
(2000/C 365 E/06)

(Text with EEA relevance)


(Submitted by the Commission on 14 July 2000)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Articles 37, 95 and 152(4)(b) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty,

Whereas:


(2) The animal and public health conditions for the production and the placing on the market of products of animal origin are laid down in a number of different Council Directives.

(3) These conditions concern, in particular, products such as fresh meat, poultrymeat, meat products, egg products, live bivalve molluscs, fishery products, rabbit and game meat, milk and milk products, minced meat as well as certain other products intended for human consumption.

(4) The rules contained in these Directives have been recast and adopted as:

— European Parliament and Council Regulation .../... laying down general rules for ensuring the production of safe food,

— European Parliament and Council Regulation .../... laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin,

— European Parliament and Council Regulation .../... laying down down specific hygiene rules for the organisation of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption,

— Council Regulation .../... laying down the animal health rules governing the production, placing on the market and importation of products of animal origin intended for human consumption.

(5) The Directives concerned must therefore be repealed.


HAVE ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

The following Directives are hereby repealed:


Article 2


Article 3

Notwithstanding Article 1:

1. Until temperature requirements for the storage and transport of products of animal origin and microbiological standards for these products have been established in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 6 of European Parliament and Council Regulation .../... on the hygiene of foodstuffs, the requirements and standards laid down in the Directives referred to in Articles 1 and 2 or their implementing rules shall continue to apply.

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2. Implementing rules adopted on the basis of the Directives referred to in Articles 1 and 2 shall remain in force until they are replaced by rules having the same effect adopted on the basis of

— European Parliament and Council Regulation .../... on the hygiene of foodstuffs,

— European Parliament and Council Regulation .../... laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin,

— European Parliament and Council Regulation .../... laying down detailed rules for the organisation of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption,

— Council Regulation .../... laying down the animal health rules governing the production, placing on the market and importation of products of animal origin intended for human consumption.

3. When the health mark prescribed in the Directives referred to in Article 1 is different from the one prescribed in European Parliament and Council Regulation .../... laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin, Member States shall ensure that the former health mark is replaced by the latter at the latest five years after entry into force of the said Regulation.

Article 4

Annex A of Council Directive 89/662/EEC is replaced by the following:

'ANNEX A

CHAPTER I

— Council Regulation .../... of ... laying down the animal health rules governing the production, placing on the market and importation of products of animal origin intended for human consumption,

— The products of animal origin as referred to in European Parliament and Council Regulation .../... of ..., on the hygiene of foodstuffs.

CHAPTER II


Article 5

In Directive 91/67/EEC, Article 9 is replaced by the following:

'Article 9

The placing on the market for human consumption in an approved zone of aquaculture products and molluscs originating in a non-approved zone shall be subject to the relevant requirements laid down in Council Regulation .../... (laying down the animal health rules governing the production, placing on the market and importation of products of animal origin intended for human consumption).'

Article 6

Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 1 January 2004 at the latest. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

When Member States adopt those provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

Article 7

This Directive shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

Article 8

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.