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**on the experience gained from the application of the hygiene Regulations (EC)
No 852/2004, (EC) No 853/2004 and (EC) No 854/2004 of the European Parliament and
of the Council of 29 April 2004**

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GENERAL INTRODUCTION

This working document accompanies the Commission report to the European Parliament and the Council on the experience gained from the application of the hygiene Regulations (EC) No 852/2004, (EC) No 853/2004 and (EC) No 854/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004.

The working document provides specific information on certain aspects developed in the report. In particular:

- it clarifies the acts that have been adopted in connection with the hygiene package and gives a clear picture of the actual legal framework on hygiene;
- it shows the importance given by the Commission to establishing besides legislative instruments, guidance to food business operators and competent authorities;
- it illustrates the simplification and consistent efforts made by the Commission when adopting these Regulations;
- it details the consultation process that was followed by the Commission in order to prepare the report and lists the private stakeholders' organisations who were consulted in this process;
- it gives a state of play on the development of guides to good practice at national and Community levels.

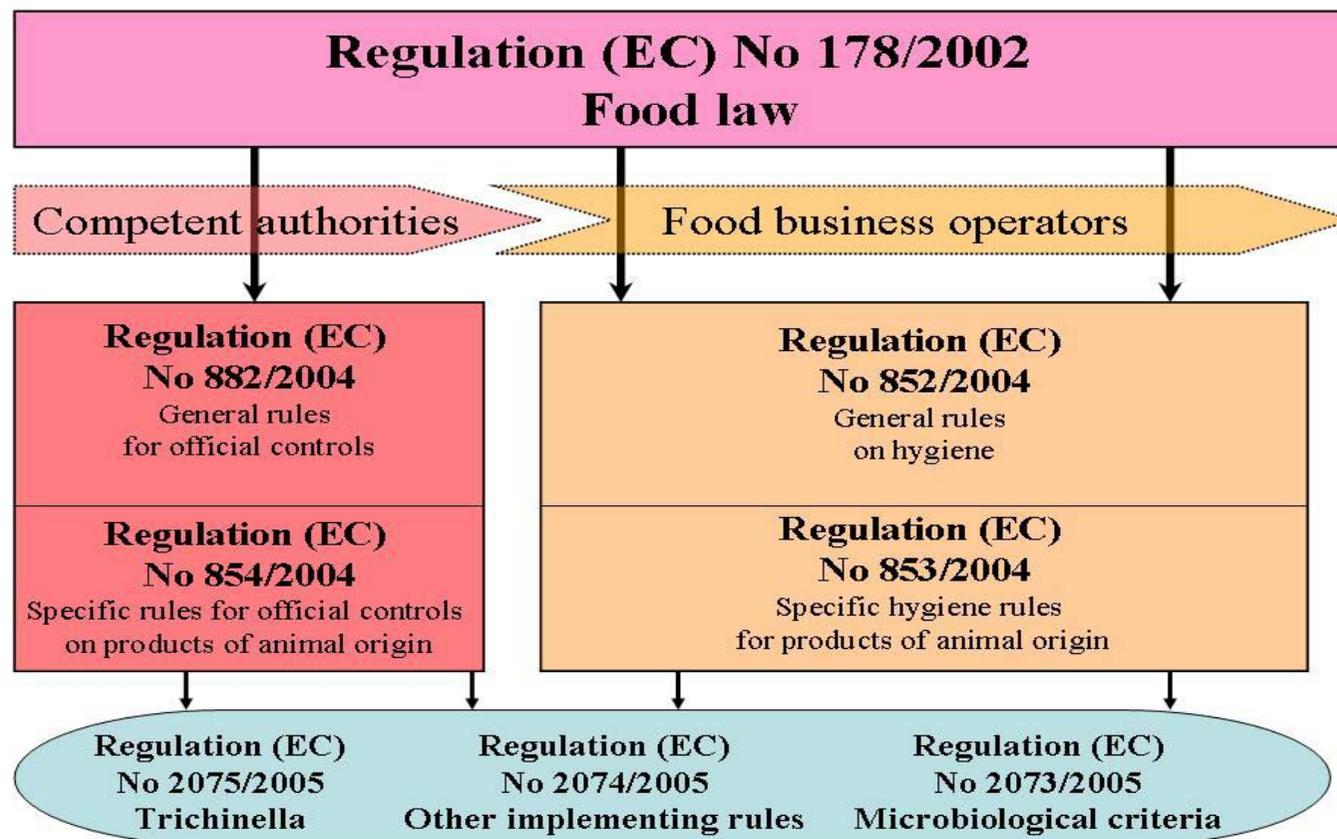
ANNEX I

ABBREVIATIONS AND TECHNICAL TERMS

AGFCAPH	Advisory Group on the Food Chain and Animal and Plant Health
CA	The authority of a Member State responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the hygiene Regulations
Co-decision	Legislative procedure requiring approval of measures to be taken by the European Parliament and by the Council
Comitology	Legislative procedure requiring approval of measures to be taken by the Commission by a regulatory committee composed of the representatives of the Member States and chaired by the representative of the Commission
EFSA	European Food Safety Authority: Independent European body that provides assistance and scientific advice concerning risk assessment and risk analysis to the Commission, European Parliament and the Member States
FBO	Food business operator(s)
FCI	Food chain information
Former small capacity abattoirs	Abattoirs excluded from the scope of Directives 64/433/EEC on meat from domestic ungulates and 71/118/EEC on poultrymeat, and benefiting from simplified requirements in relation to construction, layout and equipment of establishments
FVO	Food and Veterinary Office – Directorate F of Directorate-General Health and Consumers located in Grange (Ireland) responsible for verification of the implementation of Community food safety legislation in the Member States and in third countries
HACCP	Hazard analysis critical control point
MS	Member State(s)
OV	Official veterinarian(s)
Primary production	Notion covering the production, rearing or growing of primary products and including harvesting, milking, farmed animal production prior to slaughter, hunting, fishing and the harvesting of wild products
SCFAH	Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health
SWD	Staff working document

ANNEX II

STRUCTURE OF THE EU HYGIENE LEGISLATION



ANNEX III

ACTS ADOPTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HYGIENE PACKAGE

The basic Acts constituting the hygiene package have been further specified in three Regulations laying down various implementing measures. These three implementing Regulations were adopted in 2005 and entered into application at the beginning of 2006 together with the hygiene package. A fourth Regulation was adopted in 2005 to permit the smooth changeover from the old legal regime to the new approach set down in the hygiene package.

