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UNECE Standard for Edible Meat Co-Products

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UNECE Standard for Edible Meat Co-Products

Proposal of France: [addition of the word “edible” to the French title]

1. Introduction

1.1 UNECE standards for meat products

The purpose of UNECE standards for meat products is to facilitate trade by recommending an international language for use between buyer and seller. The language describes meat items commonly traded internationally and defines a coding system for communication and electronic trade. As the texts will be updated regularly, meat industry members who believe that additional items are needed or that existing items are inaccurate or no longer being traded are encouraged to contact the UNECE secretariat.

The text of this publication has been developed under the auspices of the UNECE Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat. It is part of a series of standards which UNECE has developed or is planning to develop.

The following table contains the species for which UNECE standards exist or are being developed and their code for use in the UNECE meat code (see section 4).

For further information please visit the UNECE website at: www.unece.org/trade/agr/standard/meat/meat_e.html.

This website also includes a description of the codification system and a specific application identifier for the implementation of the UNECE Code.

<i>Species</i>	<i>Species code (data field 1)</i>
Bovine (Beef)	10
Bovine (Veal)	11
Deer	20
Porcine (Pork)	30
Ovine (Sheep)	40
Caprine (Goat)	50
Llama	60
Alpaca	61
Chicken	70
Turkey	71
Duck	72
Goose	73
Rabbit	74
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1.2 Scope

This Standard recommends an international language for edible co-products marketed as fit for human consumption. It provides purchasers with a variety of options for meat handling, packing and conformity assessment that conform to good commercial practice for meat and meat products intended to be sold in international trade.

To market edible co-products across international borders, the appropriate legislative requirements of food standardization and veterinary control must be complied with. The Standard does not attempt to prescribe those aspects, which are covered elsewhere. Throughout the Standard, such provisions are left for national or international legislation, or requirements of the importing country.

The Standard contains references to other international agreements, standards and codes of practice that have the objective of maintaining the quality after dispatch and of providing guidance to Governments on certain aspects of food hygiene, labelling and other matters that fall outside the scope of this Standard. *Codex Alimentarius Commission Standards, Guidelines, and Codes of Practice* should be consulted as the international reference for health and sanitation requirements.

1.3 Application

Contractors are responsible for delivering products that comply with all contractual and specification requirements and are advised to set up a quality-control system designed to assure compliance.

For assurance that items comply with these detailed requirements, buyers may choose to use the services of an independent, unbiased third party to ensure product compliance with a purchaser's specified options. The Standard includes illustrative photographs of co-products to make it easier to understand the provisions.

1.4 Adoption and publication history

Following the recommendation of the Specialized Section, the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards adopted this text at its sixty-fourth session (reference: ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2008/21).

UNECE standards for meat undergo a complete review three years after publication. Following the review, new editions are published as necessary. Changes requiring immediate attention are published on the UNECE website at: http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/standard/meat/meat_e.html.

2. Minimum requirements

All edible co-products must originate from healthy animals slaughtered in establishments regularly operated under the applicable regulations pertaining to food safety and inspection.

Edible co-products must be:

- Intact, taking into account the presentation;
- Free from visible blood clots, or bone dust;
- Free from any visible foreign matter (e.g. dirt, wood, plastic, metal particles¹);
- Free of offensive odours;

¹ When specified by the purchaser, edible co-products will be subject to metal particle detection.

- Free of unspecified bones fragments;
- Free of contusions having a material impact on the product;
- Free from freezer-burn.²

Removal and preparation of edible co-products shall be accomplished with sufficient care to maintain integrity and identity and avoid unnecessary scores.

3. Purchaser-specified requirements

The following subsections define the requirements that can be specified by the purchaser together with the codes to be used in the UNECE edible meat co-products code (see section 4).

3.1 Additional requirements

Additional purchaser-specified requirements, which are either not accounted for in the code (e.g. if code 9 “other” is used) or that provide additional clarification on the product or packing description shall be agreed between buyer and seller and be documented appropriately.

3.2 Species

The code for edible meat co-products in data field 1 as defined in section 1.1 as: 90.

3.3 Product/cut

The four-digit product code in data field 2 is defined in section 5.

3.4 Refrigeration

Edible meat co-products may be presented chilled, frozen or deep-frozen. Depending on the refrigeration method used, tolerances for product weight to be agreed between buyer and seller. Ambient temperatures throughout the supply chain should be such as to ensure uniform internal product temperatures as follows:

<i>Refrigeration code (data field 4)</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Description</i>
0	Not specified	No category specified
1	Chilled	Internal product temperature maintained at not less than -1.5°C or more than $+7^{\circ}\text{C}$ at any time following the post-slaughter chilling process.
2	Frozen	Internal product temperature maintained at not exceeding -12°C at any time after freezing.
3	Deep-frozen	Internal product temperature maintained at not exceeding -18°C at any time after freezing.
4-8	Codes not used	
9	Other	

² Freezer-burn is localized or widespread areas of irreversible surface dehydration indicated, in part or all, by changes from original colour (usually paler) and/or tactile properties (dry, spongy).

