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Register of national guides to good practice

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EXPLANATION**

According to Article 8(4) of Regulation (EC) No 852/2004, Member States shall forward to the Commission national guides complying with the relevant requirements. The Commission must set up and run a registration system for such guides and make it available to Member States.

On several occasions, the Commission indicated its intention to examine how to improve the availability to the list of national guides to good practice developed in the different Member States.

As a first step, the Commission created a new web page hosting its registration system. This register is available at the following address:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biosafety/hygienelegislation/good_practice_en.htm
(http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biosafety/hygienelegislation/register_national_guides_en.pdf)

Member States use different ways when communicating national guides to good practice to the Commission: a paper version in national language, a translation into English, an electronic version, an updated list of national guides or only a simple link to the website where such information can be found. This does not facilitate the management of the register at Community level.

In order to run efficiently the register and to reduce the administrative burden, it is proposed to codify the way and the information that should be submitted by Member States when communicating national guides.

Although Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 requires Member States to forward physical copies of national guides to the Commission, communicating certain information may achieve this objective, provided that competent authority ensures that such guides can be sent to the Commission upon its request. The relevant information will comprise:

1. Original title (in the official language of MS)
2. Title in English
3. Country (MS)
4. Language or languages in which the guide is available
5. Publisher
6. Edition
7. ISBN, ISSN (if any)
8. Internet or other contact where these guides are accessible or the way how to get them is provided
9. Relevant key-word(s) (see the list in Annex)

A similar approach must be used for guides to good practice developed in the feed sector. A specific register will be created to that end. This register will include all guides based on Article 21 of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003.

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