All acts adopted since 2006 are amending either the three basic Acts or the three implementing Regulations. The Commission considers that this new legal framework should not, as far as possible, be expanded in order to maintain the benefits of the simplification process. This should not preclude the Commission from revising and updating, where necessary, some of the current rules or adding new implementing rules as has been done since 2006.

A list of all the acts adopted in connection with the three basic Acts is given below:

2005

1. Commission Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 of 15 November 2005 on microbiological criteria for foodstuffs¹
2. Commission Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005 of 5 December 2005 laying down implementing measures for certain products under Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council and for the organisation of official controls under Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council derogating from Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Regulations (EC) No 853/2004 and (EC) No 854/2004²
3. Commission Regulation (EC) No 2075/2005 of 5 December 2005 laying down specific rules on official controls for *Trichinella* in meat³
4. Commission Regulation (EC) No 2076/2005 of 5 December 2005 laying down transitional arrangements for the implementation of Regulations (EC) No 853/2004, (EC) No 854/2004 and (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Regulations (EC) No 853/2004 and (EC) no 854/2004⁴

¹ OJ L 338, 22.12.2005, p. 1.

² OJ L 338, 22.11.2005, p. 27.

³ OJ L 338, 22.12.2005, p. 60.

⁴ OJ L 338, 22.12.2005, p. 83.

2006

5. Commission Regulation (EC) No 1662/2006 of 6 November 2006 amending Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin⁵
6. Commission Regulation (EC) No 1663/2006 of 6 November 2006 amending Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down specific rules for the organisation of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption⁶
7. Commission Regulation (EC) No 1664/2006 of 6 November 2006 amending Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005 as regards implementing measures for certain products of animal origin intended for human consumption and repealing certain implementing measures⁷
8. Commission Regulation (EC) No 1665/2006 of 6 November 2006 amending Regulation (EC) No 2075/2005 laying down specific rules on official controls for *Trichinella* in meat⁸
9. Commission Regulation (EC) No 1666/2006 of 6 November 2006 amending Regulation (EC) No 2076/2005 laying down transitional arrangements for the implementation of Regulations (EC) No 853/2004, (EC) No 854/2004 and (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁹
10. Commission Decision 2006/765/EC of 6 November 2006 repealing certain implementing acts concerning food hygiene and health conditions for the production and placing on the market of certain products of animal origin intended for human consumption¹⁰
11. Commission Decision 2006/766/EC of 6 November establishing the lists of third countries and territories from which imports of bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates, marine gastropods and fishery products are permitted¹¹
12. Commission Decision 2006/767/EC of 6 November 2006 amending Commission Decisions 2003/804/EC and 2003/858/EC, as regards certification requirements for live molluscs and live fish of aquaculture origin and products thereof intended for human consumption¹²

⁵ OJ L 320, 18.11.2006, p. 1.

⁶ OJ L 320, 18.11.2006, p. 11.

⁷ OJ L 320, 18.11.2007, p. 13.

⁸ OJ L 320, 18.11.2006, p. 46.

⁹ OJ L 320, 18.11.2006, p. 47.

¹⁰ OJ L 320, 18.11.2006, p. 50.

¹¹ OJ L 320, 18.11.2006, p. 53.

¹² OJ L 320, 18.11.2006, p. 58.

2007

13. Commission Regulation (EC) No 479/2007 amending Regulation (EC) No 2076/2005 laying down transitional arrangements for the implementation of Regulations (EC) No 853/2004, (EC) No 854/2004 and (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Regulations (EC) No 853/2004 and (EC) No 854/2004¹³
14. Commission Regulation (EC) No 1243/2007 of 24 October 2007 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin¹⁴
15. Commission Regulation (EC) No 1244/2007 of 24 October 2007 amending Regulation (EC) No 2074/2007 as regards implementing measures for certain products of animal origin intended for human consumption and laying down specific rules on official controls for the inspection of meat¹⁵
16. Commission Regulation (EC) No 1245/2007 of 24 October 2007 amending Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 2075/2005, as regards the use of liquid pepsin for the detection of *Trichinella* in meat¹⁶
17. Commission Regulation (EC) No 1246/2007 of 24 October 2007 amending Regulation (EC) No 2076/2005 as regards the extension of the transitional period granted to food business operators importing fish oil intended for human consumption¹⁷
18. Commission Regulation (EC) No 1441/2007 of 5 December 2007 amending Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 on microbiological criteria for foodstuffs¹⁸

2008

19. Commission Regulation (EC) No 439/2008 of 21 May 2008 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 2076/2005 as regards imports of fishery products from Fiji¹⁹
20. Commission Regulation (EC) No 1019/2008 of 17 October 2008 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the hygiene of foodstuffs²⁰
21. Commission Regulation (EC) No 1020/2008 of 17 October 2008 amending Annexes II and III of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin and

¹³ OJ L 111, 28.4.2007, p. 46.

¹⁴ OJ L 281, 25.10.2007, p. 8.

¹⁵ OJ L 281, 25.10.2007, p. 12.

¹⁶ OJ L 281, 25.10.2007, p. 19.

¹⁷ OJ L 281, 25.10.2007, p. 21.

¹⁸ OJ L 322, 7.12.2007, p. 12.

¹⁹ OJ L 132, 22.5.2008, p. 16.

²⁰ OJ L 277, 18.10.2008, p. 7.

Regulation (EC) No 2076/2005 as regards identification marking, raw milk and dairy products, eggs and egg products and certain fishery products²¹

22. Commission Regulation (EC) No 1021/2008 of 17 October 2008 amending Annexes I, II and III to Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down specific rules for the organisation of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption and Regulation (EC) No 2076/2005 as regards live bivalve molluscs, certain fishery products and staff assisting with official controls in slaughterhouses²²
23. Commission Regulation (EC) No 1022/2008 of 17 October 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 2074/2005 as regards the total volatile basic nitrogen (TVB-N) limits²³
24. Commission Regulation (EC) No 1023/2008 of 17 October 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 2076/2005 as regards the extension of the transitional period granted to food business operators importing fish oil intended for human consumption²⁴

²¹ OJ L 277, 18.10.2008, p. 8.

