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ANNEX IX

CHECK ON ABSORPTION OF WATER IN THE PRODUCTION ESTABLISHMENT (Slaughterhouse test)

1. At least once each working period of eight hours:

select at random 25 carcases from the evisceration line immediately after evisceration and the removal of the offal and fat and before the first subsequent washing.

2. If necessary, remove the neck by cutting, leaving the neck skin attached to the carcase.

3. Identify each carcase individually. Weigh each carcase and record its weight to the nearest gram.

4. Re-hang the test carcases on the evisceration line to continue through the normal processes of washing, chilling, dripping, etc.

5. Remove identified carcases at the end of the drip line without allowing them any longer time to drip than that allowed normally for poultry from the lot from which the sample was taken.

6. The sample consists of the first 20 carcases recovered. They are re-weighed. Their weight to the nearest gram is recorded against the weight recorded on first weighing. The test is declared void if less than 20 identified carcases are recovered.

7. Remove identification from sample carcases and allow the carcases to proceed through normal packing operations.

8. Determine percentage moisture absorption by subtracting the total weight of these same carcases after washing, chilling and dripping, dividing the difference by the initial weight and multiplying by 100.

9. Instead of manual weighing as described under points 1 to 8, automatic weighing lines may be used for the determination of the percentage moisture absorption for the same number of carcases and according to the same principles, provided that the automatic weighing line is approved in advance for this purpose by the competent authority.

10. The result must not exceed the following percentages of the initial weight of the carcase or any other figure allowing compliance with the maximum total extraneous water content:

— air chilling : 0 %,
— air-spray chilling : 2,0 %,
— immersion chilling : 4,5 %,

[[F1]11. In cases where carcases are chilled with an other chilling method or a combination of two or more of the methods defined in Article 10, the maximum percentage of water content shall not exceed 0 % of the original weight of the carcase.]

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Textual Amendments

F1 Inserted by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1239/2012 of 19 December 2012 amending Regulation (EC) No 543/2008 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 as regards the marketing standards for poultrymeat.

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- Recital 12 replacement by EUR 2012/652 Regulation
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