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

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ACT : Commission Regulation 2076/2005/EC laying down transitional arrangements for the implementation of Regulations 853/2004/EC, 854/2004/EC and 882/2004/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Regulations 853/2004/EC and 854/2004/EC.

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.

The entry into application on 1 January 2006 of these Regulations will entail considerable changes to the rules and procedures to be followed by food operators and the competent authorities of the Member States. The application of some of these measures with immediate effect from 1 January 2006 would present practical difficulties in some cases. A period should therefore be envisaged in order to permit a smooth transition to the full implementation of the new rules and procedures.

It is appropriate that the duration of the transitional period of 4 years, ending on 31 December 2009, be fixed taking into account a first review of the new regulatory framework on hygiene scheduled within the first four years. Provision should therefore be made for a transitional period during which certain requirements laid down in those Regulations can be progressively implemented. With a view to a harmonised approach, that transitional period should in principle last four years but could, where justified, be shorter. Provision should also be made for the possibility or reviewing any of those arrangements in the light of experience gained.

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