²² OJ L 277, 18.10.2008, p. 15.

²³ OJ L 277, 18.10.2008, p. 18.

²⁴ OJ L 277, 18.10.2008, p. 21.

ANNEX IV

GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

Besides legislative instruments, guidance documents have been established by the Commission and the MS. These documents are mainly directed at food business operators and competent authorities in the Member States. They aim at giving guidance on the implementation of the food hygiene requirements introduced by the hygiene package and on related subjects. Although these documents have no legal effect, they have widely contributed to the smooth implementation of the hygiene package.

A list of all the guidance documents established so far is given below:

1. Guidance document on the implementation of certain provisions of Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs
http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biosafety/hygienelegislation/guidance_doc_852-2004_en.pdf
2. Guidance document on the implementation of certain provisions of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 on the hygiene of food of animal origin
http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biosafety/hygienelegislation/guidance_doc_853-2004_en.pdf
3. Guidance document on the implementation of procedures based on the HACCP principles and facilitation of the implementation of the HACCP principles in certain food businesses
http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biosafety/hygienelegislation/guidance_doc_haccp_en.pdf
4. Guidance document on key questions related to import requirements and the new rules on food hygiene and official food controls
http://ec.europa.eu/food/international/trade/interpretation_imports.pdf
5. Technical specifications in relation to the master list and the lists of EU approved establishments
http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biosafety/establishments/techspecs_en.pdf
6. Guidelines for the development of Community guides to good practice for hygiene or for the application of the HACCP principles, in accordance with Article 9 of Regulation (EC) NO 852/2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs and Article 22 of regulation (EC) No 183/2005 laying down requirements for feed hygiene
http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biosafety/hygienelegislation/guidelines_good_practice_en.pdf
7. Guidance document on official controls, under regulation (EC) no 882/2004, concerning microbiological sampling and testing of foodstuffs
http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/controls/foodfeed/sampling_testing.pdf

8. Guidelines on the registration of national guides to good practice in accordance with Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 have been developed and enable Member States to initially submit only certain information concerning their national guides to the Commission (SCFCAH consensus of 15 July 2008)
http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biosafety/hygienelegislation/national_guides_register_15-07-2008.pdf
9. Guidance document on *Listeria monocytogenes* shelf-life studies for ready-to-eat foods, under Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 of 15 November 2005 on microbiological criteria for foodstuffs
http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biosafety/salmonella/docs/guidoc_listeria_monocytogenes_en.pdf
10. Guideline for the detection of *Trichinella* larvae at the slaughterhouse or connected laboratory in a Quality Assurance System
http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biosafety/hygienelegislation/guideline_detect_qas_en.pdf
11. Guideline for the identification and development of sampling methods and design of suitable protocols for monitoring of *Trichinella* infection in indicator species
http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biosafety/hygienelegislation/guideline_sampling_indicator_species_en.pdf

ANNEX V

REPEALED LEGISLATIVE ACTS

With the adoption of the hygiene package, a total of 152 legislative Acts have been repealed: (see lists 1 to 6 below for details)

- 17 at the entry into application of the new rules - 16 previous legislative acts by Directive 2004/41/EC (List 1) and 1 by Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 (List 2).
- 133 further pieces of legislation have been repealed since then by implementing measures (Lists 3, 4 and 5).
- 2 previous acts were also repealed by Commission Decision 2006/766/EC (List 6).

LIST 1. LEGISLATION REPLACED BY THE HYGIENE REGULATIONS AND REPEALED BY DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL 2004/41/EC

1. Council Directive 64/433/EEC of 26 June 1964 on health conditions for the production and marketing of fresh meat (OJ L 121, 29.7.1964, p. 2012)
2. Council Directive 71/118/EEC of 15 February 1971 on health problems affecting the production and placing on the market of fresh poultrymeat (OJ L 55, 8.3.1971, p. 23)
3. Council Directive 72/461/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health problems affecting the intra-Community trade in fresh meat (OJ L 302, 31.12.1972, p.24)
4. Council Directive 77/96/EEC of 21 December 1976 on the examination for trichinae (*Trichinella spiralis*) upon importation from third countries of fresh meat derived from domestic swine (OJ L 26, 31.1.1977, p. 67)
5. Council Directive 77/99/EEC of 21 December 1976 on health problems affecting the production and marketing of meat products and certain other products of animal origin (OJ L 26, 31.1.1977, p.85)
6. Council Directive 80/215/EEC of 22 January 1980 on animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in meat products (OJ L 47, 21.2.1980, p. 4)
7. Commission Directive 89/362/EEC of 26 May 1989 on general conditions of hygiene in milk production holdings (OJ L 156, 8.6.1989, p. 30)
8. Council Directive 89/437/EEC of 20 June 1989 on hygiene and health problems affecting the production and the placing on the market of egg products (OJ L 212, 22.7.1989, p. 87)
9. Council Directive 91/492/EEC of 15 July 1991 laying down the health conditions for the production and the placing on the market of live bivalve molluscs (OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p.1)

10. Council Directive 91/493/EEC of 22 July 1991 laying down the health conditions for the production and the placing on the market of fishery products (OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p.15)
11. Council Directive 91/494/EEC of 26 June 1991 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in and imports from third countries of fresh poultrymeat (OJ L 268, 24.9. 1991, p. 35)
12. Council Directive 91/495/EEC of 27 November 1990 concerning public health and animal health problems affecting the production and placing on the market of rabbit meat and farmed game meat (OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 41)
13. Council Directive 92/45/EEC of 16 June 1992 on public health and animal health problems relating to the killing of wild game and the placing on the market of wild-game meat (OJ L 268, 14.9.1992, p. 35)
14. Council Directive 92/46/EEC of 16 June 1992 laying down the health rules for the production and placing on the market of raw milk, heat-treated milk and milk-based products (OJ L 268, 14.9.1992, p. 1)
15. Council Directive 92/48/EEC of 16 June 1992 laying down the minimum hygiene rules applicable to fishery products caught on board certain vessels in accordance with Article 3(1)(a)(i) of Directive 91/493/EEC (OJ L 187, 7.7.1992, p. 41)
16. Council Directive 94/65/EC of 14 December 1994 laying down the requirements for the production and placing on the market of minced meat and meat preparations (OJ L 168, 2.7.1994, p. 10)

