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Operators at places of first arrivals

CONTROLLING OF PLACES OF FIRST ARRIVALS ASSIGNED TO EVIRA 1.5.2008

Controlling of places of first arrivals of foodstuffs of animal origin was amended 1.5.2008 when § 42 of the Food Act (23/2006, below FA) took force by a regulation (321/2006, amendment 1242/2007) by the Council of State. Now also, certain portions of regulation 118/2006 by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry on activities at places of first arrivals (below ESA) will be amended.

The control of places of first arrivals is arranged as stated in § 42 of FA, primarily such that the Food Safety Authority Evira (below Evira) will enter agreements with separate municipalities where respectively they agree to handle the control of places of first arrivals in one or several municipalities.

The following amendments after 1.5.2008 are important for operators at places of first arrivals:

1. Operator's report when activities at the place of first arrival commences, significantly is altered and is terminated

The report as stated in § 23 of FA and in § 8 of ESA that operators at places of first arrivals are to submit when commencing, significantly altering and terminating activities is henceforth to be submitted to **Evira**, and not as previously to the municipal food authority.

All operators at places of first arrivals (those receiving foodstuffs of animal origin as well as those forwarding such foodstuffs) are henceforth to submit reports using one form only when activities commence, significantly are altered and are terminated. In May 2008, the new form together with new instructions will be sent to operators at places of first arrivals (see section 6).

2. Methodology by categorization of various types of foodstuffs

The methodology for categorizing separate foodstuffs of animal origin at places of first arrivals has been amended for stringency. These amendments aim at improving controlling and keeping statistics of foodstuffs of animal origin delivered to Finland over places of first arrivals. Appended to this letter is a list of the new foodstuff categories.

3. Operator's report on arrivals of foodstuffs of animal origin to places of first arrivals (monthly report)

The monthly report as stated in § 10 of ESA containing summaries of deliveries of such foodstuffs of animal origin as the operators at places of first arrivals have received is to be sent to **Evira**, and not as before to the municipal authority.

Prior to the 15th day of each month, the operator shall produce a report including a summary of such deliveries of foodstuffs of animal origin as they have received the previous month. These reports are prepared in accordance with the list on foodstuff categories as appended. The reports are to be submitted to Evira starting with that for May 2008, to be submitted no later than 15 June. In case for data technical reasons abiding by the schedule for submitting reports in accordance with the new list on foodstuff categories presents difficulties, the operator may contact Evira to settle an extra term.

Reports are also to be submitted for months when no foodstuffs of animal origin were received. These reports may be sent by either mail, telefax or e-mail. The amendment of § 10 of ESA states that no longer can monthly reports be replaced by reporting on separate lots.

4. Fees on controlling at places of first arrivals

The operator will be charged a fee on controlling at places of first arrivals. As of 1.5.2008 a fee on controlling at places of first arrivals will be charged as stated in § 70 of the Food Act, the amount of which being defined as stated in the Act (150/1992) on the basis of fees to the government. The fee of § 6 of said Act shall correspond to the government's total expenditure by the performance (*actual costs*).

The regulation 266/2008 on performance by the Food Safety Authority to be compensated, issued by Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry as by the Act on the basis of fees to the government, states that inspection fees charged the operator are to be defined based on time consumed by inspection and that said fee is 130 €/ hour commenced.

5. Control

5.1 Inspection of places of first arrivals

Inspections of places of first arrivals are performed through

- a) inspections of the operator's plan of in-house control of activities at the place of first arrivals,
- b) inspections of foodstuffs lots received including associated documents at the place of first arrivals,
- c) inspections of documents on lots already forwarded from the place of first arrivals, and
- d) sampling for analysis.

It is recommended that operators at places of first arrivals arrange as far as possible that all above-said documents are available for inspection at the place of first arrival, and then no visits will be needed separately to inspect the documents (see section 5.3). Recommended also is that these documents are kept well ordered to facilitate inspecting without needless delaying.

5.2 Operators whose place of first arrival is located at the address of their domicile

The place of first arrival may be located at the address of the operator's domicile, i.e. located in the same building as the operator (operator at place of first arrival: *Butcher's M. Meikäläinen and place of first arrivals: Butcher's M. Meikäläinen*). Then the operator often may keep the plan of in-house control of activities at the place of first arrivals, and in the same place, the documents on lots received. Possible then by one inspection of the place of first arrival is to inspect all the documents mentioned in section 5.1. If all the above-mentioned document yet cannot be inspected at the place of first arrival, the operator as soon as possible but **no later than 31.5.2008** is kindly asked to report to Evira on where the documents exist for inspection.

5.3 Operators whose place of first arrivals is located in another building than at the address of their domicile

The place of first arrivals may be a warehouse residing in another building than at the address of the operator's domicile (operator at place of first arrivals: *Butcher's M. Meikäläinen and place of first arrivals: Coldstore T. Teikäläinen*). Then the plan of in-house control of the place of first arrivals necessarily does not exist here but rather at the operator's place of first arrivals. When a lot received is forwarded from the place concerned, the documents on the lot normally are sent to from the warehouse to the operator at the place of first arrivals. In such cases possible at inspections of the place of first arrivals only is to inspect the lots and their documents currently present at the place, but not the documents on lots already forwarded from the place concerned and neither the plan of in-house control of activities at the place of first arrivals.

