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**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS IN RELATION TO  
THE MASTER LIST AND THE LISTS  
OF  
EU APPROVED FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND  
CERTAIN OTHER SPECIFIED FOOD  
ESTABLISHMENTS**

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## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS IN RELATION TO THE MASTER LIST OF LISTS AND THE LISTS OF APPROVED FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

In accordance with Regulation (EC) No 852/2004<sup>1</sup>, establishments preparing foodstuffs must be registered in each Member State. Furthermore, a number of establishments, mainly handling products of animal origin for which hygiene conditions are laid down in Regulation (EC) No 853/2004<sup>2</sup>, must be approved by the competent authority of each Member State. In accordance with Article 45(1)(a) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1715, Member States shall maintain and keep up to date in TRACES lists of food business establishments approved in accordance with Article 6(3) of Regulation (EC) No 852/2004. Furthermore, Article 45(3) of that Regulation provides that the Commission shall assist Member States in making those lists available to the public through publication on its website or through TRACES.

The objective of this working paper is to set down and update the technical specifications harmonizing and codifying the presentation of such lists. The presentation of such lists took full account of data protection legislation. The technical specifications and the master list are only intended as recommendations for Member States to classify their establishments in a harmonized way facilitating the consultation of the lists of other Member States.

Classification and categorization of third-country establishments are also in line with the recommendations in this document but determined exclusively by TRACES.

Annex I to this document sets down the food establishment sections, requiring approval, in the sequence of the sections in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004. Secondly, other establishments requiring approval were added. Finally, certain establishments, not subject to approval according to EU requirements, but for which intra-EU trade may benefit from the publication of a list, were added for voluntary listing.

Annex II lists the categories of establishments in each section.

Annex III lists activities performed in the main food sectors.

Annex IV provides a model layout for the listing of establishments.

Annex V sets down codes and legends to be used when completing a list of establishments.

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- <sup>1</sup> Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs (OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 1)
  - <sup>2</sup> Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific rules for food of animal origin (OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 55)

## *ANNEX I*

### **FORMAT OF THE MASTER LIST<sup>1</sup>**

#### **'EU APPROVED FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND CERTAIN OTHER SPECIFIED FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS**

Establishments handling, preparing or producing products of animal origin for which requirements are laid down in Regulation (EC) No 853/2004, must be approved by the competent authority in accordance with Article 148 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/625<sup>3</sup>. In addition, approval may be required for certain other establishments in accordance with Article 6(3)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 852/2004. This legal basis was used to impose approval of establishments producing sprouts in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 210/2013<sup>4</sup>.

For ease of reference, the lists of approved food establishments are published in the order of Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004. A Section 0 has been added to cover establishments with general activity and which cannot be placed under one of the other specific Sections mentioned below.

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<sup>3</sup> Regulation (EU) No 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(OJ L 95, 7.4.2017, p. 1)

<sup>4</sup> Commission Regulation (EU) No 210/2013 of 11 March 2013 on the approval of establishments producing sprouts pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 68, 12.3.2013, p. 24)

## **PART A: FOOD OF ANIMAL ORIGIN**

<b>SECTION 0</b>	Establishments carrying out a general activity on food of animal origin
<b>SECTION I</b>	Meat of domestic ungulates
<b>SECTION II</b>	Meat from poultry and lagomorphs
<b>SECTION III</b>	Meat of farmed game
<b>SECTION IV</b>	Wild game meat
<b>SECTION V</b>	Minced meat, meat preparations and mechanically separated meat
<b>SECTION VI</b>	Meat products
<b>SECTION VII</b>	Live bivalve molluscs
<b>SECTION VIII</b>	Fishery products
<b>SECTION IX</b>	Raw milk and dairy products
<b>SECTION X</b>	Eggs and egg products
<b>SECTION XI</b>	Frogs' legs and snails
<b>SECTION XII</b>	Rendered animal fats and greaves
<b>SECTION XIII</b>	Treated stomachs, bladders and intestines
<b>SECTION XIV</b>	Gelatine
<b>SECTION XV</b>	Collagen
<b>SECTION XVI</b>	Highly refined products

## **PART B: FOOD OF NON-ANIMAL ORIGIN**

<b>SECTION I</b>	Sprouts
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## **PART C: NON-MANDATORY LISTING**

<b>SECTION I</b>	Honey
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*Note for the webmaster:*

The numbered section below shall be used as a code in all language versions. However, the title of each section may be expressed in at least one official language of the Community.