LIST 2. LEGISLATION REPEALED BY REGULATION (EC) NO 852/2004

17. Council Directive 93/43/EEC of 14 June 1993 on the hygiene of foodstuffs (OJ L 175, 19.7.1993, p. 1)

LIST 3. LEGISLATION REPEALED BY REGULATION (EC) NO 2073/2005

18. Decision 93/51/EEC of 15 December 1992 on the microbiological criteria applicable to the production of cooked crustaceans and molluscan shellfish (OJ L 13, 21.1.1993, p. 11)

LIST 4. LEGISLATION REPEALED BY REGULATION (EC) NO 1664/2006

19. Commission Decision 91/180/EEC of 14 February 1991 laying down certain methods of analysis and testing of raw milk and heat-treated milk (OJ L 93, 13.4.1991, p. 1)
20. Commission Decision 2000/20/EC of 10 December 1999 establishing health certificates for the importation from third countries of gelatine intended for human consumption and of raw materials destined for the production of gelatine intended for human consumption (OJ L 6, 11.1.2000, p. 60)

Import conditions for fishery products

21. Commission Decision 93/436/EEC of 30 June 1993 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products originating in Chile (OJ L 202, 12.8.1993, p. 31)
22. Commission Decision 93/437/EEC of 30 June 1993 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products originating in Argentina (OJ L 202, 12.8.1993, p. 42)
23. Commission Decision 93/494/EEC of 23 July 1993 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products originating in the Faroe Islands (OJ L 232, 15.9.1993, p. 37)
24. Commission Decision 93/495/EEC of 26 July 1993 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products originating in Canada (OJ L 232, 15.9.1993, p. 43)
25. Commission Decision 94/198/EC of 7 April 1994 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Brazil (OJ L 93, 12.4.1994, p. 26)
27. Commission Decision 94/200/EC of 7 April 1994 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products and aquaculture products originating in Ecuador (OJ L 93, 12.4.1994, p. 34)
28. Commission Decision 94/269/EC of 8 April 1994 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Colombia (OJ L 115, 6.5.1994, p. 38)
29. Commission Decision 94/323/EC of 19 May 1994 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Singapore (OJ L 145, 10.6.1994, p. 19)
30. Commission Decision 94/324/EC of 19 May 1994 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Indonesia (OJ L 145, 10.6.1994, p. 23)
31. Commission Decision 94/325/EC of 19 May 1994 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Thailand (OJ L 145, 10.6.1994, p. 30)
32. Commission Decision 94/448/EC of 20 June 1994 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in New Zealand (OJ L 184, 20.7.1994, p. 16)
33. Commission Decision 94/766/EC of 21 November 1994 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Taiwan (OJ L 305, 30.11.1994, p. 31)

34. Commission Decision 95/30/EC of 120 February 1995 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Morocco (OJ L 42, 24.2.1995, p. 32, as corrected by OJ L 48, 3.3.1995)
35. Commission Decision 95/90/EC of 17 March 1995 laying down special conditions governing the import of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Albania (OJ L 70, 30.3.1995, p. 27)
36. Commission Decision 95/173/EC of 7 March 1995 laying down special conditions governing the import of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Peru (OJ L 116, 23.5.1995, p. 41)
37. Commission Decision 95/190/EC of 17 May 1995 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in the Philippines (OJ L 123, 3.6.1995, p. 20)
38. Commission Decision 95/454/EC of 23 October 1995 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in the Republic of Korea (OJ L 264, 7.11.1995, p. 37)
39. Commission Decision 95/538/EC of 6 December 1995 laying down special conditions governing the import of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Japan (OJ L 304, 16.12.1995, p. 52)
40. Commission Decision 96/355/EC of 30 May 1996 laying down special conditions governing the import of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Senegal (OJ L 137, 8.6.1996, p. 24)
41. Commission Decision 96/356/EC of 30 May 1996 laying down special conditions governing the import of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Gambia (OJ L 137, 8.6.1996, p. 31)
42. Commission Decision 96/425/EC of 28 June 1996 laying down special conditions governing the import of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Mauritania (OJ L 175, 13.7.1996, p. 27)
43. Commission Decision 96/606/EC of 11 October 1996 laying down special conditions governing the import of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Uruguay (OJ L 269, 22.10.1996, p. 18)
44. Commission Decision 96/607/EC of 11 October 1996 laying down special conditions governing the import of fishery and aquaculture products originating in South Africa (OJ L 269, 22.10.1996, p. 23)
45. Commission Decision 96/608/EC of 11 October 1996 laying down special conditions governing the import of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Malaysia (OJ L 269, 22.10.1996, p. 32)
46. Commission Decision 96/609/EC of 14 October 1996 laying down special conditions governing the import of fishery and aquaculture products originating in the Ivory Coast (OJ L 269, 22.10.1996, p. 37)

47. Commission Decision 97/102/EC of 16 January 1997 laying down special conditions governing the import of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Russia (OJ L 35, 5.2.1997, p. 23)
48. Commission Decision 97/426/EC of 25 June 1997 laying down special conditions governing the import of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Australia (OJ L 183, 11.7.1997, p. 21)
49. Commission Decision 97/757/EC of 6 November 1997 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Madagascar (OJ L 307, 12.11.1997, p. 33)
50. Commission Decision 97/876/EC of 21 December 1997 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in India (OJ L 356, 31.12.1997, p. 57)
51. Commission Decision 98/147/EC of 13 February 1998 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Bangladesh (OJ L 46, 17.2.1998, p. 13)
52. Commission Decision 98/420/EC of 30 June 1998 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Nigeria (OJ L 190, 4.7.1998, p. 59)
53. Commission Decision 98/421/EC of 30 June 1998 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Ghana (OJ L 190, 4.7.1998, p. 66)
54. Commission Decision 98/422/EC of 30 June 1998 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Tanzania (OJ L 190, 4.7.1998, p. 71)
55. Commission Decision 98/423/EC of 30 June 1998 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Falkland Islands (OJ L 190, 4.7.1998, p. 76)
56. Commission Decision 98/424/EC of 30 June 1998 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Maldives (OJ L 190, 4.7.1998, p. 83)
57. Commission Decision 98/568/EC of 6 October 1998 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Guatemala (OJ L 277, 14.10.1998, p. 26, as corrected by OJ L 325, 3.12.1998)
58. Commission Decision 98/570/EC of 7 October 1998 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Tunisia (OJ L 277, 14.10.1998, p. 36)
59. Commission Decision 98/572/EC of 12 October 1998 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Cuba (OJ L 277, 14.10.1998, p. 44)

