



DEFINITION CHANGES WITH REGARD TO THE IMPORTATION OF MEAT INTO THE EU

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Until this month meat imports were regulated by Commission Regulation (EU) 206/2010 of 12 March 2010. This stated in Annex 2 Part 1 "1" Category restrictions: No offal is authorized for introduction into the Union (except, in the case of bovine species, diaphragm and masseter muscles).

Further investigation shows that Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of 29 April 2004 Annex 1 (1.11) defines "Offal" as fresh meat other than that of the carcass, including viscera and blood.

Today however it must be noted that in the recently published Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/384 of 4 March 2022 Regulation (EU) 2021/404 replaces Commission Regulation (EU) 206/2010.

Following the trail of definitions reveals that Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404, Article 2, Definitions states that "For the purpose of this Regulation, the definitions laid down in Article 2 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 apply."

Moving along to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692, Article 2, Definitions states "(40) 'meat' means all parts of ungulates, poultry and game birds which are suitable for human consumption, including blood" whereas "(43) 'offal' means fresh meat other than that of a carcass of an ungulate even if it remains naturally connected to the carcass."

It seems clear that the definition of "Offal" has changed substantially. We hope this regulatory train can be helpful if serum is being stopped because its offal!



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