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Note intended for the approved laboratories
and for the operators

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In relation to the contamination by dioxins, dioxin-like PCBs and PCBs of products (pork and meat products on the basis of pork) imported from Ireland or derivatives of products imported from Ireland that contain meat of pigs slaughtered after 31 August 2008, we wish to inform the approved laboratories and the operators of the procedure that must be applied.

Awaiting a European decision on the exact inclusion rates of pork in meat products, the abovementioned scope shall remain fully valid.

Operators holding these products can (1) either have them destroyed (as category 1 risk material), (2) return them to Ireland where they are to be destroyed or (3) have them analysed with an intention to market them following a favourable assessment based on the analysis results.

For this third option, the products must be sampled by (a) either an independent veterinarian working for the Agency (CDM – chargé de mission) designated by the FASFC (PCU) or (b) an inspection body accredited in accordance with ISO-17020 for taking samples in the food and agricultural business (a list is available on the Belac website www.belac.be) according to the method of sampling laid down in the Annex of Regulation (EC) N 1883/2006 (Annex I of this note)

The samples taken in accordance with the abovementioned provisions must then be analysed in laboratories approved by the FASFC, in pursuance of the Royal decree of 15 April 2005¹, for the analysis of relevant samples on dioxins (PCCDs/PCDFs) and dioxin-like PCBs and on the 7 marker PCBs.

A list of these laboratories is given in Annex 2 of this note.

All expenses must be paid by the operator who submits an application for sampling and analysis.



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¹ Arrêté royal du 15 avril 2005 relatif à la désignation des laboratoires officiels, fixant la procédure et les conditions d'agrément des laboratoires qui effectuent des analyses dans le cadre des missions de contrôle de l'Agence fédérale pour la Sécurité de la Chaîne alimentaire et portant exécution de la loi du 15 juillet 1985 relative à l'utilisation de substances à effet hormonal, à effet anti-hormonal, à effet bêta-adrénergique ou à effet stimulateur de production chez les animaux. (Moniteur belge 04 May 2005)