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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to 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 origin¹, and in particular Article 8(3)(b) thereof;

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 lays down specific rules on the hygiene of food of animal origin for food business operators. Article 8 of that Regulation provides special guarantees for food of animal origin intended for the Finish and Swedish markets. Accordingly, food business operators intending to place in certain meat on the market in those Member States are to comply with certain rules in respect of *Salmonella*. It also provides that consignments of such meat are to be accompanied by a certificate stating that a microbiological test has been carried out with negative results in accordance with Union legislation.
- (2) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1688/2005 of 14 October 2005 implementing Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards special guarantees concerning *Salmonella* for consignments to Finland and Sweden of certain meat and eggs² grants such special guarantees.
- (3) In addition, Regulation (EC) No 1688/2005 lays down rules on the sampling of such meat and microbiological methods for the examination of those samples. It also sets out a model health certificate to accompany consignments of the meat.
- (4) Pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004, the special guarantees in respect of certain foodstuffs of animal origin may be extended, in whole or in part, to any Member States, or any region of a Member State, that has a control programme recognised as equivalent to that approved for Finland and Sweden in respect of the food of animal origin concerned.
- (5) On 5 October 2007, the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration forwarded an application to the Commission for special guarantees to be authorised for Denmark concerning *Salmonella* in meat derived from broilers (*Gallus gallus*) for the whole of Denmark in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 853/2004. The application includes

¹ OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 55.

² OJ L 271, 15.10.2005, p. 17.

a description of the Danish *Salmonella* Control Programme for meat derived from broilers (*Gallus gallus*).

- (6) During its meeting on 18 June 2008, the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health agreed on a Commission staff working document entitled "Guidance document on the minimum requirements for *Salmonella* control programmes to be recognised equivalent to those approved for Sweden and Finland in respect of meat and eggs of *Gallus gallus*"³ (the "Guidance document").
- (7) The Danish *Salmonella* Control Programme for meat derived from broilers (*Gallus gallus*) is considered equivalent to that approved for Finland and Sweden and is in line with the Guidance document. However, the prevalence of *Salmonella* in Danish flocks of breeders of *Gallus gallus* was higher than the upper limit proposed in the Guidance document to be considered equivalent to the situation in Finland and Sweden.
- (8) On 2017 the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration forwarded data on the prevalence of *Salmonella* in flocks of rearing breeders, adult breeders, broilers and meat of *Gallus gallus* for the period 2011-2016. These prevalences are below the upper limit set in the Guidance document.
- (9) The special guarantees should therefore be extended to consignments of meat derived from broilers (*Gallus gallus*) intended for Denmark. In addition, the rules laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1688/2005 concerning the sampling of such meat, the microbiological methods for the examination of those samples and the model health certificate should apply to such consignments.
- (10) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Denmark is authorised to apply the special guarantees concerning *Salmonella* spp. laid down in Article 8(2) of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 to consignments of meat as defined in point 1.1 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004, derived from broilers (*Gallus gallus*) intended for Denmark.

Article 2

Consignments of meat referred to in Article 1 shall be accompanied by a certificate complying with the model set out in Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 1688/2005.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the [...] day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission

The President

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