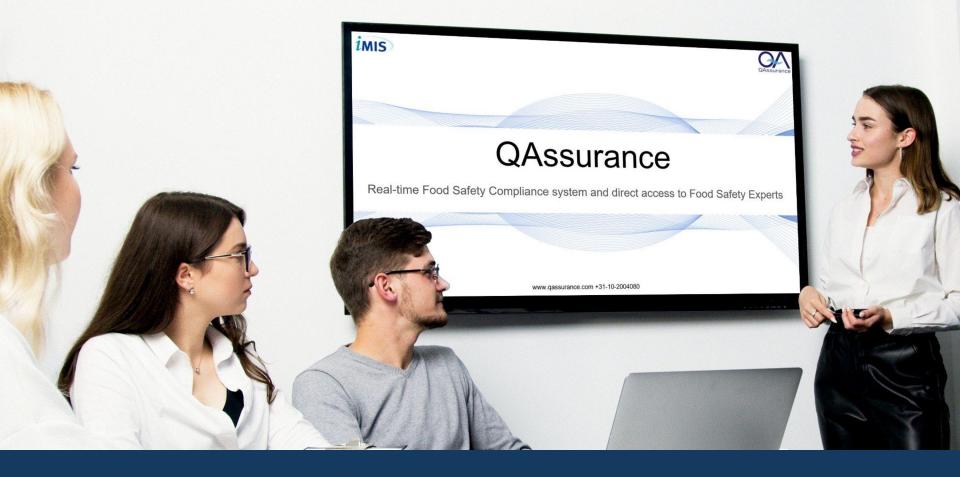




Food Safety Compliance training

Legislation



With our Food Safety Compliance for QA managers training we go back to the basics, the foundation to properly fulfill the complex function of a QA manager, now and in the future.





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- 1. Legislation
 - EU regulations & Information sheets & Recall
 - Listeria control
 - Additives regulation
 - NVWA









Legislation





Legislation: EU regulations

- 1990-496 Nutritional information
- 2002-178 General Food Law
- 2005-2073 Microbiological criteria
- 2005-396 Pesticide residues
- 2006-1881 Contamination of food
- 2006-1924 Nutrition and health claims
- 2008-1333 Additives
- 2008-1334 Aromas
- 2011-1169 Food information







Legislation: Info Sheets & Knowledge Sheets

- Info Sheets: how to deal with sampling
 - Info sheet 64
 - Info sheet 65
 - Info sheet 85
- Knowledge Sheets
 - Food allergy and food intolerance
 - Bioterrorism, biological agents with guideline
 - Contaminants from PVC packaging
 - Contaminants from packaging by irradiation
 - Paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP)
 - Toxoplasma gondii
 - Zoonoses







Legislation: Recall

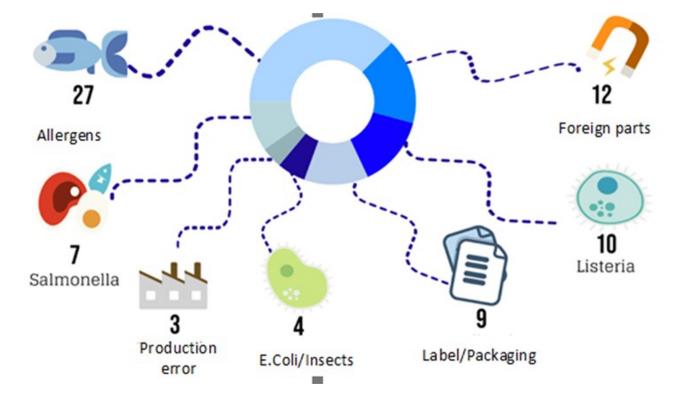
- 2002-178 General Food Law
- Article 19: By order of competent authority
- BuRO risk assessment
- Reporting guide
- Issue management
- RASFF Food and Feed Safety Alerts







Legislation: Recall (VMT overview 2019)



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Listeria control

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Listeria monocytogenes

Risk management







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 Case example
 Legislation and interpretation
- Risk assessment and reporting Shelf-life study with FFSP NVWA in practice





