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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1906/90 of 26 June 1990 on certain marketing standards for poultrymeat[(1)], and in particular to Article 9 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Paragraphs 10, 12 and 12a of Article 14a of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1538/91 of 5 June 1991 introducing detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1906/90 on certain marketing standards for poultrymeat[(2)] provide for detailed guidelines regarding the levels of controls and actions to be undertaken by reference laboratories for monitoring water content in poultrymeat.

(2) The Community Reference Laboratory 'Het Spelderholt' provided for in Article 14a(14) of Regulation (EEC) No 1538/91 is no longer in a position to continue its work.

(3) Experience with the work of the reference laboratories has shown that there is no need for a separate Community Reference Laboratory any more. Instead it appears sufficient to establish a coordinating board for testing activities by national reference laboratories.

(4) The coordinating board should consist of representatives of the Directorate-General Joint Research Centre (JRC) — Institute for Reference Materials and Measurements (IRMM), of the Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development and of three national reference laboratories.

(5) The representative of IRMM should be the chairperson of the board and should appoint the national reference laboratories on rotational basis.

(6) Annex VIII to Regulation (EEC) No 1538/91 contains the names and addresses of all reference laboratories. Several Member States have informed the Commission of a change of their national reference laboratories. Malta has sent the name and address of the Maltese National Reference Laboratory in a neighbouring Member State. It is therefore necessary to update the name and address of certain Reference Laboratories and introduce the name and address of the Maltese Reference Laboratory.

(7) Annex IX to Regulation (EEC) No 1538/91 contains the specific tasks to be performed by the Community Reference Laboratory and by the national reference laboratories.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Regulation (EC) No 433/2006. (See end of Document for details)*

The change in organisational structure of reference laboratories for monitoring water content in poultrymeat should be laid down in Annex IX.

(8) Regulation (EEC) No 1538/91 should be amended accordingly.

(9) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Poultrymeat and Eggs,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 1538/91 is amended as follows:

1. Article 14a is amended as follows:

   (a) In paragraph 12a, the second subparagraph is replaced by the following:

   > The national reference laboratories shall forward these data to the board of experts referred to in paragraph 14 for further evaluation and discussion with national reference laboratories before 1 July each year. The findings shall be presented to the Management Committee for consideration in accordance with Article 18 of Regulation (EEC) No 2777/75.

   (b) Paragraph 14 is replaced by the following:

   > 14. A board of experts in monitoring water content in poultrymeat shall act as a coordinating body for testing activities of national reference laboratories. It shall consist of representatives of the Commission and national reference laboratories. Tasks of the board and of national reference laboratories, as well as the organisational structure of the board are provided for in Annex IX.

2. Annex VIII is replaced by the text in Annex I to this Regulation.

3. Annex IX is replaced by the text in Annex II to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

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

Done at Brussels, 15 March 2006.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

ANNEX VIII

LIST OF NATIONAL REFERENCE LABORATORIES

Belgium

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Eenheid Technologie en Voeding

Productkwaliteit en voedselveiligheid

Brusselsesteenweg 370

BE-9090 Melle

Czech Republic

Státní veterinární ústav Jihlava

Národní referenční laboratoř pro mikrobiologické, chemické a senzorické analýzy masa a masných výrobků

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CZ-586 05 Jihlava

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Fødevarestyrelsen

Fødevareregion Øst

Afdeling for Fødevarekemi

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Bundesforschungsanstalt für Ernährung und Lebensmittel

Standort Kulmbach

EC-Baumann-Straße 20

D-95326 Kulmbach

Estonia

Veterinaar- ja Toidulaboratoorium

Kreutzwaldi 30

EE-51006 Tartu

Greece

Ministry of Rural Development & Food

Veterinary Laboratory of Larisa

7th km Larisa-Trikalon st.

EL-411 10 Larisa

Spain

Laboratorio Arbitral Agroalimentario

Carretera de La Coruña, km 10,700

ES-28023 Madrid

France

Unité hygiène et qualité des produits avicoles

Laboratoire central de recherches avicoles et porcines

Centre National d'études vétérinaires et alimentaires

Beaucemaine — B.P. 53

FR-22400 Ploufragan

Ireland

National Food Centre

Teagasc

Dunsinea

Castleknock

Dublin 15

Ireland

Italy

Ministero Politiche Agricole e Forestali

Ispettorato Centrale Repressione Frodi — Laboratorio di Modena

Via Jacopo Cavedone n. 29

IT-41100 Modena

Cyprus

Agricultural Laboratory

Department of Agriculture

Loukis Akritas Ave; 14

CY-Lefcosia (Nicosia)

Latvia

Pārtikas un veterinārā dienesta

Nacionālais diagnostikas centrs

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