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► **B** REGULATION (EC) No 1760/2000 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

of 17 July 2000

establishing a system for the identification and registration of bovine animals and regarding the labelling of beef and beef products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 820/97

(OJ L 204, 11.8.2000, p. 1)

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► <b><u>M2</u></b>	Council Regulation (EU) No 517/2013 of 13 May 2013	L 158	1	10.6.2013
► <b><u>M3</u></b>	Regulation (EU) No 653/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014	L 189	33	27.6.2014
► <b><u>M4</u></b>	Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016	L 84	1	31.3.2016

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► <b><u>A1</u></b>	Act concerning the conditions of accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic and the adjustments to the Treaties on which the European Union is founded	L 236	33	23.9.2003
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PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL****of 17 July 2000****establishing a system for the identification and registration of  
bovine animals and regarding the labelling of beef and beef  
products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 820/97****TITLE I****Identification and registration of bovine animals****▼M4****▼B****TITLE II****Labelling of beef and beef products***Article 11*

An operator or an organisation, as defined in Article 12, which:

- is required, by virtue of Section I of this title, to label beef at all stages of marketing,
- wishes, by virtue of Section II of this title, to label beef at the point of sale in such a way as to provide information, other than that laid down by Article 13, concerning certain characteristics or production conditions of the labelled meat or of the animal from which it derives,

shall do so in accordance with this title.

This title shall apply without prejudice to relevant Community legislation, in particular on beef.

**▼M3***Article 12*

For the purposes of this Title, the following definitions apply:

- (1) ‘beef’ means all products falling within CN codes 0201, 0202, 0206 10 95 and 0206 29 91;
- (2) ‘labelling’ means the attachment of a label to an individual piece or pieces of meat or to their packaging material, or, in the case of non-pre-wrapped products, the supply of appropriate information in written and visible form to the consumer at the point of sale;
- (3) ‘organisation’ means a group of operators from the same or different parts of the beef trade;
- (4) ‘minced meat’ means any boned meat that has been minced into fragments and contains less than 1 % salt and that falls within CN codes 0201, 0202, 0206 10 95 and 0206 29 91;

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- (5) ‘trimmings’ means small pieces of meat recognised as fit for human consumption produced exclusively during trimming operations during the boning of carcasses and/or the cutting up of meat;
- (6) ‘cut meat’ means meat which has been cut into small cubes, slices or other individual portions that do not require further cutting by an operator before being bought by the final consumer and that can be directly used by that consumer. This definition does not cover minced meat and trimmings.

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## SECTION I

**Compulsory Community beef labelling system***Article 13***General rules**

1. Operators and organisations marketing beef in the Community shall label it in accordance with this Article.

The compulsory labelling system shall ensure a link between, on the one hand, the identification of the carcass, quarter or pieces of meat and, on the other hand, the individual animal or, where this is sufficient to enable the accuracy of the information on the label to be checked, the group of animals concerned.

2. The label shall contain the following indications:
- (a) a reference number or reference code ensuring the link between the meat and the animal or animals. This number may be the identification number of the individual animal from which the beef was derived or the identification number relating to a group of animals;
- (b) the approval number of the slaughterhouse at which the animal or group of animals was slaughtered and the Member State or third country in which the slaughterhouse is established. The indication shall read: ‘Slaughtered in (name of the Member State or third country) (approval number)’;
- (c) the approval number of the cutting hall which performed the cutting operation on the carcass or group of carcasses and the Member State or third country in which the hall is established. The indication shall read: ‘Cutting in: (name of the Member State or third country) (approval number)’.

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5. ► **M3** (a) Operators and organisations shall also indicate on the labels: ◀
- (i) Member State or third country of birth;
- (ii) all Member States or third countries where fattening took place;
- (iii) Member State or third country where slaughter took place;

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(b) However, where the beef is derived from animals born, raised and slaughtered:

- (i) in the same Member State, the indication may be given as ‘Origin: (name of Member State)’;
- (ii) in the same third country, the indication may be given as ‘Origin: (name of third country)’.

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6. To avoid unnecessary repetition of the indication on the label of the beef of the Member States or third countries where rearing took place, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 22b pertaining to a simplified presentation for cases of very short stay of the animal in the Member State or third country of birth or of slaughter.

The Commission shall, by way of implementing acts, adopt rules concerning the maximum size and composition of the group of animals referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2(a), taking into account constraints as regards the homogeneity of the groups of animals where those cut meats and trimmings come from. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 23(2).

**▼ B***Article 14***Derogations from the compulsory labelling system**

By way of derogation from Article 13(2)(b) and (c) and from Article 13(5)(a)(i) and (ii), an operator or organisation preparing minced beef shall indicate on the label the words ‘prepared (name of the Member State or third country)’, depending on where the meat was prepared, and ‘origin’ where the State or States involved are not the State of preparation.

The obligation provided for in Article 13(5)(a)(iii) shall be applicable to such meat as from the date of application of this Regulation.

However, such operator or organisation may add to the label of the minced beef:

- one or more of the indications provided for in Article 13, and/or
- the date on which the meat was prepared.

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To ensure conformity with the horizontal rules relating to the labelling in this Section, the Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 22b to lay down, on the basis of the experience regarding minced meat, rules equivalent to those in the first three paragraphs of this Article for beef trimmings or cut beef.

▼ **M3***Article 15***Compulsory labelling of beef from third countries**

By way of derogation from Article 13, beef imported into the territory of the Union for which not all the information provided for in Article 13 is available, shall be labelled with the indication:

‘Origin: non-EU’ and ‘Slaughtered in (name of the third country)’.

