

Consultation Information note

Topic: Proposed National Rules for small quantities of wild game and wild game meat.

Start date of consultation: Wednesday, 23rd April 2008

Closing date of consultation: Thursday, 5th June 2008

Consultation details

The introduction in 2006 of new European Regulations on food hygiene established a “farm to fork” approach to food safety with Regulation (EC) No. 852/2004 laying down common rules for all food businesses and Regulation (EC) 853/2004 applying additional requirements to businesses handling foods of animal origin. The Regulations acknowledge the close existing relationships between consumers and hunters supplying small quantities of wild game and wild game meat locally and so allows for Member States to draw up National Rules regulating this activity to ensure protection of public health.

With this in mind it is proposed to introduce national legislation in Ireland governing the direct supply by the hunter of small quantities of wild game (as primary product) and wild game meat to the final consumer or to local retail establishments directly supplying the final consumer. Hunting and preparation of game for private domestic consumption in the household of the hunter is exempt from these rules.

The proposed national legislation sets out the scope of activities that will be permitted under the rules including definitions for:

- Small quantities
- Local

General hygiene requirements are outlined as well as specific training requirements for persons who hunt wild game with a view to placing it on the market for human consumption.

The FSAI welcomes your views on these proposed national rules and in particular, we invite you to submit your comments in relation to the scope and definitions contained therein.

Responses should be submitted by 5pm on Thursday, 5th June 2008 to: consultation@fsai.ie

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