Recommended is that operators at places of first arrivals as far as possible arrange for all the documents mentioned in section 5.1 being available for inspection at the place of first arrival and that they as soon as possible but **no later than 31.5.2008** are kindly asked to report to Evira on this arrangement. Operators who not within the set time present the report in question will, as deemed necessary, **in addition to** inspection(s) of the place(s) of first arrivals, be subject to inspection of their domicile (inspection of documents).

5.4 Other matters to observe

If the controlling authority by an inspection of a place of first arrivals notes that not all the documents mentioned in section 5.1 are available for inspection at the place concerned, a separate inspection is carried out at the operator's domicile or another place reported by the operator for inspection of the documents.

6. Instructions on activities at places of first arrivals and operator training

In May 2008, Evira will dispatch new instructions on activities at places of first arrivals, including the above-mentioned forms, to operators at places of first arrivals, as well as arrange a course in May 2008 (week 22) in Helsinki, and one in June 2008 (week 23) in Oulu and Jyväskylä.

Additional information on courses and joining them can be found at Evira's website www.evira.fi, at Tapahtumat.

Evira's website

www.evira.fi/portal/fi/elintarvikkeet/valvonta_ ja_yritt_ j_ t/ensisaapumisvalvonta/
on control of and activities at places of first arrivals currently are being updated and
this newsletter will be included in Finnish, Swedish and English.

7. Information

Evira will start informing by e-mail operators at places of first arrivals on the Commission's so-called safeguard measures as regards limiting importing of or internal trade with foodstuffs of animal origin, as well as on other current matters. Operators at places of first arrivals kindly are asked to report altered contact information and ensure that Evira is in possession of a valid e-mail address to the operator.

8. Contact information

The reports mentioned in this letter, updates of contact information, and matters regarding activities at places of first arrivals may be sent by

– e-mail to the address ensisaapumisvalvonta@evira.fi

– telefax to phone number 020 77 24353

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APPENDIX Categorization of foodstuffs of animal origin at places of first arrivals

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When controlling foodstuffs at first arrivals, foodstuffs of animal origin are categorized by table 1. In addition, for separate species, poultry meat (main category 3) and meat from other animals (main category 4) are categorized in subcategories by tables 2 and 3. Other foodstuffs of animal origin are categorized by main categories only.

TABLE 1. Main categories of foodstuffs of animal origin	
1a	bovine meat and ground meat, fresh
1b	bovine meat and ground meat, quick-frozen
1c	bovine meat MSM, fresh
1d	bovine meat MSM, quick-frozen
1e	bovine meat, raw meat products
1f	bovine meat, meat products
1g	bovine, other slaughter-animal products
2a	pork meat and ground meat, fresh
2b	pork meat and ground meat, quick-frozen
2c	pork meat MSM, fresh
2d	pork meat MSM, quick-frozen
2e	pork meat, raw meat products
2f	pork meat, meat products
2g	pork, other slaughter-animal products
Poultry: specify also by reporting subcategory	
3a	meat and ground meat of poultry, fresh
3b	meat and ground meat of poultry, quick-frozen
3c	poultry meat MSM, fresh
3d	poultry meat MSM, quick-frozen
3e	poultry meat, raw meat products
3f	poultry meat, meat products
3g	poultry, other slaughter-animal products
Other animals: specify also by reporting subcategory	
4a	meat and ground meat of other animals, fresh
4b	meat and ground meat of other animals, quick-frozen
4c	meat MSM of other animals, fresh
4d	meat MSM of other animals, quick-frozen
4e	meat of other animals, raw meat products
4f	meat of other animals, meat products
4g	other animals, other slaughter-animal products
5	live: mussels, crayfish, other shellfish, sea urchins, tunicates, sea mussels
6	chicken eggs
7	eggs, other than chicken eggs
8	egg products

9a	fishery products, fresh and quick-frozen
9b	fishery products, processed
10a	cheese made from non-heat-treated milk
10b	cheese made from heat-treated milk
11a	liquid milk products
11b	other milk products
12	honey

TABLE 2. Subcategories of main category 3 (meat of poultry)

1	chicken
2	turkey
3	guinea fowl
4	duck
5	goose

TABELL 3, Subcategories of main category 4 (meat of other animals)

1	bovids, sheep
2	bovids, goat
3	bovids, bison
11	pigs, boar
21	fowl, pheasant
22	fowl, quail
23	fowl, other
31	ostriches, all
32	wild ducks, all
41	rabbits, all
51	deer, moose
52	deer, deer
53	deer, roe deer
54	deer, reindeer
61	camelids, all
71	horse-like animals, horses
72	horse-like animals, other
81	reptiles, crocodiles
82	reptiles, lizards
83	reptiles, snakes
84	reptiles, turtles
91	frogs

101	molluscs (snails)
111	marsupials, kangaroo
121	predators, bears
122	predators, other