60. Commission Decision 98/695/EC of 24 November 1998 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Mexico (OJ L 33, 8.12.1998, p. 9)
61. Commission Decision 1999/245/EC of 26 March 1999 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in the Seychelles (OJ L 91, 7.4.1999, p. 40)
62. Commission Decision 1999/276/EC of 23 April 1999 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Mauritius (OJ L 108, 27.4.1999, p. 52)
63. Commission Decision 1999/526/EC of 14 July 1999 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Panama (OJ L 203, 3.8.1999, p. 58)
64. Commission Decision 1999/527/EC of 14 July 1999 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Oman (OJ L 203, 3.8.1999, p. 63)
65. Commission Decision 1999/528/EC of 14 July 1999 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Yemen (OJ L 203, 3.8.1999, p. 68)
66. Commission Decision 1999/813/EC of 16 November 1999 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products originating in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (OJ L 315, 9.12.1999, p. 39)
67. Commission Decision 2000/83/EC of 21 December 1999 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery and aquaculture products originating in Pakistan (OJ L 26, 2.2.2000, p. 13)
68. Commission Decision 2000/86/EC of 21 December 1999 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products originating in China and repealing Decision 97/368/EC (OJ L 26, 2.2.2000, p. 26)
69. Commission Decision 2000/672/EC of 20 October 2000 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products originating in Venezuela (OJ L 280, 4.11.2000, p. 46)
70. Commission Decision 2000/673/EC of 20 October 2000 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products originating in Namibia (OJ L 280, 4.11.2000, p. 52)
71. Commission Decision 2000/675/EC of 20 October 2000 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products originating in the Islamic Republic of Iran (OJ L 280, 4.11.2000, p. 63)
72. Commission Decision 2001/36/EC of 22 December 2000 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products originating in Jamaica (OJ L 10, 13.1.2001, p. 59)

73. Commission Decision 2001/632/EC of 16 August 2001 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products originating in Nicaragua (OJ L 221, 17.8.2001, p. 40)
74. Commission Decision 2001/633/EC of 16 August 2001 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products originating in Uganda (OJ L 221, 17.8.2001, p. 45)
75. Commission Decision 2001/634/EC of 16 August 2001 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products originating in or proceeding from Guinea (OJ L 221, 17.8.2001, p. 50)
76. Commission Decision 2002/25/EC of 11 January 2002 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products originating in the Republic of Croatia (OJ L 11, 15.1.2002, p. 25)
77. Commission Decision 2002/26/EC of 11 January 2002 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products originating in the Republic of Gabon (OJ L 11, 15.1.2002, p. 31)
78. Commission Decision 2002/27/EC of 11 January 2002 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products originating in the Republic of Turkey (OJ L 11, 15.1.2002, p. 36)
79. Commission Decision 2002/472/EC of 20 June 2002 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from the Republic of Bulgaria (OJ L 163, 27.6.2002, p. 24)
80. Commission Decision 2002/854/EC of 29 October 2002 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from Costa Rica (OJ L 301, 5.11.2002, p. 1)
81. Commission Decision 2002/855/EC of 29 October 2002 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from New Caledonia (OJ L 301, 5.11.2002, p. 6)
82. Commission Decision 2002/856/EC of 29 October 2002 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from Greenland (OJ L 301, 5.11.2002, p. 11)
83. Commission Decision 2002/857/EC of 29 October 2002 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from Suriname (OJ L 301, 5.11.2002, p. 19)
84. Commission Decision 2002/858/EC of 29 October 2002 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from Mozambique (OJ L 301, 5.11.2002, p. 24)
85. Commission Decision 2002/859/EC of 29 October 2002 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from Papua New Guinea (OJ L 301, 5.11.2002, p. 33)

86. Commission Decision 2002/860/EC of 29 October 2002 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from Switzerland (OJ L 301, 5.11.2002, p. 38)
87. Commission Decision 2002/861/EC of 29 October 2002 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from Honduras (OJ L 301, 5.11.2002, p. 43)
88. Commission Decision 2002/862/EC of 29 October 2002 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from Kazakhstan (OJ L 301, 5.11.2002, p. 48)
89. Commission Decision 2003/302/EC of 25 April 2003 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from Sri Lanka (OJ L 110, 3.5.2003, p. 6)
90. Commission Decision 2003/608/EC of 18 August 2003 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from Mayotte (OJ L 210, 20.8.2003, p. 25)
91. Commission Decision 2003/609/EC of 18 August 2003 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from Saint Pierre et Miquelon (OJ L 210, 20.8.2003, p. 30)
92. Commission Decision 2003/759/EC of 15 October 2003 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from Belize (OJ L 273, 24.10.2003, p. 18)
93. Commission Decision 2003/760/EC of 15 October 2003 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from French Polynesia (OJ L 273, 24.10.2003, p. 23)
94. Commission Decision 2003/761/EC of 15 October 2003 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from the United Arab Emirates (OJ L 273, 24.10.2003, p. 28)
95. Commission Decision 2003/762/EC of 15 October 2003 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from the Netherlands Antilles (OJ L 273, 24.10.2003, p. 33)
96. Commission Decision 2003/763/EC of 15 October 2003 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from Cape Verde (OJ L 273, 24.10.2003, p. 38)
97. Commission Decision 2004/37/EC of 23 December 2003 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from Serbia and Montenegro (OJ L 8, 14.1.2004, p. 12)
98. Commission Decision 2004/38/EC of 23 December 2003 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from Egypt (OJ L 8, 14.1.2004, p. 17)

