

Questionnaire on import conditions of products of animal origin in accordance with Article 126 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/625 (Official Control Regulation)

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1. Background

Article 126 of Regulation (EU) allows selecting certain food for which the import conditions in that Article apply. However such selection needs to take into account Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin. Transitional measures, provisionally derogating from the import conditions for certain products of animal origin, are laid down in Regulation (EU) 2017/185 until 20 December 2020.

Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004:

- Does not allow the import of products of animal origin if the country of origin is not listed; in the absence of a list of countries by the end of the transitional period, such products will no longer be allowed on the EU market from third countries;
- Does provide some flexibility on the import condition of certification and listing of establishments ("when applicable").

In line with the discussion during the working group food hygiene of 14 December 2016, the Commission would like to seek for a permanent solution within the frame of the delegated Regulation under Article 126(2) of Regulation (EU) No 2017/625. Options may not contradict Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004.

Examples of non-harmonised products of animal origin (= products of animal origin for which Annex III of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 does not lay down specific requirements) are:

- Insects
- Reptile meat
- Additives such as glycerol
- Food supplements such as carnitine, nucleotides

We welcome your submission by **15th September at the latest**.

Should you need further clarification please send an e-mail to Kris.DE-SMET@ec.europa.eu

2. Questionnaire part 1: legal requirements

***Reply provided by:**

- Competent authority
- Private stakeholder

***New Single Choice Question**

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovak Republic
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- United Kingdom
- Switzerland
- Norway
- Iceland

***Name of stakeholder:**

2.1 Listing of third countries

*2.1.1 Would you like to ban the import of certain products of animal origin (by not listing any third country)?

- YES
- NO

*If "Yes", which product of animal origin would you like to ban from import? (Multiple choice)

- (a) (Products of) insects
- (b) Crocodile meat
- (c) Other reptile meat
- (d) Additives such as glycerol
- (e) Food supplements such as carnitine, nucleotides
- (f) Others

*If "Others", Please specify:

*2.1.2 When listing of countries for non-harmonised food of animal origin is introduced, would you like to do this by one single list containing third countries allowed to import "any other product of animal origin"?

- YES
- NO

*If "No", for which products of animal origin, you would like to consider a separate list? (Multiple choice)

- (a) (Products of) insects
- (b) Crocodile meat
- (c) Other reptile meat
- (d) Additives such as glycerol
- (e) Food supplements such as carnitine, nucleotides
- (f) Others

*If "Others", please specify:

*2.1.3 If a separate list is considered for insects, how should an initial list be made? (Single choice)

- (a) A broad list allowing all countries where competent authorities exist in accordance with ...
- (b) Based on Eurostat data, listing all countries who imported the last 5 years
- (c) All countries from (b) which are also on the list in point (a)
- (d) Based on information on current imports collected from Member States
- (e) Others

*If "Others", please specify:

*2.1.4 If a separate list is considered for crocodile meat, how should an initial list be made? (Single choice)

- (a) A broad list allowing all countries where competent authorities exist in accordance with ...
- (b) Based on Eurostat data, listing all countries who imported the last 5 years
- (c) All countries from (b) which are also on the list in point (a)
- (d) Based on information on current imports collected from Member States
- (e) Others

*If "Others", please specify:

***2.1.5** If a separate list is considered for other reptile meat, how should an initial list be made? (Single choice)

- (a) A broad list allowing all countries where competent authorities exist in accordance with ...
- (b) Based on Eurostat data, listing all countries who imported the last 5 years
- (c) All countries from (b) which are also on the list in point (a)
- (d) Based on information on current imports collected from Member States
- (e) Others

***If "Others", please specify:**

***2.1.6** If a separate list is considered for glycerol, how should an initial list be made? (Single choice)

- (a) A broad list allowing all countries where competent authorities exist in accordance with ...
- (b) Based on Eurostat data, listing all countries who imported the last 5 years
- (c) All countries from (b) which are also on the list in point (a)
- (d) Based on information on current imports collected from Member States
- (e) Others

***If "Others", please specify:**

***2.1.7** If a separate list is considered for food supplements such as carnitine, nucleotides, how should an initial list be made? (Single choice)

- (a) A broad list allowing all countries where competent authorities exist in accordance with ...
- (b) Based on Eurostat data, listing all countries who imported the last 5 years
- (c) All countries from (b) which are also on the list in point (a)
- (d) Based on information on current imports collected from Member States
- (e) Others

*If "Others", please specify:

*2.1.8 How should an initial list be made in the case of remaining products of animal origin? (Single choice)

- (a) A broad list allowing all countries where competent authorities exist in accordance with ...
- (b) Based on Eurostat data, listing all countries who imported the last 5 years
- (c) All countries from (b) which are also on the list in point (a)
- (d) Based on information on current imports collected from Member States
- (e) Others

*If "Others", please specify:

2.2 Listing of establishments

The principle should be that such listing should only be required for establishments in third countries if lists of domestic establishments are published also by Member States.

*2.2.1 Which of the following current derogations from listing in Annex V of Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 would you like to remain derogated? (Multiple choice)

- (a) Establishments carrying out only primary production
- (b) Establishments carrying out only transport operations
- (c) Establishments carrying out only the storage of products of animal origin not requiring temperature controlled storage conditions

***2.2.2** Apart from the derogations mentioned in Q 2.2.1, for which of the following products of animal origin for which Annex III lays down requirements, would you like to maintain the listing of establishments? (Multiple choice)

- (a) Meat of domestic ungulates
- (b) Meat from poultry and lagomorphs
- (c) Meat of farmed game
- (d) Wild game meat
- (e) Minced meat, meat preparations and MSM
- (f) Meat products
- (g) Live bivalve molluscs
- (h) Fishery products
- (i) Raw milk, colostrum, dairy products and colostrum-based products
- (j) Egg products
- (k) Frogs legs and snails
- (l) Rendered animal fats and greaves
- (m) Treated stomachs, bladders and intestines
- (n) Gelatine
- (o) Collagen
- (p) Highly refined chondroitin sulphate, hyaluronic acid, other hydrolysed cartilage products, chitosan, glucosamine, rennet, isinglass and amino acids

***2.2.3** Apart from the derogations mentioned in Q 2.2.1, for which of the following non-harmonised products of animal origin, you would like to introduce a listing of establishments? (Multiple choice)

- (a) (Products of) insects
- (b) Crocodile meat
- (c) Other reptile meat
- (d) Additives such as glycerol
- (e) Food supplements such as carnitine, nucleotides
- (f) Others

***If "Others", please specify:**

2.3 Certification for importation

***2.3.1. Do you consider that a certificate or certificates should be introduced for non-harmonised products of animal origin e.g. certifying at least compliance with general hygiene rules? (Single choice)**

- (a) NO
- (b) YES by one single common certificate for all products of animal origin for which no certification has been laid down yet
- (c) YES but only certain specific certificates
- (d) YES, with specific certificates where appropriate + a common certificate for all products of animal origin for which no specific certification has been laid down.

***2.3.2 For which of the following non-harmonised products of animal origin, you would like to introduce a specific certificate? (Multiple choice)**

- (a) (Products of) insects
- (b) Crocodile meat
- (c) Other reptile meat
- (d) Additives such as glycerol
- (e) Food supplements such as carnitine, nucleotides
- (f) Others
- (g) None of these

***If "Others", please specify:**

3. Questionnaire part 2: import data (optional)

Can you provide us data on the import (amounts and/or value) of non-harmonised products of animal origin? Indicate per year(s) of import, categories of food and most important country of origin. (Possibility to upload documents)