

Temporary Operational Instruction

Action note: 2025-03-31 - Salmonella – Process Hygiene Criteria Application

Purpose

This action note is to inform operational staff of a new temporary operational instruction relating to Salmonella – Process Hygiene Criteria Application.

Background

A new application will be added to the FSA Applications list under the Inspection section on **Monday, 31 March 2025**.

This addition is part of the Agency's ongoing efforts to meet the requirements of the official control regulations, specifically Article 35 of the Assimilated Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/627.

The application will collect information on the total number and the number of Salmonella-positive samples taken by food business operators in accordance with Article 5 of Assimilated Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005, within the framework of points 2.1.3, 2.1.4, and 2.1.5 of Chapter 2 of Annex I.

Procedure

A trial period for mandatory completion in poultry slaughterhouses (broilers and turkeys) will commence on 31 March 2025. Following verification of the application's functionality, its use will be rolled out to other species (cattle, sheep, goats, horses, and pigs), and frontline staff will be informed accordingly.

The current Salmonella Testing application, previously used only for capturing Salmonella results of process hygiene criteria requirement for pigs, will be decommissioned.

Front line staff are required to note the following action

In accordance with MOC instructions, OVs conduct monthly microbiological verification to ensure FBO sampling complies with legislative requirements. This verification includes analysis of FBO results. These results must now be entered into this application during the monthly verification check.

Link to the application: <https://fsaprod.onk2.com/Runtime/Runtime/Form/SAL/>

Note the contents of the action note, ensuring it is read by all front-line staff.

Where necessary, print a copy for the plant file.

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