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Re Reference Case Number 2019-NL-82EG-01

Dear 10.2.e ,

Thank you for your letter with reference case number 2019-NL-82EG-01 concerning the presence of the substance 2-Amino-Flubendazole in porcine products from the Netherlands.

Flubendazole is an authorized veterinary drug in the European Union, the therapeutic classification is Antiparasitic agents/Agents against endoparasites. For authorized substances a maximum residue level (MRL) has been registered in Commission Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 of 22 December 2009 on pharmacologically active substances and their classification regarding maximum residue limits in foodstuffs of animal origin. For porcine the MRL is set at:

50 µg/kg	Muscle
50 µg/kg	Skin and fat
400 µg/kg	Liver
300 µg/kg	Kidney

In the Netherlands a comprehensive system is in place for identification and registration of animals for production of meat. Every individual animal is registered and information regarding health and use of veterinary drugs are registered and provided to the slaughterhouse through the food chain information forms. Based on this information, the slaughterhouse is able to take decisions regarding food safety and food quality.

As 10.2.a has currently detected a non-authorized veterinary drug residue in porcine products, the Dutch meat industry is developing an even more advanced monitoring system, to avoid future violations.

I hope to have informed you sufficiently.

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