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Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délai - Kein Fristbeginn - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nezahajuje prodlení - Fristerne indledes ikke - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - No abre el plazo - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Ne otvara razdoblje kašnjenja - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Non fa decorrere la mora - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Atlikšanas laikposms nesākas - Ma jiftaħx il-perijodi ta' dewmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nezačína oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Inleder ingen frist - Ní osclaíonn sé na moilleanna

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4. 2025/0227/CZ - C50A - Foodstuffs

5. Decree amending Decree No 289/2007 on veterinary and hygiene requirements for animal products not

covered by directly applicable legislation of the European Communities, as amended

6. – adjustment of the limits for the sale of small quantities of fresh poultry and rabbit meat;
– adjustment of the definition of small quantities of eggs that may be sold/supplied to a single final consumer or to local retail establishments;
– clear stipulation of storage temperatures for direct sale.

7.

Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs: Article 13(3) to (7)

Notification under Directive (EU) 2015/1535 and notification under another Community act – Regulations (EC) No 852/2004 and No 853/2004 – concerns § 10(2) and (4) of the Decree (points 7 and 8 of the draft amendment), § 11(2) and (5) of the Decree (points 9 and 10 of the draft amendment), § 14(4) and (5) of the Decree (points 16 and 17 of the draft amendment) and § 15(4) and (5) of the Decree (point 20 of the draft amendment).

Notification under Directive (EU) 2015/1535 concerns § 5, § 11b and § 14(2) of the Decree.

Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin: Article 10(3) to (7)

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Notification under Directive (EU) 2015/1535 concerns § 5, § 11b and § 14(2) of the Decree.

8. The draft Decree:

- adjusts the limits for the sale of small quantities of fresh poultry and rabbit meat;
- adjusts the definition of small quantities of eggs that may be sold/delivered to a single final consumer or to local retail establishments;
- clearly stipulates storage temperatures for the direct sale of fresh poultry and rabbit meat;
- deletes the provisions on animal health requirements for fresh nutria meat and animal products from nutria;
- extends the period for the delivery of eggs to the consumer to 28 days, i.e. for the full period of their minimum shelf-life;
- adds additional bee products intended for human consumption and stipulates small quantities thereof.

Keywords: small quantities, meat, poultry meat, rabbit meat, eggs, bee products, pollen, royal jelly.

The basic legislation is Act No 166/1999 on veterinary care and amending certain related acts (the Veterinary Act), and Decree No 289/2007 on veterinary and hygiene requirements for animal products not covered by directly applicable legislation of the European Communities, as amended.

References to the most recent notification of the basic texts: 2025/0067/CZ, 2022/814/CZ

9. The draft aims to supplement the storage requirements for fresh poultry and rabbit meat, repeal the obsolete provisions on the sale of fresh nutria meat as a primary product, adapt the provisions concerning

the placing of eggs on the market to the requirements laid down by directly applicable EU legislation, stipulate the small quantity of bee products intended for human consumption, adjust the limits for the sale of small quantities of fresh poultry and rabbit meat, and adjust the small quantities of eggs that can be sold/supplied to a single final consumer or to local retail establishments.

The limits for the sale of small quantities of fresh poultry and rabbit meat, specifically the provisions of § 10 and § 11 of the Decree, are being adjusted in response to practical requirements. The current weekly sales volume limit, which has been burdensome in particular because of the seasonality of this type of farming and economic activity, is abolished and replaced by an annual limit, and the number of poultry or rabbits that a farmer may slaughter with a view to selling their fresh meat directly to the final consumer is now also stipulated.

The provisions of § 10 and § 11 of the Decree are further supplemented in order to clearly stipulate the storage temperatures for animal products, namely fresh poultry and fresh rabbit meat; compliance with the requirements is checked primarily when the products are sold at markets and marketplaces. Storage temperatures are already stipulated in a similar manner for milk and game meat. In general, storage temperature requirements are laid down in Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin, as amended, but do not apply to the sale of small quantities of animal products from primary production.

Further changes were necessary in relation to Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species, as amended. The nutria (*Myocastor coypus*) has been included in the list of invasive alien species of Union concern issued under this Regulation since 2016. The list is set out in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1141 adopting a list of invasive alien species of Union concern pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as amended. The Regulation lays down prohibitions on the release into the environment, import or transport within the EU, possession, breeding or cultivation and placing on the market of species included on the EU list. Member States may only grant exemptions from these prohibitions in a very limited range of cases, namely for the purposes of research, ex-situ conservation or use of invasive alien species for therapeutic purposes (in other cases, only for exceptional reasons of overriding public interest, where it is necessary to apply to the European Commission for authorisation to grant an exemption). While Article 32 of Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council allowed the temporary keeping of an invasive species in a commercial population, further breeding of kept animals was prohibited. At present, there should no longer be any nutria farms for meat production, hence the relevant part of the text of § 27a of the Veterinary Act has become obsolete and has been deleted. In this context, it was necessary to delete the entire paragraph § 11b and to amend the provisions of § 12b of the Decree.

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2258 of 9 September 2022 amending and correcting Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on specific hygiene requirements for food of animal origin as regards fishery products, eggs and certain highly refined products, and amending Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/624 as regards certain bivalve molluscs, repealed the requirement to deliver eggs to the consumer within 21 days after laying.

In addition to the above, the definition of small quantities of fresh eggs intended for sale or delivery to final consumers or to local retail establishments is also being modified.

10. Reference(s) to basic text(s): 2022/0814/CZ, 2025/0067/CZ

The basic texts were forwarded with an earlier notification:

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