99. Commission Decision 2004/39/EC of 23 December 2003 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from Kenya and repealing Decision 2000/759/EC (OJ L 8, 14.1.2004, p. 22)
100. Commission Decision 2004/40/EC of 23 December 2003 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from Guyana (OJ L 8, 14.1.2004, p. 27)
101. Commission Decision 2004/360/EC of 13 April 2004 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from Zimbabwe (OJ L 113, 20.4.2004, p. 48)
102. Commission Decision 2004/361/EC of 13 April 2004 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from Romania (OJ L 113, 20.4.2004, p. 54)
103. Commission Decision 2005/72/EC of 28 January 2005 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from Antigua and Barbuda (OJ L 28, 1.2.2005, p. 45)
104. Commission Decision 2005/73/EC of 28 January 2005 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from Hong Kong (OJ L 28, 1.2.2005, p. 54)
105. Commission Decision 2005/74/EC of 28 January 2005 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from El Salvador (OJ L 28, 1.2.2005, p. 59)
106. Commission Decision 2005/218/EC of 11 March 2005 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from Saudi Arabia (OJ L 69, 16.3.2005, p. 50)
107. Commission Decision 2005/498/EC of 12 July 2005 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from Algeria (OJ L 183, 14.7.2005, p. 92)
108. Commission Decision 2005/499/EC of 12 July 2005 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from the Bahamas (OJ L 183, 14.7.2005, p. 99)
109. Commission Decision 2005/500/EC of 28 January 2005 laying down special conditions governing imports of fishery products from Grenada (OJ L 183, 14.7.2005, p. 104)

Import conditions for, bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods

110. Commission Decision 93/387/EC of 7 June 1993 laying down special conditions for the import of live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods originating in Morocco (OJ L 166, 8.7.1993, p. 40. Decision as last amended by Decision 96/31/EC)
111. Commission Decision 94/777/EC of 30 November 1994 laying down special conditions for the import of live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods originating in Turkey (OJ L 312, 6.12.1994, p. 35)

112. Commission Decision 95/453/EC of 23 October 1995 laying down special conditions for the import of live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods originating in Korea (OJ L 264, 7.11.1995, p. 35. Decision as last amended by Decision 2001/676/EC)
113. Commission Decision 96/675/EC of 25 November 1996 laying down special conditions for the import of live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods originating in Chile (OJ L 313, 3.12.1996, p. 38)
114. Commission Decision 97/427/EC of 25 June 1997 laying down special conditions for the import of live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods originating in Australia (OJ L 183, 11.7.1997, p. 38)
115. Commission Decision 97/562/EC of 28 July 1997 laying down special conditions for the import of bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods originating in Thailand (OJ L 232, 23.8.1997, p. 9)
116. Commission Decision 98/569/EC of 6 October 1998 laying down special conditions governing imports of live bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods originating in Tunisia (OJ L 277, 14.10.1998, p. 31. Decision as last amended by Decision 2002/819/EC)
117. Commission Decision 2000/333/EC of 25 April 2000 laying down special conditions for the import of bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods originating in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (OJ L 114, 13.5.2000, p. 42)
118. Commission Decision 2001/37/EC of 22 December 2000 laying down special conditions for the import of marine gastropods originating in Jamaica (OJ L 10, 13.1.2001, p. 64)
119. Commission Decision 2002/19/EC of 11 January 2002 laying down special conditions for the import of bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods originating in Uruguay (OJ L 10, 12.1.2002, p. 73)
120. Commission Decision 2002/470/EC of 20 June 2002 laying down special conditions for the import of processed or frozen bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods from Japan (OJ L 163, 21.6.2002, p. 19)
121. Commission Decision 2004/30/EC of 23 December 2003 laying down special conditions for the import of processed and frozen bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods from Peru and repealing Decisions 2001/338/EC and 95/174/EC (OJ L 6, 10.1.2004, p. 53)

LIST 5. LEGISLATION REPEALED BY COMMISSION DECISION 2006/765/EC

122. Commission Directive 83/201/EEC of 12 April 1983 establishing exceptions from Council Directive 77/99/EEC for certain products which contain other foodstuffs and only a small percentage of meat or meat product (OJ L 112, 28.4.1983, p. 28)

123. Commission Decision 84/371/EEC of 3 July 1984 establishing the characteristics of the special mark for fresh meat referred to in Article 5(a) of Directive 64/433/EEC (OJ L 196, 26.7.1984, p. 46)
124. Commission Decision 87/260/EEC of 28 April 1987 granting a derogation to the Netherlands and fixing the equivalent health conditions to be respected in relation to cutting of fresh meat (OJ L 123, 12.5.1987, p. 8)
125. Commission Decision 87/266/EEC of 8 May 1987 recognizing that the staff medical check-up scheme submitted by the Netherlands offers equivalent guarantees (OJ L 126, 15.5.1987, p. 20)
126. Commission Decision 87/562/EEC of 24 November 1987 granting a derogation to the Federal Republic of Germany and fixing the equivalent health conditions to be respected in relation to cutting of fresh meat (OJ L 341, 3.12.1987, p. 35)
127. Commission Decision 88/235/EEC of 7 March 1988 granting a derogation to Denmark and fixing the equivalent health conditions to be respected in relation to cutting of fresh meat (OJ L 105, 26.4.1988, p. 20)
128. Commission Decision 88/363/EEC of 13 June 1988 granting a derogation to the United Kingdom and fixing the equivalent health conditions to be respected in relation to cutting of fresh meat (OJ L 177, 8.7.1988, p. 57)
129. Commission Decision 90/30/EEC of 10 January 1990 granting a derogation to Spain and fixing the equivalent health conditions to be respected in relation to cutting of fresh meat (OJ L 16, 20.1.1990, p. 35)
130. Commission Decision 90/31/EEC of 10 January 1990 granting a derogation to France and fixing the equivalent health conditions to be respected in relation to cutting of fresh meat (OJ L 16, 20.1.1990, p. 37)
131. Commission Decision 90/469/EEC of 5 September 1990 granting a derogation to Italy and fixing the equivalent health conditions to be respected in relation to cutting of fresh meat (OJ L 255, 19.9.1990, p. 16)
132. Commission Decision 90/514/EEC of 25 September 1990 recognizing that the staff medical check-up scheme submitted by the Netherlands offers equivalent guarantees (OJ L 286, 18.10.1990, p. 29)
133. Commission Decision 92/92/EEC of 9 January 1992 laying down the requirements relating to equipment and structure of dispatch and purification centres for live bivalve molluscs, for which derogations may be granted (OJ L 34, 11.2.1992, p. 34)
134. Commission Decision 93/140/EEC of 19 January 1993 laying down the detailed rules relating to the visual inspection for the purpose of detecting parasites in fishery products (OJ L 56, 9.3.1993, p. 42)
135. Commission Decision 94/14/EC of 21 December 1993 setting up the list of establishments in the Community for which are granted temporary and limited derogations from specific Community health rules on the production and marketing of fresh meat (OJ L 14, 17.1.1994, p. 1)