Listeria species

Micro-organism: Listeria spp

Family: Listeriaceae

Genus: Listeria

Species:17

-L. monocytogenes L. grayi

L. Innocua

-L. seeligeri

-L. welshimeri

-L. marthii

L. rocourtiae

L. weihenstephanensis

L. grandensis

L. riparia

L. booriae

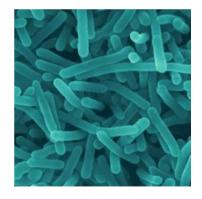
L. fleischmannii

L. florendensis

L. aquatica

L. newyorkensis

L. cornellensis









Case example

Largest deadly outbreak of Listeria monocytogenes





Listeria outbreak in luncheon meat

- Cause: Listeria monocytogenes
- 1.060 causes of illness between December 2017 and June 2018
- 216 deaths (mortality ± 20%)
- 41% babies younger than one month





Producer Enterprise Foods

- Brand name: Tiger Brands
- Largest producer of consumer goods in South Africa.
- Fully certified food safety management system
- FSSC 22.000 v4.1





Economic consequences

- No meat (goods) consumption
- Import from South Africa stopped
- Three countries also stopped importing dairy, vegetables and fruit





European legislation

- Regulation (EC) no. 2073/2005
- Info sheet 85 (microbiological criteria for food) (NVWA)
- 12 July 2019









Information Sheet 85

- Page 7 modified: definition ready-made.
- Page 13 added: guideline for re-use in relation to 'processing' for 'treatment'.
- Page 15 adapted: table 2 'per food category' to 'per production location'.
- Page 15 added: sampling scheme for process hygiene criteria (same as info sheet 85 from before September 2017).
- Page 16 added: sampling frequency for small sprout vegetable producers.
- Page 22 deleted: 'Listeria spp.' as an environmental research requirement in the decision tree of figure 1.
- Page 23 added: guideline sampling (frequency/number) of environmental research.
- Page 23 added: explanation of the limitation of the application of (more) quantitative analysis following qualitative analysis (abs / 25g)
- Page 25 added: identification of (possible) CCPs from predictive models.
- Page 28 added: application of text that restricts the shelf life in relation to opening MAP packaging.
- Page 29 adapted: from 'raw material(s)' to 'foodstuff(s)'.
- Page 34 clarified: application of ISO 16140-2 when using alternative analysis methods.
- Page 35 removed: accreditation requirements for analyzes following the sampling of processing areas (environmental investigation).



Information Sheet 85

- Listeria monocytogenes:
- Absent in 25-gram product
- Products that have been placed on the market; max. 100 CFU/gram.





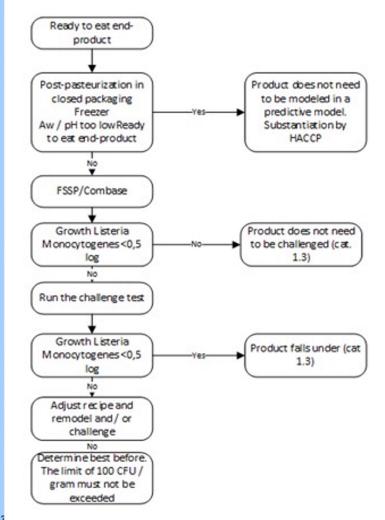
Growth factors *Listeria monocytogenes*

- pH > 4.4
- Aw > 0.92
- pH > 5.0 and Aw > 0.94
- No heating for 2 minutes at 70°C in the core.
- No protective microflora.





Decision tree









Product overview

| Article number | | Best before fresh | Best before frozen | Particularities | Meats | Ready to eat end product | Frozen | Pasteurized in closed packaging | pH ≤4,4 | aW ≤ 0,92 | pH ≤ 5,0 and aw ≤ 0,94 | FSSP already in practice | Notes |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------|--------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|---------|-----------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| 1234 | Jalapeno burger | 28 | 365 | Processing | I | x | | | | | x | x | |





Parameters needed for FSSP-study

- Dry matter
- pH
- Salt (sodium)
- CO2 in packaging
- Organic acids
 - Acetic acid E260
 - Benzoic acid E210
 - Citric acid E330
 - Diacetate E 262
 - Lactic acid E325
 - Sorbic acid E200
- Option: Aw value

Shelf-life study with FSSP 4.0



Food Spoilage and Safety Predictor (FSSP)





