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SALMONELLA DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR MEAT AND EGGS IMPORTED FROM EU-COUNTRIES

When ordering beef, pork or poultry from other EU-countries (intra-EU market) the consignment must be accompanied by a commercial document and laboratory's salmonella test report. Also minced meat, viscera (internal organs) and blood are considered meat. When ordering eggs from other EU-countries the consignment must be accompanied by EU intra trade certificate. With these documents it is proved that the imported meat or flock of chickens, where the eggs originate from, are not contaminated with salmonella.

Above mentioned commercial document and EU intra trade certificate are found in the Commission Regulation [1688/2005](#) Annex IV and V. Each consignment imported to Finland must be accompanied with separate documents. Salmonella sampling for meat must be done in the European dispatching establishment and for the flocks of chickens at the original farm.

Ensure the availability of the required documents before ordering the products!

If you import foods of animal origin from other EU-countries to Finland, ensure before buying the goods that the seller is able to deliver the required salmonella documents. For example the Dutch wholesale firm Asia Express Food has informed that they cannot deliver salmonella documents required in Finland for meat ordered from them. Raw fresh or frozen beef, pork, poultry or viscera cannot be ordered from Asia Express Food.

In which cases salmonella documents are not required?

For the following foodstuffs salmonella documents are not required when imported to Finland:

- beef, pork or poultry meat or minced meat from Norway or Sweden (poultry=chicken, broiler, turkey, guineafowl, duck and goose)
- broiler meat from Denmark
- eggs from Denmark, Sweden or Norway.

Best regards
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