136. Commission Decision 94/92/EC of 17 February 1994 concerning the financial aid from the Community for the operations of the Community Reference Laboratory for marine biotoxins (Laboratorio del Ministerio de Sanidad y Consumo, Vigo, Spain (OJ L , 18.2.1994, p. 63)
137. Commission Decision 94/356/EC of 20 May 1994, laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Directive 91/493 as regards own health checks on fishery products (OJ L 156, 23.6.1994, p. 50)
138. Council Decision 94/371/EC of 20 June 1994 laying down specific health conditions for the putting on the market of certain types of eggs (OJ L 168, 2.7.1994, p. 34)
139. Commission Decision 94/383/EC of 3 June 1994 on the criteria to be applied to establishments manufacturing meat products without having an industrial structure or an industrial production capacity (OJ L 174, 8.7.1994, p. 33)
140. Commission Decision 94/837/EC of 16 December 1994 laying down special conditions for the approval of the rewrapping centres referred to in Council directive 77/99/EEC and rules for the marketing of products therefrom (OJ L 352, 31.12.1994, p. 15)
141. Commission Decision 95/149/EC of 8 March 1995 fixing the total volatile basic nitrogen (TVB-N) limit values for certain categories of fishery products and specifying the analysis methods to be used (OJ L 97, 29.4.1995, p. 84)
142. Commission Decision 95/165/EC of 4 May 1995 establishing uniform criteria for the derogations to certain establishments manufacturing milk-based products (OJ L 108, 13.5.1995, p. 84)
143. Commission Decision 96/536/EC of 29 July 1996 establishing the list of milk-based products in respect of which Member States are authorised to grant individual or general derogations, pursuant to Article 8(2) of directive 92/46/EEC and the nature of the derogations applicable to the manufacture of such products (OJ L 230, 11.9.1996, p. 12)
144. Commission Decision 96/658/EC of 13 November 1996 laying down the special conditions for the approval of establishments situated in wholesale markets (OJ L 302, 26.11.1996, p. 22)
145. Commission Decision 98/470/EC of 9 July 1998 implementing Council Directive 89/662/EEC as regards information on veterinary checks (OJ L 208, 24.7.1998, p. 54)
146. Commission Decision 2001/471/EC of 8 June 2001 laying down rules for the regular checks on the general hygiene carried out by the operators in establishments according to directive 64/433/EEC on health conditions for the production and marketing of fresh meat and directive 71/118/EEC on health problems affecting the production and placing on the market of fresh poultry meat (OJ L 165, 21.6.2001, p. 48)
147. Commission Decision 2002/225/EC of 15 March 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of council Directive 91/492/EEC as regards the maximum levels

and the methods of analysis of certain marine biotoxins in bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods (OJ L 75, 16.3.2002, p. 62)

148. Commission Decision 2002/477/EC of 20 June 2002 laying down public health requirements for fresh meat and fresh poultrymeat imported from third countries, and amending Decision 94/984/EC (OJ L 164, 22.6.2002, p. 39)
149. Commission Decision 2003/380/EC of 22 May 2003 granting to Sweden a derogation from Council Directive 64/433/EEC and fixing the equivalent health conditions to be respected in relation to cutting of fresh meat (OJ L 131, 28.5.2003, p. 18)
150. Commission Decision 2003/774/EC of 30 October 2003 approving certain treatments to inhibit the development of pathogenic micro-organisms in bivalve molluscs and marine gastropods (OJ L 283, 31.10.2003, p. 78)

LIST 6. LEGISLATION REPEALED BY COMMISSION DECISION 2006/766/EC

151. Commission Decision 97/20/EC of 17 December 1996 establishing the list of third countries fulfilling the equivalence conditions for the production and placing on the market of bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods (OJ L 6, 10.1.1997, p. 46)
152. Commission Decision 97/296/EC of 22 April 1997 drawing up the list of third countries from which the import of fishery products is authorised for human consumption (OJ L 122, 14.5.1997, p. 21)

ANNEX VI

EXTRACTS FROM THE HYGIENE REGULATIONS

1. **REGULATION (EC) No 852/2004 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL OF 29 APRIL 2004 ON THE HYGIENE OF FOODSTUFFS**

Article 16

Report to the European Parliament and to the Council

1. The Commission shall, not later than 20 May 2009, submit a report to the European Parliament and the Council.
2. The report shall, in particular, review the experience gained from the application of this Regulation and consider whether it would be desirable and practicable to provide for the extension of the requirements of Article 5 to food business operators carrying out primary production and those associated operations listed in Annex I.
3. The Commission shall, if appropriate, accompany the report with relevant proposals.

2. **REGULATION (EC) No 853/2004 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL OF 29 APRIL 2004 LAYING DOWN SPECIFIC HYGIENE RULES FOR FOOD OF ANIMAL ORIGIN**

Article 14

Report to the European Parliament and to the Council

1. The Commission shall, not later than 20 May 2009, submit a report to the European Parliament and the Council reviewing the experience gained from the implementation of this Regulation.
2. The Commission shall, if appropriate, accompany the report with relevant proposals.

3. **REGULATION (EC) No 854/2004 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL OF 29 APRIL 2004 LAYING DOWN SPECIFIC RULES FOR THE ORGANISATION OF OFFICIAL CONTROLS ON PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION**

Article 21

Report to the European Parliament and to the Council

1. The Commission shall, not later than 20 May 2009 submit a report to the European Parliament and the Council reviewing the experience gained from the application of this Regulation.

2. The Commission shall, if appropriate, accompany the report with relevant proposals.

ANNEX VII

CONSULTATION PROCESS

All major stakeholders have been consulted bilaterally and collectively.

The MS were consulted in the Standing Committee of the food chain and animal health (SCFCAH) and on several occasions in Commission working groups since 2007. MS were also invited at the beginning of 2007 to share their views on their experience since 2006. Two questionnaires were thereafter sent in 2008 to focus on certain aspects of the hygiene Regulations.