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## SECTION II

▼ **M3****Voluntary labelling***Article 15a***General rules**

Food information other than that specified in Articles 13, 14 and 15 which is added to labels voluntarily by operators or organisations marketing beef shall be objective, verifiable by the competent authorities and comprehensible for consumers.

That information shall comply with the horizontal legislation on labelling and in particular Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(1)</sup>.

Where operators or organisations marketing beef do not respect the obligations referred to in the first and the second paragraphs, the competent authority shall apply appropriate penalties as laid down in Article 22.

The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 22b concerning definitions and requirements applicable to terms or categories of terms that may be put on the labels of pre-packed fresh and frozen beef and veal.

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## SECTION III

**General provisions**▼ **M3**

<sup>(1)</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on the provision of food information to consumers, amending Regulations (EC) No 1924/2006 and (EC) No 1925/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Commission Directive 87/250/EEC, Council Directive 90/496/EEC, Commission Directive 1999/10/EC, Directive 2000/13/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, Commission Directives 2002/67/EC and 2008/5/EC and Commission Regulation (EC) No 608/2004 (OJ L 304, 22.11.2011, p. 18).

**▼ B****TITLE III****Common provisions****▼ M4***Article 22*

1. Member States shall take all the necessary measures to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Regulation.

The controls provided for shall be without prejudice to any controls which the Commission may carry out pursuant to Article 9 of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2988/95.

Any penalties imposed by the Member State on an operator or organisation marketing beef shall be effective, dissuasive and proportionate.

2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, where operators and organisations marketing beef have labelled beef without complying with their obligations laid down in Title II, Member States shall, as appropriate, and in accordance with the principle of proportionality, require the removal of the beef from the market. In addition to the penalties referred to in paragraph 1, Member States may:

(a) if the meat concerned conforms with relevant veterinary and hygiene rules, authorise that such beef:

(i) be placed on the market after being properly labelled in accordance with Union requirements; or

(ii) be sent directly for processing into products other than those indicated in point 1 of Article 12;

(b) order the suspension or withdrawal of the approval of the operators and organisations concerned.

3. Experts from the Commission, in conjunction with the competent authorities, shall:

(a) verify that Member States comply with the requirements of this Regulation;

(b) make on-the-spot checks to ensure that the checks are carried out in accordance with this Regulation.

4. A Member State in whose territory an on-the-spot check is carried out shall provide the experts from the Commission with any assistance they may require in the performance of their tasks. The outcome of the checks made shall be discussed with the competent authority of the Member State concerned before a final report is drawn up and circulated. That report shall, where appropriate, contain recommendations for Member States on the improvement of compliance with this Regulation.

**▼ M3***Article 22a***Competent authorities**

Member States shall designate the competent authority or authorities responsible for ensuring compliance with this Regulation and any acts adopted by the Commission on its basis.

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They shall inform the Commission and the other Member States of the identity of those authorities.

**▼ M4***Article 22b***Exercise of the delegation**

1. The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions under this Article.

2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Articles 13(6), 14(4) and 15a shall be conferred on the Commission for a period of five years from 20 April 2016. The Commission shall draw up a report in respect of the delegation of power not later than nine months before the end of the five-year period. The delegation of power shall be tacitly extended for periods of an identical duration, unless the European Parliament or the Council opposes such extension not later than three months before the end of each period.

3. The delegation of power referred to in Articles 13(6), 14(4) and 15a may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the *Official Journal of the European Union* or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.

4. As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council.

5. A delegated act adopted pursuant to Articles 13(6), 14(4) and 15a shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council.

*Article 23***Committee procedure**

1. The Commission shall be assisted for the implementing acts adopted pursuant to Article 13(6) of this Regulation by the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed established by Article 58(1) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(1)</sup>.

<sup>(1)</sup> Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety (OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1).

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That committee shall be a committee within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(1)</sup>.

2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.

Where the opinion of the Committee is to be obtained by written procedure, that procedure shall be terminated without result when, within the time-limit for delivery of the opinion, the chair of the Committee so decides or a simple majority of committee members so requests.

**▼ M3***Article 23a***Report and legislative developments**

No later than:

— 18 July 2019 for the voluntary labelling provisions, and

— 18 July 2023 for the electronic identification provisions,

the Commission shall submit to the European Parliament and the Council the corresponding reports dealing with the implementation and impact of this Regulation including, in the first case, the possibility of reviewing the voluntary labelling provisions, and, in the second case, the technical and economic feasibility of introducing mandatory electronic identification throughout the Union.

Those reports shall, if necessary, be accompanied by appropriate legislative proposals.

**▼ B***Article 24*

1. Regulation (EC) No 820/97 shall be repealed.

2. References to Regulation (EC) No 820/97 shall be construed as references to this Regulation and shall be read in accordance with the correlation table set out in the Annex.

*Article 25*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

It shall be applicable to beef from animals slaughtered on or after 1 September 2000.

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

<sup>(1)</sup> Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers (OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 13).





## ANNEX

## Correlation table

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*ANNEX I*

**MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION**

- A) CONVENTIONAL EAR TAG  
WITH EFFECT FROM 18 JULY 2019;
- B) ELECTRONIC IDENTIFIER IN THE FORM OF AN ELECTRONIC EAR TAG
- C) ELECTRONIC IDENTIFIER IN THE FORM OF A RUMINAL BOLUS
- D) ELECTRONIC IDENTIFIER IN THE FORM OF AN INJECTABLE TRANSPONDER