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[EXTRACT]

Meat of bovine animals younger than 12 months

The Council adopted by qualified majority (Ireland, Greece, Portugal and UK voted against and Austria abstained), a regulation introducing provisions on traceability and labelling of meat of bovine animals aged 12 months or less all over the food chain (9801/07).

Greece and Portugal made statements.

Under the regulation, animals slaughtered:

– younger than 8 months: will be marked “V” at the slaughterhouse and the corresponding meat labelled as “veal”, or its equivalent wording in community languages according to part A of the annex to the regulation;

– older than 8 months and up to 12 months: will be marked “Z” at the slaughterhouse and the corresponding meat labelled as “rosé veal”, or its equivalent wording in Community languages according to part B of the Annex to the regulation.

In addition to the specified denominations for “veal” or “rosé veal” the age of the animals (up to 8 months or 8 to 12 months) will be displayed to the consumer.

Operators will therefore register the age of all bovine animals to ensure the accurate use of sale descriptions, but the existing registration system for beef meat could be used for that purpose.