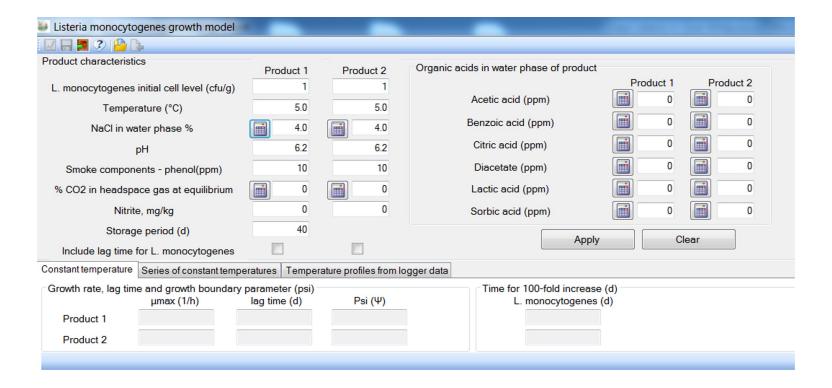
Parameters overview

| 1234 | art.nr. |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Jalapenoburger | |
| 5,97 | pH 1 |
| 5,99 | рН 2 |
| 5,83 | pH lab |
| 1,51 | zout 1 |
| 1,68 | zout 2 |
| 1,55 | zout 3 |
| 35,00 | droge stof 1 |
| 35,50 | droge stof 2 |
| 35,60 | droge stof 3 |
| 1,30 | lactaat berekend |
| <u>0,53</u> | acetaat berekend |
| 15,00 | tht |
| 15 | aantal dagen log 0,5 |
| 1,34 | lactaat 1 |
| 1,16 | lactaat 2 |
| 1,27 | lactaat 3 |
| 0,59 | acetaat 1 |
| <u>0,54</u> (| acetaat 2 |
| 0.54 | acetaat 3 |
| | |





FSSP version 4.0







Salinity

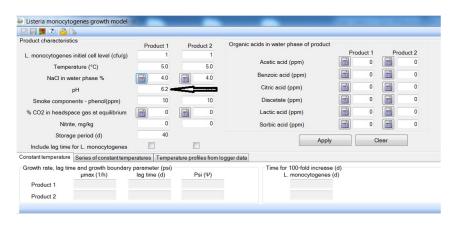
Dry matter, % 30.0

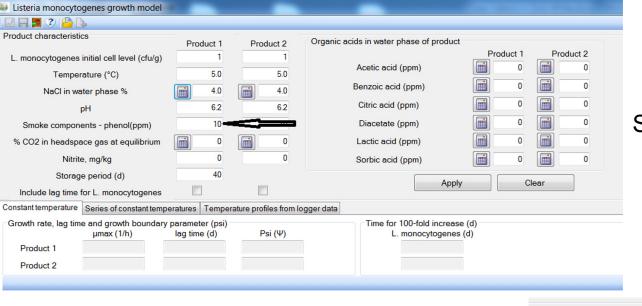
NaCl in product, % 1.50

Water phase salt in product, % 2.1

Apply Cancel

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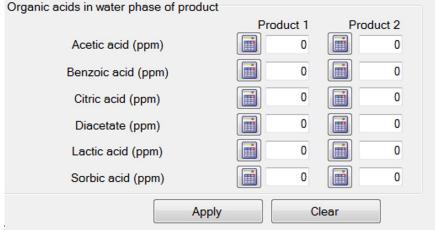






Smoke components - phenol

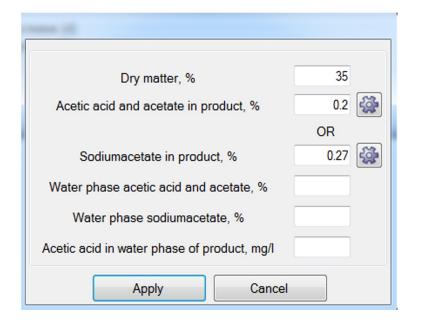
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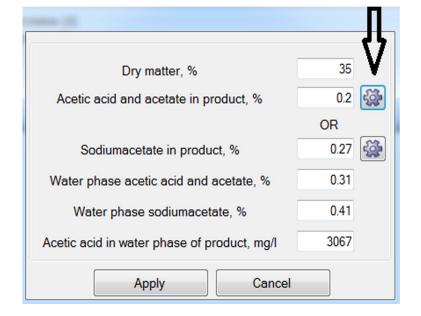






