

Veterinary Public Health Inspection Service

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APPLICATION FORM

for authorisation to exercise derogation on temperature conditions in transport of meat

This form is for the use of slaughter plant operators applying to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for authorisation to exercise the derogation, laid out in Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1981¹, from the requirement to chill meat to a core temperature of 7°C before transport. It form should be read in conjunction with DAFM Trader Notice, MH 12/2018. Please print, or use block capitals, throughout.

Section 1: Applicant details

Slaughter plant:

Name and address of Slaughter Plant Operator:		
Email:	Telephone:	
Name of Establishment:	Approval Number:	
Address of Premises:		
Legally responsible person making the application on behalf of the Company:		
First Name:	Surname:	Title:
Position of Responsibility in Company:		
Signature:	Mobile phone:	

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¹ [COMMISSION REGULATION \(EU\) 2017/1981](#) of 31 October 2017 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards temperature conditions during transport of meat

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Section 2: Requirements for slaughter plant procedures

The applicant must specify in Section 5 (Declaration) which of the following transport time/species regimes are being applied for. The tables below describe each regime and are taken directly from Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1981.

(a) Maximum transport time 6 hours:

Species	Surface temperature (°)	Maximum time to chill to surface temperature (°)	Maximum transportation air temperature (°)	Maximum daily mean carcass aerobic colony count (°)
Ovine and caprine animals	7 °C	8 hours	6 °C	log ₁₀ 3,5 cfu/cm ²
Bovine animals		20 hours		log ₁₀ 3,5 cfu/cm ²
Porcine animals		16 hours		log ₁₀ 4 cfu/cm ²

(b) Maximum transport time 30 hours:

Species	Surface temperature (°)	Maximum time to chill to surface temperature (°)	Core temperature (°)	Maximum transportation air temperature (°)	Maximum daily mean carcass aerobic colony count (°)
Porcine animals	7 °C	16 hours	15 °C	6 °C	log ₁₀ 4 cfu/cm ²

(c) Maximum transport time 60 hours:

Species	Surface temperature (°)	Maximum time to chill to surface temperature (°)	Core temperature (°)	Maximum transportation air temperature (°)	Maximum daily mean carcass aerobic colony count (°)
Ovine and caprine animals	4 °C	12 hours	15 °C	3 °C	log ₁₀ 3 cfu/cm ²
Bovine animals		24 hours			

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	Slaughter plant Procedures:	Please indicate Y/N if included with application
2.1	Please supply new or amended operating procedures within the framework of HACCP in the slaughter plant's Food Safety Management System, detailing how the derogation will be operated. These must have been developed and agreed with DAFM and must conform to the requirements outlined in Trader Notice MH 12/2018.	
2.2	'Maximum transport times', 'maximum surface temperatures at loading', 'maximum core temperatures at loading' and 'maximum times to chill to surface temperature' must be specified in the procedures. They must be within the limits set out in the tables in Regulation (EU) 2017/1981 (reproduced above on page 2) for the transport time/ species regime(s) applied for.	
2.3	All other measures in the slaughter plant procedures to ensure that the subsequent transport will be in compliance with the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2017/1981 must be explicitly included in the procedures, including that the FBO of destination must be informed in advance by the slaughter plant of the legal requirement to notify their Competent Authority (CA) before they receive derogated meat for the first time.	
2.4	Measures must be included in the procedure to take into account that the CA at Member State of destination may limit the number of delivery points, showing how communication will take place with the FBO of destination and/or the CA at Member State of destination in advance, regarding the number of delivery points.	

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Section 3: Evidence of carcass slaughter hygiene and chilling capacity

	Slaughter Hygiene:	Please indicate Y/N if included with application
3.1	Please provide the slaughter plant's ' daily mean carcass aerobic colony count ', calculated as laid down in Regulation (EU) 2017/1981, ² over a continuous 12-month period that lies within the past eighteen months prior to date of application.	
	Please also make available the results of the microbiological sampling and testing mandated by Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 ³ carried out on carcasses of the relevant species, such that the Minister's inspectors are enabled to verify the calculation of the 'daily mean carcass aerobic colony count'.	
	These must demonstrate that the slaughter plant's ' daily mean carcass aerobic colony count ' is less than or equal to the values corresponding to those laid down in Regulation (EU) 2017/1981, for each transport time/ species regime applied for. This must be calculated by the FBO and presented to DAFM. <i>(NB The limits laid down in Reg. 2017/1981 are not process hygiene criteria.)</i>	
	Capacity of Slaughter plant Chillers:	
3.2	Please supply data which demonstrates the capacity of the slaughter plant chillers to chill carcasses or half carcasses to the appropriate surface/core temperatures mandated by Regulation (EU) 2017/1981, within the relevant time limits . The species, target temperatures and time limits must be appropriate to the transport time / species regime(s) applied for. This data should take the form of temperature tables and/or chill curves showing the fall in surface temperature of carcasses or half carcasses throughout the chilling period. For regimes (b) and (c) referred to in Section 2 (Page 2) of this form, chill curves for core temperature must also be provided.	

² The aerobic colony count for this purpose is determined using a rolling window of 10 weeks, for carcasses of the relevant species, as assessed by the operator to the satisfaction of the competent authority, according to the sampling and testing procedures laid out in points 2.1.1, 2.1.2 of Chapter 2, and point 3.2 of Chapter 3, of Annex I to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 of 15 November 2005 on microbiological criteria for foodstuffs (OJ L 338, 22.12.2005, p. 1)

³ Commission Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 of 15 November 2005 on microbiological criteria for foodstuffs (OJ L 338, 22.12.2005, p. 1).

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Section 4: Requirements for transport procedures

	Transport Procedures:	Please indicate Y/N if included with application
4.1	Please supply new or amended transport operating procedures, detailing how the derogation will be operated and how compliance with the required temperatures will be assured. The transport time/species regime(s) applied for must be specified in the procedures. These must have been developed and agreed with DAFM and must conform to the requirements outlined in Trader Notice MH 12/2018.	
	Transport Chilling Capacity:	
4.2	Please indicate Y/N if you are in a position to arrange a trial run under DAFM supervision, as outlined in Trader Notice MH 12/2018.	

Section 5: Declaration

I, the undersigned, hereby apply to the Minister for authorisation to operate the derogation, laid out in Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/1981, from the requirement to chill meat to a core temperature of 7°C before transport, for meat of the following species, and maximum transport times:

Please indicate which transport time / species regimes are being applied for, by writing 'applied for' in the relevant box(es) below, and striking out the remaining boxes with a diagonal line:			
	Maximum transport time		
Species	6 hours	30 hours	60 hours
Pigs			
Cattle			
Sheep/Goats			

Signed:

For Slaughter plant Operator: Date:

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For administration purposes

Checklist of documentation required to be included with application:

Ref.	Document	Included with application?
2.1	New or amended slaughter plant chilling and loading procedures	
3.1	Results of microbiological sampling and testing on carcasses of the relevant species for which derogated transport has been applied, over the past two years must be made available to the VI	
3.2	Slaughter plant chilling data in the form of temperature tables and/or chill curves	
4.1	New or amended transportation procedures	