

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 2076/2005  
of 5 December 2005**

**laying down transitional arrangements for the implementation of  
Regulations (EC) No 853/2004, (EC) No 854/2004 and (EC) No 882/2004  
of the European Parliament and of the Council and  
amending Regulations (EC) No 853/2004 and (EC) No 854/2004**

“Includes a derogation on the accreditation of laboratories”

imports of food of animal origin for which no harmonised health import conditions have been established, including lists of third countries and parts of third countries and of establishments from which imports are permitted.

Pending future harmonisation of Community legislation concerning imports of such products, such imports shall comply with the health import conditions of the Member State concerned.

#### CHAPTER IV

##### TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REGULATION (EC) No 882/2004

###### Article 18

###### Accreditation of laboratories

By way of derogation from Article 12(2) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, the competent authority may designate a laboratory not accredited, provided that the laboratory:

- (a) demonstrates that it has initiated and is pursuing the necessary accreditation procedures in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 882/2004;
- (b) provides the competent authority with satisfactory guarantees that quality control schemes for the analyses it conducts for the purpose of official controls are in place by 1 January 2006.

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

Done at Brussels, 5 December 2005.

#### CHAPTER V

##### FINAL PROVISIONS

###### Article 19

###### Review

The transitional arrangements, including the conditions thereof, laid down in this Regulation may be reviewed at any time in the light of experience gained in the implementation of those arrangements and of Regulations (EC) No 853/2004, (EC) No 854/2004 and (EC) No 882/2004.

###### Article 20

###### Amendment to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004

In Section I(B)(6) of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004, the third subparagraph is deleted.

###### Article 21

###### Amendment to Regulation (EC) No 854/2004

In point (6) in Section I, Chapter III of Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 854/2004, the second sentence is deleted.

###### Article 22

###### Entry into force

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2006.

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