Acetic acid E260

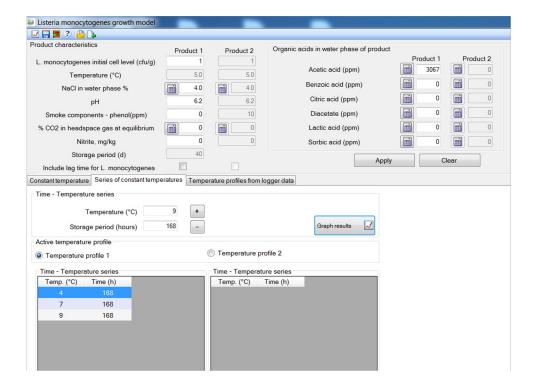








Temperature







Results







Cornelis Bartlema Food Group BV Report



Example report, available for inspection



Can be requested at info@qassurance.com



Challenge test

- Growth test in which the product is deliberately contaminated
 - -> perform at a value of 0.5 2 log cfu/g

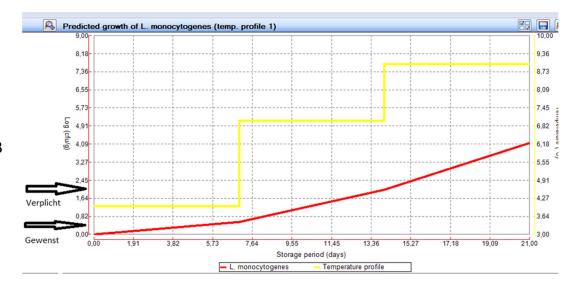






Listeria lessons

- Increased supervision (veto)
- Positive release
- Verification of temperature profile
- Determine FSSP parameters 3x
- Preparation advice is sufficient for B2B
- Validate <0,5 log with challenge test
- FSSP screenshots
- EDP audits....
- Listeria present: always counting
- Aroma not for preservation
- Acid of preservative labeling
- HACCP study update: more CCPs







New CCP's and LCP

| PROCESS STEP | HAZARD | HAZARD TYPE | CAUSE | CONTROL MEASURE | CCP: CRITICAL CONTROL POINT | SUBSTANTIATION |
|--|--|-----------------|---|--|--------------------------------|---|
| Pasteurization (exterior product min. 2 minutes at 72 degrees) | nathogenic | Microbiological | Not working hygienically | Pasteurization step | ССР | Listeria Monocytogenes is killed at 72 degrees Celsius for 2 minutes |
| Weigh out and add preservatives | Outgrowth of (spore- forming) micro-organisms in the end product | | Incorrect weighing or not adding pink salt and / or lactate, diacetate, acetic acid, etic | weighing and adding | ССР | The consideration of preservatives is secured in the ERP system. When adding too much or too little, the ERP system issues a message. This also applies to not adding preservatives. The color of the product can also be seen if no nitrite has been added. See also: TNO report on nitrite. |
| Labeling | Outgrowth of Listeria Monocytogenes, present due to post-contamination | | Post- contamination | Checking new labels for regeneration advice | Legal requirement | We deliver to professional end users who regenerate. Advice: heat for at least 2 minutes to core temperature? 75 degrees Celsius before use. Preparation advice: Oven: approx.: 50 minutes, Max 110 degrees Celsius. |
| | | Food Co. | f-4 - 0 li 4i- | | - 4 | |

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Recipe management in SpecCheck

| % Water for Moisture Los | | 25,21 | % Moisture loss | redients | 0,00 | |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|----------|-------|--------|
| Ingredient | | Function | E-nr | %n* | %v** | %sp*** |
| pork (78%) | | | | 62,07 | 77,59 | |
| water | | | | 25,21 | 6,51 | |
| salt | | | | 3,17 | 3,96 | |
| caramelized sugar | | | | 2,48 | 3,10 | |
| sodium lactate | | food acid | E325 | 1,88 | 2,35 | |
| natural aroma | | | | 0,82 | 1,03 | |
| triphosphates | | stabilizer | E451 | 0,69 | 0,87 | |
| sodium (di) acetate | | | E262 | 0,58 | 0,72 | |
| dried corn syrup | 1 | | | 0,47 | 0,58 | |
| diphosphates | | stabilizer | E450 | 0,40 | 0,49 | |
| dextrose | | | | 0,36 | 0,45 | |
| Monosodium Glutamate (MSG) | | flavour enhance | F E621 | 0,34 | 0,43 | |











Additives regulation

- Nitrite
- Additives legislation
- Raw products: the use of additives
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Nitrite: function

- E249 = potassium nitrite; E250 = sodium nitrite
- Microbial preservation: The nitrite (present as HNO₂) is able to penetrate the bacterial cells and react with bacterial proteins, so that all kinds of essential processes in the bacterium are disrupted.
- Coloring agent: red coloring of meat (via heating or oxidation and fermentation)
- Chemical preservation. Nitrite reduces the susceptibility to oxidation of unsaturated fats.
- Interaction with salinity, pH, Aw, additives.
- Color formation: minimum 50 mg/kg required.





