

Consultation

Topic: Proposal to extend the existing beef labelling laws to all those operating in the service sector

Start date of consultation: Friday, 3rd February 2006

Closing date of consultation: Friday, 24th February 2006

Consultation details

The labelling of beef is governed by comprehensive EU Regulations that were introduced in 2000 and is underpinned by a full national bovine animal identification and traceability system. These compulsory labelling regulations require all operators and organisations marketing beef within the Community to provide information on the label to enable the beef to be traced back to the animals from which it was derived. This information must accompany the beef at retail level, including up to the point of delivery into hotels, restaurants and catering establishments. These Regulations are enforced by the Food Safety Authority of Ireland.

It is proposed to introduce new legislation to extend these existing beef labelling laws to all those operating in the service sector. It is envisaged that all food business operators will provide information on the origin of the beef served or supplied to the consumer at the point of choice by way of clearly displayed information on a menu, poster, blackboard or other point of sale material. The information must include all countries from which the premises is sourcing its beef. The statements of origin information will have to be verifiable and be capable of linkage with the delivery records to the establishment. Enforcement of this new legislation will be by the Food Safety Authority of Ireland.

Submissions from interested parties on the proposal to make such regulations are invited.

Comments and views should be submitted by 5pm on **Friday 24th February 2006** to: consultation@fsai.ie

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