## *ANNEX II*

### **CATEGORIES OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS**

#### **Part A**

##### **SECTION 0: Establishments carrying out a general activity on food of animal origin**

- Cold store (Independent, stand-alone)
- Re-wrapping and re-packaging establishment (Independent, stand-alone)
- Wholesale market
- Catering (supplying to another food business)
- Capsule filling plants
- Reefer vessel

##### **SECTION I: Meat of domestic ungulates**

- Slaughterhouse
- Cutting plant

##### **SECTION II: Meat from poultry and lagomorphs**

- Slaughterhouse
- Cutting plant

##### **SECTION III: Meat of farmed game**

- Slaughterhouse
- Cutting plant

##### **SECTION IV: Wild game meat**

- Wild game collection centre (voluntarily in case of primary production)
- Game-handling establishment
- Cutting plant

##### **SECTION V: Minced meat, meat preparations and mechanically separated meat**

- Minced meat establishment
- Meat preparation establishment
- Mechanically separated meat establishment

##### **SECTION VI: Meat products**

- Processing plant
- Slicing/cutting (and packaging) plant only

##### **SECTION VII: Live bivalve molluscs**

- Intermediary operator (voluntarily in case of primary production)
- Dispatch centre
- Purification centre

### **SECTION VIII: Fishery products**

- Factory vessel
- Freezing vessel
- Freezing vessel freezing tuna in brine at -18°C
- Auction hall
- Fresh fishery products plant
- Processing plant
- Mechanically separated fishery products plant
- Slicing/cutting (and packaging) plant only (processed fishery products)

### **SECTION IX: Colostrum, raw milk, colostrum-based and dairy products**

- Collection centre
- Processing plant
- Slicing/cutting (and packaging) plant only

### **SECTION X: Egg and egg products**

- Packing centre
- Liquid egg plant
- Processing plant

### **SECTION XI: Frogs' legs and snails**

- Processing plant

### **SECTION XII: Rendered animal fats and greaves**

- Collection centre
- Processing plant

### **SECTION XIII: Treated stomach, bladders and intestines**

- Processing plants

### **SECTION XIV: Gelatine**

- Collection centres and tanneries authorized for supply of raw materials for the production of gelatin for human consumption (voluntarily)
- Processing plant (including capsules manufacturing plant)

### **SECTION XV: Collagen**

- Collection centres and tanneries authorized for supply of raw materials for the production of collagen for human consumption (voluntarily)
- Processing plant

### **SECTION XVI: Highly refined products**

- Processing plants

## **Part B**

**SECTION I: Sprouts**

- Producing plants

**Part C. Non-mandatory listing**

**SECTION I: Honey**

- Producing plants<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> This should include plants after primary production.

### ANNEX III

#### ACTIVITIES IN THE MAIN FOOD SECTORS

MAIN SECTORS	ACTIVITY CODES
MEAT	CC, CP, CS, GHE, MM, MP, MSM, PP, RW, SH, SP
MILK	CC, CS, PP, RW, SP
EGGS	CC, CS, EPC, LEP, PP, RW
FISHERY PRODUCTS/LBM	AH, CS, DC, FFPP, FV, IO, PC, MSFP, PP, RW, WM, ZV, ZVB, RV, SP

**ANNEX IV**

**LAYOUT FOR INDIVIDUAL LISTS OF APPROVED ESTABLISHMENTS**

**'SECTION xxx**

**Title**

Approval number <sup>6</sup>	Name	Town/Region	Category <sup>7</sup>	Associated activities <sup>9</sup>	Species <sup>8</sup>	Remarks <sup>9</sup>	TSE feed ban registration authorizations <sup>10</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Registration number for relevant cold stores in section 0 and plants in section XVI, authorisation number for collections centres and tanneries in sections XIV and XV

<sup>7</sup> Use codes defined in Annex V for each category/activity. Categories of food establishments are mentioned in Annex II

<sup>8</sup> Where appropriate, use codes defined in Annex V for each species

<sup>9</sup> Where appropriate, use codes defined in Annex V

<sup>10</sup> This column should be included only if the Member State has chosen "Option 2" of the Technical specifications for harmonised format for the listing of establishments in accordance with Annex IV to Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, using codes laid down in [https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/safety/docs/biosafety\\_food-borne-disease\\_tse\\_list\\_establishments.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/safety/docs/biosafety_food-borne-disease_tse_list_establishments.pdf)

**ANNEX V**

**CODES AND LEGENDS**

CATEGORY/ACTIVITY	SPECIES	REMARKS
AH = auction hall	A = poultry	bl = blood products
CA = catering plant		mp = meat products
CC = collection centre	B = bovine	pap = meat extracts
CP = cutting plant	C = caprine	and any powdered
CS = cold store	F = frogs	products derived
DC = dispatch centre	L = lagomorphs	from meat
EPC = egg packing centre	O = ovine	st = treated stomachs,
FFPP = Fresh fishery products	P = porcine	bladders and
plant	S = solipeds	intestines
FV = factory vessel	SN = snails	co = colostrum and
GF = Gelatine capsule filling		colostrum-based
plant	fG = farmed land	products
GHE = game handling	mammals other than	
establishment	domestic ungulates	
HO = honey		
IO = intermediary operator	R = ratite	
LEP = Liquid egg plant	wA = wild birds	
MM = minced meat	wL = wild lagomorphs	
establishment	wU = wild ungulates	
MP = meat preparation	wG = wild land	
establishment	mammals other than	
MSFP = mechanically	wild ungulates and	
separated fishery products	wild lagomorphs	
plant		
MSM = mechanically		
separated meat establishment		
TA = tannery		
PC = purification centre		
PdP = producing plant		
PP = processing plant		
RV = reefer vessel		
RW = re-wrapping and		
repackaging establishment		
SH = slaughterhouse		
SP = slicing plant		
WM = wholesale market		
ZV = freezer vessel		
ZVB= freezer vessel freezing in		
brine at -18°C		

