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## **amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/932 as regards minimum control frequencies**

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products, amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, (EC) No 396/2005, (EC) No 1069/2009, (EC) No 1107/2009, (EU) No 1151/2012, (EU) No 652/2014, (EU) 2016/429 and (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Regulations (EC) No 1/2005 and (EC) No 1099/2009 and Council Directives 98/58/EC, 1999/74/EC, 2007/43/EC, 2008/119/EC and 2008/120/EC, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 854/2004 and (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Directives 89/608/EEC, 89/662/EEC, 90/425/EEC, 91/496/EEC, 96/23/EC, 96/93/EC and 97/78/EC and Council Decision 92/438/EEC (Official Controls Regulation)<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 19(3), first subparagraph, points (a) and (b), thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In the framework of the control plan on contaminants for food placed on the Union market, Member States are to fulfil the provisions of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/932<sup>2</sup> as regards the minimum control frequency for various commodities.
- (2) The minimum control frequencies were initially set based on the preceding legislation. During the first years of implementation of the new practical arrangements it appears that minimum control frequencies are not appropriate for certain types of meat and for eggs.
- (3) Official controls are risk-based. The risk of non-compliance with the Union legislation on contaminants is low for bovine, ovine, caprine, porcine meat and for poultry. Since processed meat products where the risk is higher in relation mainly to presence of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons are covered by specific category, the minimum control frequency for raw meat should be lowered.
- (4) The risk of non-compliance with the Union legislation on contaminants is low for eggs. In addition, for metals in eggs, a maximum residue level is established only for mercury. Therefore, minimum control frequency for eggs should be lowered and the requirement

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 95, 7.4.2017, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2017/625/oj>.

<sup>2</sup> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/932 of 9 June 2022 on uniform practical arrangements for the performance of official controls as regards contaminants in food, on specific additional content of multi-annual national control plans and specific additional arrangements for their preparation (OJ L 162, 17.6.2022, p. 13, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg\\_impl/2022/932/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2022/932/oj)).

of a minimum sampling frequency of 10 % laid down in point 1(b) in Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/932 should not apply to category “fresh hen eggs and other eggs”.

- (5) Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/932 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (6) As the rules laid down in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/932 are related to the relevant calendar year, this Regulation should apply for the first time to the plan for the year 2026. This Regulation should therefore apply from 1 January 2026.
- (7) 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*

Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/932 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

#### *Article 2*

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

It shall apply from 1 January 2026.

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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