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FASFC policy on food safety in the short supply chain

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Content

- **European context**
- **National food safety policy short supply chain**
 - National rules for direct supply by producers to consumers
 - Flexibility with respect to self-checking and traceability
 - Guides to good hygienic practices and self-checking
 - Other initiatives: brochures, guidelines ...





European Context



European context

- Subsidiarity and flexibility in the European hygiene legislation
 - Different socio-economic situation in the member states (MS)
 - National governments are best placed to respond to this
- Interpretation of the subsidiarity by MS via the EU notification procedure
- European guidance documents clarify the implementation of the legislation



European context

Reg. (EC) No 852/2004



- **General hygiene of foodstuffs**
- Does **not** apply to **direct** supply, by the **producer**, of **small quantities of primary products** to the **final consumer** or to local retail establishments.
- In this case the member states establish **national rules** that guarantee the achievement of the objectives of the regulation.



European context: Reg. (EC) No 853/2004



- Hygiene of food of animal origin
- Does **not** apply to:
 - direct supply, by the producer, of **small quantities of primary products** to the final consumer or local retail establishments
 - direct supply, by the producer, of **small quantities of meat of poultry and rabbits slaughtered on the farm** to the final consumer or local retail establishments
 - hunters who supply **small quantities of wild game or wild game meat** directly to the final consumer or local retail establishments
- In this case, the member states establish **national rules** that guarantee the achievement of the objectives of the regulation.





European context: Reg. (EC) No 853/2004

- The EU **approval** does **not** apply to retail establishments supplying products of animal origin to other retail establishments on the condition that the supply is a **marginal, localised and restricted activity**.
- In this case, the member states establish national measures.
- **Belgian** interpretation:
 - **30%** of sales
 - within a radius of **80km**





National Policy



National legislation

Interpretation of subsidiarity for supply of small quantities of primary products to the final consumer or local retail establishments:

- Plant products
- Milk
- Eggs
- Fisheries and aquaculture
- Poultry and rabbits slaughtered on the farm
- Wild game



E.g. 1. Slaughter of small quantities of poultry and rabbits on the farm and direct supply to the final consumer or local retail (1/2)

Maximum 7500 units of poultry per year and/or 1000 rabbits

- **Conditions to be fulfilled:**

- specific authorisation
- appropriate room for slaughter
- comply with basic hygiene rules during slaughter
- no post mortem inspection
- GHP – HACCP

- **Selling opportunities:**

- on the farm: whole carcasses
- in own shop or own restaurant (carcasses and/or meat)
- on the local market (whole carcasses)
- supply to other retailers not allowed



E.g. 1. Slaughter of small quantities of poultry and rabbits on the farm and direct supply to the final consumer or local retail (2/2)

Maximum 500 units of poultry and/or 250 rabbits

- **Conditions to be fulfilled:**
 - no specific authorisation
 - no specific room for slaughter
 - to comply with some basic hygiene rules during slaughter
 - no post mortem inspection
 - GHP – HACCP
- **Selling opportunities:**
whole carcasses to the final consumer on the farm



E.g. 2. Direct supply by hunters of small quantities of wild game or wild game meat to the final consumer or local retail

- Wild game from own catch
- Per hunter maximum 1 piece of large wild game and 10 pieces of small wild game per hunting day
- Trichinae examination compulsory for wild boar
- Supply accompanied by numbered declaration
- Supply to retail only allowed with specific approval as game handling establishment (post mortem inspection)



Flexibility for self-checking in the sector BtoC

- Establishment without food preparation/processing only marketing prepackaged foods and/or not highly perishable foods:
 - **only GHP**
 - e.g. beverage vending machine, beverage trade, cafe, candy store
- Establishment preparing/processing food:
 - **GHP and flexible HACCP system**
 - **If approved guide to good practices is implemented**
 - e.g. butcher, restaurant, fresh bakery, dairy farm



Flexibility for traceability in the sector BtoC

- Administrative simplification regarding traceability
- Chronological arrangement of invoices and/or delivery notes suffices, possibly manually supplemented with some necessary data



Initiatives in the future: Guides to GHP and self-checking

- Management and adjustment of the BtoC guides by the FASFC in consultation with food sectors:
 - **Dairy farms**
 - Bakers
 - Butchers
 - HORECA
 - Crèches
 - Retail
- Translation (NL, FR, DE) by FASFC
- Available for free on the FASFC website
- Publishing of the guides
- Support to food sectors for the organisation of training



Initiatives in the future: Generic Guide B2C

- **What?**
 - General part and vertical modules per specific sector
- **Why?**
 - Branch fading: e.g. dairy farm and HORECA
- **Aim?**
 - Simplify the implementation of self-checking systems

!All in One Guide!



Other initiatives

- **Brochure “On Farm Processing and Sale”**
 - Practical guidelines for on farm processing of animal and plant products/foods
 - Guidance on GHP, HACCP, self-checking, traceability and notification
 - **FLEXIBILITY**
 - Guidance on registration and application for authorisation
 - Ideal **STARTER KIT**



Other initiatives

- **Guidelines for milk vending machines:**

- For operators of milk vending machines, farmer organisations, regional ministers of education
- Draw attention to risks related to raw milk (YOPI!)
- Hygiene rules (temperature, cleaning and disinfection, consumer information...)

- **Other brochures:**

- Self-checking, notification requirement, traceability
- Guidance for the cattle farming
- ...



**Thank you for your
attention.**

