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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

- 1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u>
 - If applicable, name of local government involved:
- **2. Agency responsible:** European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
- 3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Products of animal origin
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [X] All trading partners
 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- 5. Title of the notified document: Commission Delegated Regulation amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards specific hygiene requirements for certain fresh meat, fishery products, dairy products and eggs (Text with EEA relevance). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 14

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- **6. Description of content:** The main purposes of the revision are to:
 - introduce specific requirements for dry-ageing of beef, subject to a transitional period;
 - amend the transport conditions of carcases and certain cuts of domestic ungulates and harmonise the testing of the surface temperature of such meat;
 - allow the transport of farmed game slaughtered on the farm, to be transported to a game handing establishment;
 - introduce alternative options to demonstrate the effectiveness of heat treatments of milk;
 - allow the flavouring of eggs under certain conditions;
 - introduce provisions to slightly decrease the temperature for slicing fresh or processed fishery products or to increase the temperature of frozen fishery products and the prohibition to store or transport fishery products at that temporarily technologicallyrequired temperature.
- 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
 - [X] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):
 - General Principles of Food Hygiene and its HACCP Annex (CXC 1-1969)
 - Code of Hygienic Practice for Meat (CAC/RCP 58-2005)
 - Code of Practice for fish and fishery products (CAC/RCP 52-2003)

	[] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquation Animal Health Code, chapter number):
	[] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
	[] None
	Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?
	[X] Yes [] No
	If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Regulation (EC) No. 853/2004. Latest consolidated version, available in all languages of the European Union at https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1592561247432&uri=CELEX%3A02004R0853-20190726 .
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 3rd quarter 2023.
	Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 4th quarter 2023.
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Twenty days following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.
	[] Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 25 June 2023
	Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:
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13. Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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