

REQUEST FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

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| REQUEST DETAILS |
| **Requesting institution** | Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain |
| **Country** | Belgium |
| **Date of request** | **19/03/2021** |
| **Request Number**select from [excel file](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/file/34E1CB97-1A58-4C90-843D-199A338EC89D?tenantId=406a174b-e315-48bd-aa0a-cdaddc44250b&fileType=xlsx&objectUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fefsa815.sharepoint.com%2Fsites%2FFocalPointsNetwork%2FShared%20Documents%2FGeneral%2FRequest%20for%20information%20among%20FPs%2FTemplate%20and%20registration%20list%2FLIST_OF_REQUESTS_FOR_INFORMATION_WITHIN_FP_NETWORK.xlsx&baseUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fefsa815.sharepoint.com%2Fsites%2FFocalPointsNetwork&serviceName=teams&threadId=19:a5e344693efd421d85a83ca8e113bd4d@thread.skype&groupId=2b501c25-26c2-4cf4-a179-2999b6d5c3a5) | **175** |
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| **Title of request** | **Influence of feed withdrawal and delayed evisceration on microbial contamination of carcasses of large farm animals** |
| **Description of request**(including background) | The Scientific Committee of the Belgian Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain is currently working on an opinion regarding the influence of feed withdrawal and delayed evisceration on microbial contamination of carcasses of large farm animals (cattle, horses, pigs and small ruminants) at slaughter.Therefore we would like to request information regarding these topics:* Does your country has any legislation or official guidelines regarding the time of feed withdrawal before slaughter of the above mentioned species?
* Does your country has any legislation or official guidelines regarding the maximum allowed time between killing and evisceration of the above mentioned species at slaughter?

We would like to thank you in advance for any information you may provide.Kinds regards,The working group of the Scientific Committee (A. Clinquart, L. De Zutter, A. Geeraerd, K. Houf, M. Mori, C. Saegerman, N. Korsak) |
| **Deadline for submission of replies** | **26/04/2021** |
| **Remit(s) of request**More than one option can be listed | *Delete the areas which are not relevant* **Animal Health and Welfare (AHAW)****Biological Hazards (BIOHAZ)** |
| **Request concern(s)** | **Risk assessment** |
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1. *This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)