

REGULATION FOR THE MARKING OF SHEEPMEAT

SCOPE

The Cabinet of Ministers draft regulation sets the requirement for slaughterhouses to identify all sheep by age with a mark on the carcass thus distinguishing lamb, that is, sheep who at the time of slaughter are under 12 months, from other sheep, that is, sheep who at the time of slaughter are 12 months or older.

The identification is required to ensure traceability and information continuity and therefore it should be maintained in the marks of sheep meat at all stages of food handling.

LATVIAN REGULATIONS

Cabinet Regulation No. 272, adopted on 2th June, 2009 "[Regulation for the additional requirement of marking sheep meat](#)"

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Not required

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MAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR ECONOMIC OPERATORS

The identification is required to ensure traceability and information continuity and therefore it should be maintained in the marks of sheep meat at all stages of food handling. In this way, the consumer will not be misled about the age of the sheep, the quality and taste properties of the meat.

The requirements will apply to meat from sheep raised and slaughtered in Latvia and intended for distribution in Latvia's internal market.