Members of the Advisory Group on the Food Chain and Animal and Plant Health (AGFCAPH), and other EU-level private stakeholders' organisations with an interest related to the food chain and animal and public health, have been given the opportunity on a number of occasions to express their views. These organisations were consulted in plenary meetings, but also in working groups of the AGFCAPH. A questionnaire covering the three hygiene Regulations and requesting them specifically to express their position on the appropriateness of extending the HACCP principles to primary production, was then sent to all consulted organisations.

An overview of the private stakeholders' organisations that have been consulted in the consultation process is given below:

1. AGFCAPH MEMBERS

AIPCE-CEP	Association des Industries de Poisson de la CE/Comité Import/Export Poissons
ANIMALS ANGELS	Animal Welfare Association
AVEC	Association of Poultry Processors and Poultry Import and Export Trade
BEUC	European Consumers' Organisation
CEFIC	Chemical Industry Council Food Regulation Panel
CELCAA	Commerce Agro-Alimentaire
CES/ETUC	Confédération Européenne des Syndicats
CIAA	Confédération des Industries Agro-Alimentaires
CLITRAVI	Association of Meat Processing Industry
COCERAL	EU Association for Trade in Cereals, Oilseeds, Feedstuffs
COPA-COGECA	Agri-Cooperation

ECCA	European Crop Care Association
ECPA	EU Crop Protection Association
ECSLA	European Cold Storage and Logistics Association
EDA	European Dairy Association
EFFAT	European Federation of Food, Agriculture and Tourism Trade Unions
EFPRA	European Fat Processors and Renderers Association
EMRA	European Modern Restaurants Association
ESA	European Seed Association
EUROCHAMBRES	Association of EU Chambers of Commerce and Industries
EUROCOMMERCE	Retail, Wholesale and International Trade Representation to the EU
EUROCOOP	EU Community of Consumer Co-operatives
EUROGROUP	EU Animal Welfare Organisation
EUROPABIO	EU Association of Bioindustries
FEDIAF	Alimentation pour Animaux Familiers
FEFAC	Fédération Européenne Fabricants Aliments Composés
FERCO	Fédération Européenne de la Restauration Collective Concédée
FESASS	Fédération Européenne Santé Animale et Sécurité Sanitaire
FRESHFEL	Forum for the Fresh Produce Industry
FVE	Federation Veterinarians of Europe
HOTREC	Hotels, restaurants and Cafés in Europe
IFAH	EU Animal Health Industry
IFOAM	EU Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements
UEAPME	Artisanat et Petites/Moyennes Entreprises
UECBV	European Livestock and Meat Trading Union

UGAL Union des Groupements de Détaillants Indépendants de l'Europe

2. OTHER ORGANISATIONS

CIBC Confédération Internationale de la Boucherie et de la Charcuterie

EAPA European Animal Protein Association

EEPA European Egg Processors Association

EHPM European Federation of Associations of Health Product Manufacturers

EMMA European Minced Meat Association

EUCOLAIT European Association of Dairy Trade

EUROPECHE Association of national organisations of fishing enterprises in the E.U.

EUWEP European Union of Wholesale with Eggs, Egg-Products, Poultry and Game

FACE Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation of the EU

FEDFA Federation of European Deer Farmers Associations

FRUCOM European Federation of the Trade in dried fruit, edible nuts, honey, spices, canned fruits and vegetables and similar foodstuffs

IFFO International Fishmeal and Fish Oil Organisation

WUWM World Union of Wholesale Markets

ANNEX VIII

GUIDES TO GOOD PRACTICE

Articles 7 to 9 of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 provide for the development of guides to good practice for hygiene and for the application of the HACCP principles. Although they are a voluntary instrument, such guides enable food business sectors to describe in more detail how operators can comply with the legal requirements which are expressed in more general terms in the Regulation. According to the Regulation, two types of guides may be developed depending on the level at which they are established: national and Community level.

When national guides are developed, they have to be assessed by national authorities in order to ensure suitability of their contents with Community legislation and their practicability for the sectors to which they refer. Member States must thereafter forward to the Commission the national guides they agreed upon. Guidelines on the registration of such national guides have been developed and enable Member States to initially submit only certain information concerning their national guides to the Commission.

National guides to good practice have been developed or updated in almost all food sectors, including primary production in most Member States. A register has been created at Community level for ease of reference of interested food sectors and competent authorities. The number of guides is highly variable but seems in general adequate and increasing. The number is dependent on the strength of professional organisations in the relevant Member States as these bodies produce the guides. In general, many more guides are available for retail activities.

Guidelines for the development of Community guides to good practice have also been set down to codify the procedure under which such guides should be established by private stakeholders' organisations and evaluated at Community level. A list of Community guides being evaluated or in preparation is given below:

1. DRAFT COMMUNITY GUIDES TO GOOD PRACTICE ACCEPTED BY SCFCAH AND UNDER EVALUATION

- Draft Community Guide to Good Practice for Wholesale Market Authorities (Submitted by WUWM)
- Draft Community Guide to Good Practice for Public Cold Store Facilities (Submitted by ECSLA)
- Draft Community Guide to Good Manufacturing Practice for Liquid, Concentrated, Frozen and Dried Egg Products Used as Food Ingredients (non-ready to eat egg products) (Submitted by EEPA)
- Draft Community Guide to Good Practice for the processing of natural sausage casing (Submitted by ENSCA)
- Draft Community Guide to Good Hygiene Practice for the Prevention and Control of Microbiological Infections focused on Salmonella Control of Chickens reared for Meat (Submitted by COPA-COGECA)

2. DRAFT COMMUNITY GUIDES TO GOOD PRACTICE ACCEPTED BY SCFCAH AND IN PREPARATION

- Draft Community Guide to Good Practice for Hygiene in the Contract Catering sector (To be submitted by FERCO)
- Draft Community Guide to Good Practice for the Bottling of Water (To be submitted by EFBW)

3. DRAFT COMMUNITY GUIDES TO GOOD PRACTICE TO BE SENT FOR ACCEPTANCE BY SCFCAH

- Draft Community Guide to Good Practice for Processed Cheese (To be submitted by ASSIFONTE)
- Draft Community Guide to Good Practice for the Bottled Watercooler Industry (To be submitted by EBWA)