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laying down specific rules on official controls for *Trichinella* in meat

(Text with EEA relevance)

(Memorandum from Mr Markos KYPRIANOU)

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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 854/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April laying down specific rules for the organisation of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption¹, and in particular points 9 and 10 of Article 18 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 2075/2005 laying down specific hygiene rules on official controls for *Trichinella* in meat², requires that for the detection of *Trichinella* larvae in meat samples 10 ± 0,2 g of pepsin is added to the sample.
- (2) Reports have been published indicating that pepsin powder can cause allergic reactions in certain susceptible individuals.
- (3) The sensitivity of the reference method of detection is not altered when liquid pepsin is used according to the manufacturer's specifications instead of pepsin powder.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2075/2005 is amended as follows:

- (1) Point 1 (p), Chapter I, Annex I is replaced by the following:

Pepsin, strength: 1: 10 000 NF (US National Formulary) corresponding to 1: 12 500 BP (British Pharmacopoea) and to 2 000 FIP (Fédération internationale de pharmacie) or

¹ OJ L 139, 30.04.2004, p.206, corrected by OJ L 226, 25.6.2004, p. 83.

² OJ L 139, 30.04.2004, p.55, corrected by OJ L 226, 25.6.2004, p. 22.

stabilized liquid pepsin with minimum 660 European Pharmacopoea units/ml

(2) Point 3, I (b), Chapter I, Annex I is replaced by the following:

"(b) $10 \pm 0,2$ g of pepsin or $30 \pm 0,5$ ml liquid pepsin is added."

Similarly, the amount of pepsin mentioned in Chapter II can be replaced by the equivalent amount of liquid pepsin as recommended by the manufacturer's specifications.

Article 2
Entry into force

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 xxxx 2007.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission
Markos KYPRIANOU
Member of the Commission