



EU rules on origin labelling of meat

Reg 1337/2013

applicable from 1 April 2015

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Reg 1169/2011 (Food Information to Consumers)

Country of origin/place of provenance (meat from pig, sheep, goat, poultry)

- Art 8(7) – obligatory indications on **prepackaging**
- Art 9(1)i – country of origin/place of provenance – as indicated in Art 26
- Art 26(2)b + (8) – **types of meat** (CN in Annex XI: 0203, 0204, ex 0207),
not included: lard 0209, fats 1501, offal 0206, sausages 1601, prepared/preserved 1602
- Art 44 – possibility for national rules for non-prepacked meat
- No empowerment to Commission for additional rules on traceability of live animals

Implementing Regulation 1337/2013 of 13. Dec. 2013

Fresh, chilled, frozen meat of pigs, sheep, goats, poultry from 1 April 2015

Labelling of pre-packed meat to final consumers or mass caterers

- „reared in:“+ „slaughtered in:“
- alternative: „origin“ (if born, reared, slaughtered in the same country)

Non-prepacked meat

- Possible national rules must follow Reg 1337/2013 (Art 44 of Reg 1169/2011)
- Voluntary indications also must follow Reg 1337/2013 (Art 36 of Reg 1169/2011 – not misleading)

Reg 1337/2013

Traceability

Art 3(2) - Food business operator

- ensure link between meat and animal
- transmit origin information at subsequent stages of production and distribution
- only raw material of the same origin in one batch

Art 4(2) – batch size max 1 day

Art 7 – derogations for minced meat and trimmings

Information from farm to slaughterhouse via „food chain information“

Regulation 1337/2013

pigmeat

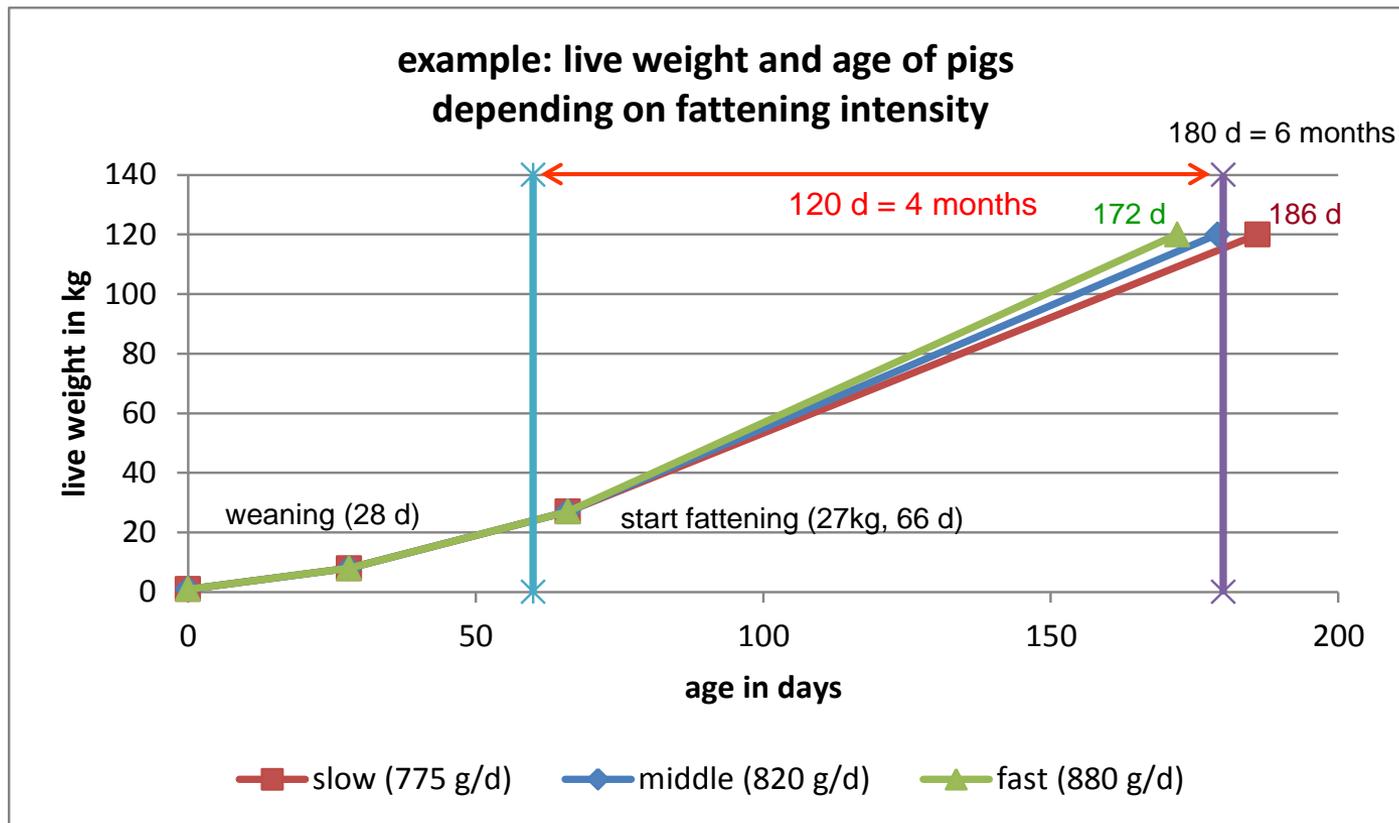
- Art 5 – "reared in:" Member State of fattening

If slaughtered

- > 6 month: last rearing period of 4 month
(only if this is not achieved in any Member State – "reared in several MS of the EU")
- < 6 month, min. 80 kg live weight: rearing period after 30 kg
- < 80 kg live weight: whole life

Practical example: fattener buys piglets from another MS

- Slow fattening (> 6 months) proof of rearing period of 120 days
- Fast fattening (< 6 months) proof of that animals were bought <30kg



Traceability guidelines to ensure labelling of place of rearing as laid down in Art 5(1) a of Reg 1337/2013 (guidance for operators and authorities- not legally binding)

- All weights are average weights of groups of animals – no individual weights
- Time limits can be determined on the basis of on farm documentation (invoices, weights, daily gain)
- Live weight can be calculated from carcass weight (e.g. factor 0,78)
- 30kg limit for pigs characterises moving from rearing to fattening unit
- MS may determine weight limits that can be used as indication of the age of animals (</>6 months)

Transitional provisions

(Art. 9 of Reg 1337/2015 - meat produced before 1 April 2015)

- Regulation 1337/2015 shall not apply to **meat placed on the market** before 1 April 2015 until the stocks are exhausted.
- According to Art 3 point 8 of Reg. 178/2002 "placing on the market" means holding of food for the purpose of sale.



Questions?

