk;

- rules relating to import health requirements.

ENTRY INTO FORCE : 11/01/2006. The Regulation shall apply from 01/01/2006.