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Proposal for a  
COUNCIL DECISION

laying down the rules for the microbiological test by sampling in the establishment of  
origin for poultry for slaughter intended for Finland and Sweden

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(presented by the Commission)

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

In application of article of article 10b of Council Directive 90/539/EEC of 15 October 1990 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in, and exports from third countries of, poultry and hatching eggs<sup>(1)</sup>, as amended by the Act concerning the conditions of accession and the adjustments to the Treaties on which the Union is founded<sup>(2)</sup>, the Council acting on a proposal of the Commission shall lay down the rules for the microbiological test by sampling of poultry for slaughter intended for Finland and Sweden. This testing regards salmonella and in particular the serotypes not mentioned in Annex II, Chapter III (A) of the Directive. This should be done before the date of entry into force of the Accession Treaty.

This proposal is presented with this objective.

The purpose of this draft Decision is to fix the sampling method, the number of samples to be taken as well as the microbiological method for the examination of the samples. The proposed method is based on the opinion of the Scientific Veterinary Committee.

The number of samples to be taken is based on statistical sampling schemes allowing the detection of 5 % contamination at a 95 % of confidence level. The proposed microbiological method for the examination of the samples refers to an international standard.

It should be noted that the proposed provisions

- shall only apply after approval of operational programmes to be presented by Finland and Sweden;
- shall not apply for slaughter poultry from a holding subject to a programme recognised as equivalent to the one applied by Finland and Sweden.

This draft Decision has no financial consequences on the budget of the European Community.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ N° L 303, 31. 10. 1990, p. 6

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ N° C 241, 29. 8. 1994, p. 136

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 90/539/EEC of 15 October 1990 on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in, and exports from third countries of, poultry and hatching eggs<sup>1</sup>, as amended by the Act concerning the conditions of accession and the adjustments to the Treaties on which the Union is founded, Annex I, V, E, part 1, chapter 2, A, 4, (c)<sup>2</sup>, and in particular article 10b, 1,

Whereas, in order to lay down the rules for the microbiological test by sampling, it is necessary to fix the sampling method, the number of samples to be taken as well as the microbiological method for the examination of the samples;

Whereas, as regards the range of the test and the methods to be adopted, it is necessary to refer to the opinion of the Report of the Scientific Veterinary Committee of 10.6.1994;

Whereas, in conformity with article 10b, paragraph 2 of Council Directive 90/539/EEC, the provisions provided for in this Decision must take into account the operational programme submitted by Finland and Sweden,

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**HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:**

**Article 1**

The sampling method is laid down in point 1 of the Annex.

**Article 2**

The number of samples to be taken is laid down in point 2 of the Annex.

**Article 3**

The microbiological method for the examination of the samples is laid down in point 3 of the Annex.

**Article 4**

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 1995 subject to the entry into force of the Treaty of accession of Austria, Sweden and Finland.

**Article 5**

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

**Done at Brussels**

**For the Council**

## **ANNEX**

### **1. Sampling method**

The flock must be sampled within 14 days before slaughter. The samples to be taken shall comprise pooled litter or faeces samples made up of separate samples of fresh litter or faeces each weighing not less than 1g, taken at random from a number of sites in the building in which the birds are kept, or, where the birds have free access to more than one building on a particular holding, from each group of buildings on the holding in which birds are kept.

### **2. Number of samples to be taken**

The number of sites from which separate faeces or litter samples are to be taken in order to make a pooled sample shall be as follows:

<b><u>Number of birds kept in a building</u></b>	<b><u>number of faeces or litter samples to be taken in the building or group of buildings on the holding</u></b>
1 - 24	number equal to the number of units with a maximum of 20
25 - 29	20
30 - 39	25
40 - 49	30
50 - 59	35
60 - 89	40
90 - 199	50
200 - 499	55
500 or more	60

### **3. Microbiological method for the examination of the samples**

Microbiological testing of the samples for Salmonella must be carried out according to the standard method of the International Standard Organisation, ISO 6579:1993.

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