Nitrite: substitutes?

As a preservative:

No declaration on the label: vegetable extract

- Via oxidation and fermentation, nitrate -> nitrite
- As colorant and stabilizer:
 - Antioxidants with herbs and spices
- Status 2016: no alternative to nitrite in meat products yet
- Additives legislation:

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E 249 - Nitrit ML = 150 mg/kg, except sterilised meat products (Fo > 3.00) ML = 100 mg/kg, only sterilised meat products (Fo > 3.00)
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Structure of additives legislation

thanks to Karin Koppen (VNV) for the pictures







Annex I

Functional classes of additives







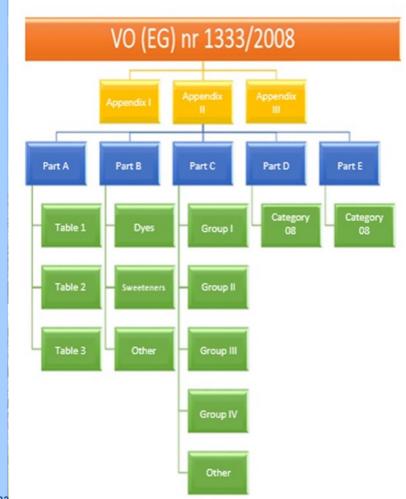
Annex II
 EU list of additives approved for use in foodstuffs







- Annex II, Part A General provisions
- Table 1: Additive not allowed by carry-over
- Table 2: Coloring agent not allowed
- Table 3: Colorant in the form of lacquers







- Part II, Part B
 List of all additives
- Colorants
- Sweeteners
- Other







Annex III, Part C
 Definitions of groups of additives







- Annex II, Part D
 Foodstuff categories
- Category 8: meat







 Annex III
 EU list for the use of food additives, food enzymes, food flavors and conditions of use

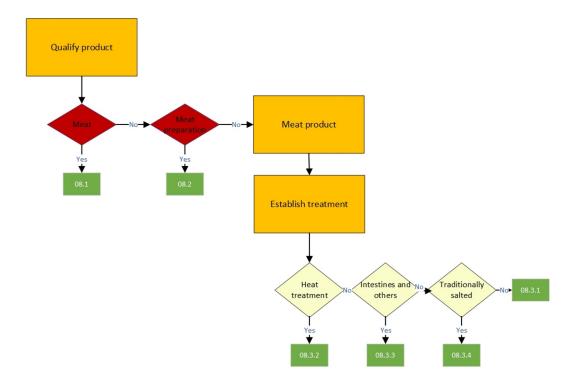








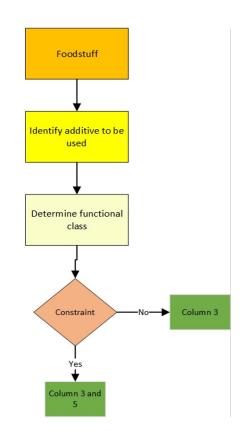
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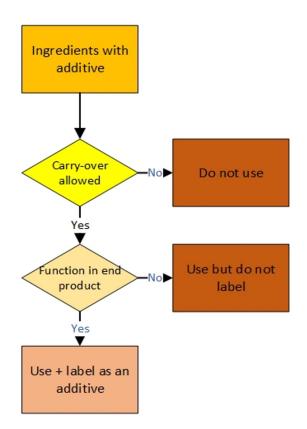






Additives to be used







Carry-over (1/2)

The presence of a food additive is allowed:

- a) in compound foods not listed in Annex II, provided that the food additive is authorized in one of the ingredients of the compound food;
- b) in a food to which a food additive, food enzyme or food flavor has been added, provided that the food additive:
 - i) is authorized in the food additive, food enzyme or food flavor in accordance with this Regulation, and also
 - o ii) got into the food via the food additive, food enzyme or food flavor, and also
 - iii) has no technological function in the final product;
- c) in a foodstuff intended for use only in the preparation of a compound foodstuff, provided that the compound foodstuff complies with this Regulation.





