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DECONTAMINATION OF CARCASSES

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DRAFT RESOLUTION (amended resolution of 99/20)

Taking in consideration that:

1. FVE have a real desire to improve food safety and consumer protection
2. Decontamination can never replace good hygiene practice on farms and in food production establishments;
3. A decontamination process may remove the normal competitive microflora. This could render the surface of the carcass susceptible to preferential growth of pathogens that may be already present or added by recontamination after treatment.

FVE resolution:

Decontamination of carcasses should not be allowed before it is scientifically demonstrated that such techniques are effective and safe and their use controllable.

This decontamination should take into consideration the potential pathogenic microflora involved.

Concern regarding decontamination of meat should be addressed by hygienic measures applied at all stages of the food chain including primary production.

Decontamination should only be used under exceptional circumstances. FVE strongly supports the requirement for clear unambiguous labelling of all meat subjected to a decontamination process.

The Commission must adhere to the procedure described in art 3 and 12 of regulation 853/2004 for substances other than potable water to be used to remove surface contamination from products of animal origin.

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