Introduction of the Guide

In this guide you will receive important information on how to set up a meat cutting plant or a plant producing minced meat or <u>meat preparations</u>. You will also receive information on how to run things properly in your meat establishment, for example, with regard to <u>hygiene</u> and other regulations.

It is important that you know in advance what to do in each phase and how to work in a meat establishment. If you do, everything will go well and both the customers and <u>food inspector</u> will be happy.

This guide has been divided into six sections.

◖ **Section 1, Setting Up.**
Section 1 is a summary of information needed for setting up a meat establishment.

◖ **Section 2, Premises.**
Section 2 contains information about the requirements associated with appropriate premises.

◖ **Section 3, Operations.**
Section 3 contains requirements for operations.

◖ **Section 4, Staff.**
Section 4 contains requirements for staff.

◖ **Section 5, Own-check plan.**
In section 5 you will find information about own-check activities. This information helps you to create an <u>own-check plan</u> for your meat establishment.

◖ **Section 6, Terminology.**

This guide does not contain general information on setting up and running a business. Links to such information are provided on the web page **www.evira.fi/en/operatorguidance**.

Some words in the text have been underlined. You will find explanations for them in section 6.

> **You will receive information on these topics, among others:**
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> ▸ How can you ensure that the premises are suitable for your facility?
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> ▸ How can you apply for approval for your facility and operations from the authorities?
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> ▸ What are the requirements for meat-processing premises?
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> ▸ What other things are required in the operation of an establishment where meat or products of meat are handled?
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> ▸ What are the requirements for the staff of establishments where meat or products of meat are handled?
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> ▸ What is meant by a meat-handling establishment's own-check plan?