Carry-over (2/2)

- Unless expressly provided otherwise, paragraph 1 shall not apply to infant formulas, follow-on formulas, processed cereal-based foods and baby foods, and dietetic foods for infants and young children for special medical purposes as referred to in Directive 89/398/EEC.
- Where a food additive is added to a food in a food flavor, food additive or food enzyme and has a
 technological function in that food, it shall be considered as a food additive of that food and not a
 food additive of the added flavoring, food additive or food enzyme and shall thus fulfill the
 conditions for use of that food.
- Without prejudice to paragraph 1, the presence of a food used as a sweetener is permitted in compound foods with no added sugar, compound foods with reduced energy value, compound diet foods intended for a low-calorie diet, in non-cariogenic compound foods and compound foods with an extended shelf life, provided that the sweetener is any of the ingredients of these compound foods is permitted.







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Raw meat products: the use of additives

- beef sausage (and comparable products such as tea sausage and steak sausage)
- Filet American
- Roast beef
- Carpaccio





Raw meat products: the use of additives

Regulation 853/2004 Annex I

- 1.10 Fresh meat: meat that, apart from the cooling or freezing treatment, has not undergone any treatment to improve the shelf life, including vacuum-packed meat or meat in CA packaging (controlled atmosphere).
- 1.15 Meat preparations: fresh meat, including meat that has been minced into small pieces, to
 which foodstuffs, seasonings or additives have been added or that has undergone processing
 which is not sufficient to change the internal muscle tissue structure of the meat and thereby the
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Regulation 852/2004, article 2

- 1m. **Processing:** an operation that significantly modifies the original product, including by means of heating, smoking, salting, maturing, drying, **marinating**, extraction or extrusion, or a combination of such treatments."
- 1n. Unprocessed products: food that has not undergone treatment, including products that have been divided, cut into parts, slices, or pieces, deboned, minced, skinned, ground, cut, cleaned, trimmed, peeled, crushed, chilled, frozen, deep-frozen or thawed.
- 1o. Processed products: foodstuffs resulting from the processing of unprocessed products; these
 products may contain ingredients necessary for their manufacture or to give them specific
 characteristics.





Raw meat product or meat preparation?

- Marinating to the core is one of the operation mentioned in Regulation 852/2004 to obtain a processed product.
- This marinating, salting and fermentation has the result that the characteristics of fresh meat have disappeared (as with dry sausage).
- The mechanical processes also influence the structure of fresh meat. This creates a processed product (meat product) as mentioned in Regulation 853/2004 under Annex I under 7.1.







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Filet american: a meat product or a meat preparation

- The NVWA regards filet american as a meat product with regard to the use of additives. With regard to storage temperature, the storage temperature of 7°C is also accepted for a meat product, while a maximum storage temperature of 4°C has been set for meat preparation.
- The NVWA regards filet american in the context of regulation 2073/2005 as a meat preparation that is consumed raw.





Regulation 853/2004

- 7. PROCESSED PRODUCTS
- 7.1. Meat products: processed products obtained from the processing of meat of from the further processing of such processed products, so that the cut surface shows that the characteristics of fresh meat have disappeared.





Filet american: as a meat product

• If it appears from this that these products meet the criterion of a "meat product", that is in any case clear. But that also applies to the microbiological criteria of Regulation 2073/2005. The microbiological safety of these meat products could then be guaranteed via Annex I of this regulation under point 1.8.

| 1.8 | Meat products | Salmonella | 5 | 0 | Absent | EN/ISO | Products |
|-----|----------------------|------------|---|---|---------|--------|-------------|
| | intended to be eaten | | | | in 25 g | 6579 | placed on |
| | raw, with the | | | | | | the market, |
| | exception of | | | | | | for the |
| | products where the | | | | | | duration of |
| | salmonella risk is | | | | | | their shelf |
| | eliminated by the | | | | | | life |
| | production process | | | | | | |
| | or the composition | | | | | | |
| | of the product | | | | | | |





Filet american: as meat preparation

• If filet american were to be regarded as a meat preparation instead of a meat product, the use of additives will be severely limited, as well as those additives that are very important for the food safety and shelf life of the product.





