



Project: Technical assistance to improve implementation of food safety standards and disease crisis preparedness

Activity 1.1.17: Training on topics relevant to food chain safety including processed food of non-animal origin and composite food

Module: Overview of food safety legislation framework

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- ✓ Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 - hygiene of foodstuffs
- ✓ Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 - hygiene rules for food of animal origin



### FOOD PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES NOT COVERED BY THE HYGIENE PACKAGE REGULATIONS:

- primary production for private domestic use;
- the domestic preparation, handling or storage of food for private domestic consumption;
- the direct supply, by the producer, of small quantities of primary products to the final consumer or to local retail establishments directly supplying the final consumer;
- collection centres and tanneries which fall within the definition of food business only because they handle raw material for the production of gelatine or collagen.



### FOOD PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES COVERED BY THE HYGIENE PACKAGE REGULATIONS:

- primary production and associated operations (transport, storage and handling)

‘primary products’ means products of primary production including products of the soil, of stock farming, of hunting and fishing

‘primary production’ means the **production, rearing or growing** of primary products including **harvesting, milking and** farmed animal production prior to slaughter. It also includes **hunting and fishing and the harvesting of wild** products;

- unprocessed and processed food of animal origin



### Products covered under Regulation (EC) No 852/2004

In the field of application of Regulation 852/2004, primary products of both vegetable and animal origin are included:

#### Products of plant origin:

Production, rearing or growing of plant products such as grains, fruits, vegetables and herbs as well as their transport within and storage and handling of products (without substantially changing their nature) at the farm and their further transport to an establishment

#### Products of animal origin:

- Production, rearing or growing of food producing **animals at the farm** and any activity linked therewith as well as the transport of meat producing animals to a market, a slaughterhouse or the transport of animals between farms.
- Production, rearing and growing of **snails** at the farm and their possible transport to a processing establishment or to a market.
- **Milking** and the storage of milk at the farm.
- The production and collection of **eggs** at the producer's premises, but not egg packaging operations.



### Products of animal origin:

- **Fishing**, the handling of **fishery products** without changing their nature on board vessels (except freezer and factory vessels), their transport to the first establishment (including auction halls) on land. Fishing, handling and transport of **fish caught in rivers, lakes**.
- Production, rearing, growing and harvesting of **fish in aquaculture farms** and their transport to an establishment.
- The production, rearing, growing, relaying and harvesting of **live bivalve molluscs** and their transport to a dispatch OR purification centre or processing establishment.
- Honey/other bee production: all the beekeeping activities must be considered as primary production. This includes **beekeeping** (even if this activity extends to having bee-hives at a distance from the bee-keeper's premises), the **collection of honey and the wrapping and/or packaging at the beekeeper's premises**. Other operations outside the beekeeper's premises (e.g. the wrapping/packaging of honey) cannot be considered as primary production.

### Wild products:

- The harvesting of mushrooms, berries, snails etc. in the wild and their transport to an establishment



- ☞ All primary producers who are involved in one or more of the above-mentioned activities **must notify** the relevant departments in charge of control of food about their activities in order to have them **registered**.



## Products covered under Regulation (EC) No 853/2004

In the field of application of Regulation 853/2004, only products of animal origin are included:

- **unprocessed food of animal origin**

‘unprocessed products’ means foodstuffs that have not undergone processing, and includes products that have been divided, parted, severed, sliced, boned, minced, skinned, ground, cut, cleaned, trimmed, husked, milled, chilled, frozen, deep-frozen or thawed

Non exhaustive list of unprocessed products of animal origin:

- Fresh meat/minced meat/Mechanically Separated Meat
- Untreated intestines, stomachs and bladders
- Meat preparations that have not been processed
- Blood
- Fresh fishery products





Non exhaustive list of unprocessed products of animal origin:

- Live bivalve molluscs, live echinoderms, live tunicates and live marine gastropods
- Raw milk
- Whole eggs and liquid egg
- Frogs' legs
- Snails
- Honey
- An unprocessed product with a product of plant origin remains a raw product (e.g. skewer containing fresh meat and vegetables; preparations of fresh fishery products (e.g. fish fillets) with food of plant origin)



- **processed food of animal origin**

Processed products are obtained by submitting raw products to a **process such as heating, smoking, curing, maturing, drying, marinating**, etc. The process must lead to a **substantial alteration** of the initial product.

Non-exhaustive list of processed products of animal origin:

- Meat products (ham, salami, etc.)
- Processed fishery products (smoked fish, marinated fish etc)
- Dairy products (heat treated milk, cheese, yoghurt, etc.)
- Egg products (egg powder etc.)
- Rendered animal fat
- Greaves
- Gelatine
- Collagen
- Treated intestines, stomachs and bladders etc.



- **processed food of animal origin**

Processed products also include:

- A combination of processed products e.g. cheese with ham
- Products that have undergone several processing operations (e.g. cheese from pasteurised milk).
- Substances to give special characteristics may be added (e.g. sausage with garlic, yoghurt with fruit, cheese with herbs)



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