Example product portfolio analysis (1/2)

| | | carry over: if NOT made by name, | | | |
|----------|-------------------------------|--|--------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | MEAT PREPARATION (raw) | generally ordered by raw materials | | MEAT PREPARATION (cooked) | |
| E number | Meat preparation: 8.2 allowed | Table 2, coloring agent: excluded from carry over principle during preparation | carry over ? | Meat products 8.3.2 (heat treated) | Carry over (dyes are allowed here) |
| 160c | No | Excluded for carry over | May not | Only in sausage, pate and terrines | Yes, allowed |
| 150c | No | Excluded for carry over | May not | Only in sausage, pate and terrines | Yes, allowed |
| 150a | No | Excluded for carry over over | May not | Only in sausage, pate and terrines | Yes, allowed |
| | 2No | No | Yes, allowed | Yes, for group 1 | |
| 141 | 4No | No | Yes, allowed | Yes, for group 1 | |
| 63 | 1No | No | Yes, allowed | No | Yes, allowed |
| 62 | 7No | No | Yes, allowed | No | Yes, allowed |
| 62 | 1No | No | Yes, allowed | No | Yes, allowed |
| 55 | 1No | No | Yes, allowed | No | Yes, allowed |
| 51 | 0 No | No | Yes, allowed | No | Yes, allowed |
| 50 | 0 yes, with poultry meat | No | Yes, allowed | Yes, for group 1 | |
| 46 | 6No | No | Yes, allowed | Yes, for group 1 | |
| 45 | 1No | No | Yes, allowed | No | Yes, allowed |
| 45 | 0No | No | Yes, allowed | No | Yes, allowed |

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Example product portfolio analysis (2/2)

| MEAT PREPARATION(raw) | Carry over: if not made by name, generally ordered by raw material | s | MEAT PREPARATION(cooked) | |
|---|--|--------------|---|------------------------------------|
| number Meat preparation: 8.2 allowed | Table 2, coloring agent: excluded from carry over principle during preparation | carry over ? | Meat products 8.3.2 (heat treated) | Carry over (dyes are allowed here) |
| Yes, in the case of ground meat, prepackaged preparations of fresh ground meat to which ingredients other than additives or salt have 331been added. | no | Yes, allowed | Yes, for group 1 | |
| 316no | no | Yes, allowed | Yes, in salted products and preserved products | Yes, allowed |
| Yes, in the case of ground meat, prepackaged preparations of fresh ground meat to which ingredients other than additives or salt have 301been added. | no | Yes, allowed | Yes, for group 1 | |
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| Yes, in the case of ground meat, prepackaged preparations of fresh ground meat to which ingredients other than additives or salt have 262 been added. | no | Yes, allowed | Yes, for group 1 | |
| Yes, in the case of ground meat, prepackaged preparations of fresh ground meat to which ingredients other than additives or salt have 260 been added. | no | Yes, allowed | Yes, for group 1 | |
| 211no | no | Yes, allowed | Yes, with surface treatment for fried meat products | Yes, allowed |
| 210no | no | Yes, allowed | Yes, with surface treatment for fried meat products | Yes, allowed |
| 202no | no | Yes, allowed | Yes, with surface treatment for fried meat products | Yes, allowed |
| 150No | Excluded for carry over | May not | Only in sausages, pates and terrines | Yes, allowed |
| 124no | Excluded for carry over | May not | no | Yes, allowed |











NVWA

1. Tracing

- Properly recording the current method of tracing all normal products as well as any biological flow.
- Describe any missing trace actions in more detail and record them in additional records.
- Method of tracing closed weekly: demonstrably correct.

2. Additives

- o Raw materials, Recipes, End products up to date
- 2 E-number analysis on this product portfolio
- Keep E-number analysis up to date





NVWA

3. Microbiology

- o Check microbiological plan for legislation.
- Check microbiological plan last year for compliance.
- Carefully implement current year microbiological plan.

4. Listeria

- Demonstrable compliance with info sheet 85 regarding Listeria.
- Analysis of current product portfolio in which FSSP must be substantiated with, among others, why Challenge tests have or have not been carried out.
- Describe the Listeria approach that demonstrably meets the legal requirements.





NVWA

5. STEC

- 5A Using the product portfolio, analyze which raw products to be consumed can have STEC as a problem.
- 5B Conform STEC to NVWA policy and guarantee these products regarding STEC
- 5C Info sheet 64 of NVWA considered for STEC

6. EDP audit

o 6A Administrations may be taken without any reason / suspicion