3.5 Production history

3.5.1 Traceability

The requirements concerning production history specified by the purchaser require traceability systems to be in place. Traceability requires a verifiable method of identification of edible meat co-products, cartons and cuts at all stages of production. Traceability records must be able to substantiate the claims being made and the procedures used to certify conformity must be in accordance with provisions concerning conformity-assessment requirements of section 3.10.

3.5.2 Co-product category

<i>Co-product category code (data field 3)</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Description</i>
00	Not specified	No category specified
10	Beef	Bovine
11	Veal	
30	Porcine	
40	Ovine	
42	Lamb	
50	Caprine	
52	Kid	
80	Equine	
99	Others	Any other co-product category agreed between buyer and seller

3.5.3 Production system

The purchaser may specify a production system. In any case the production has to be in conformity with the regulations in force in the importing country. If no such regulation exists, the regulation of the exporting country shall be used.

<i>Production system code (data field 6)</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Description</i>
0	Not specified	No system specified
1	Mainly indoors	Production methods that are based on indoors housing
2	Restricted outdoors	Production methods that are based on limited access to free movement
3	Pasture	Production methods that are based on access to open land
4	Organic	Production methods that are in conformity with the legislation of the importing country concerning organic production
5-8	Codes not used	
9	Other	Any other production system agreed between buyer and seller

3.5.4 Feeding system

The purchaser may specify a feeding system. In any case the feeding has to be in conformity with the regulations in force in the importing country. If no such regulation exists, the feeding system shall be agreed between buyer and seller.

<i>Feeding system code (data field 7)</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Description</i>
0	Not specified	
1	Grain fed	Grain is the predominant component of the diet
2	Forage fed	Forage is the predominant component of the diet, with some grain supplement
3	Exclusively forage fed	Forage is the only component of the diet
4	Milk fed	Feeding system based on milk
5	Formula fed	Feeding systems that are milk substitute based
6	Specialized/Functional	Special enriched feeding system aimed to either change some characteristics of the product or its nutritional profile
7-8	Codes not used	
9	Other	Any other feeding system agreed between buyer and seller

3.5.5 Slaughter system

The purchaser may specify a slaughter system. The slaughter always has to be in conformity with the regulations in force in the importing country. If no such regulation exists, the slaughter system shall be agreed between buyer and seller.

<i>Slaughter system code (data field 8)</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Description</i>
0	Not specified	
1	Conventional	Stunning prior to bleeding
2	Kosher	Appropriate ritual slaughter procedures used
3	Halal	Appropriate ritual slaughter procedures used
4-8	Codes not used	
9	Other	Any other authorized method of slaughter must be specified by seller and buyer

3.5.6 Post-slaughter system

The purchaser may specify a post-slaughter system. In any case the post-slaughter has to be in conformity with the regulations in force in the importing

country. If no such regulation exists, the post-slaughter system shall be agreed between buyer and seller.

<i>Post-slaughter processing codes (data field 9)</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Description</i>
0	Not specified	
1	Washed	Raw and washed with fresh water
2	Scalding	Washing in water at a temperature of 65-75° C
3	Blanching	Plunged in boiling water for a few minutes
4	Cooked and bleached	Plunged in boiling water for a few minutes with added bleach ^a
5	Scalded and bleached	This processing may have bleach added ^a
6	Casing fat removal ^b	
7	Casing mucosa removal	
8	Casing fat and mucosa removal ^a	
9	Other specified	Post-slaughter system for edible co-products specified as agreed between buyer and seller.

^a The use of added bleach is not permitted in certain countries.

^b Buyer and seller should agree on the percentage of fat left on the product.

Note: Individual market requirements will have specific regulations governing the removal of specified-risk material.

3.6 Edible co-product colour

<i>Edible co-product colour code (data field 10)</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Description</i>
0	Not specified	
1	Specified	Range required
2-9	Codes not used	

Specific requirements regarding colour if required need to be agreed between buyer and seller and are not provided for in the coding system.

3.7 Size/weight ranges of edible co-products

<i>Size/weight range code (data field 12)</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Description</i>
0	Not specified	
1	Weight	Range required

<i>Size/weight range code (data field 12)</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Description</i>
2	Diameter	Range required
3	Length	Range required
4	Diameter and length	Range required
5	Weight and diameter	Range required
6	Weight and length	Range required
7	Weight, diameter and length	Range required
8	Other specified	Range required
9	Code not used	

3.8 Packing, storage and transport

3.8.1 Description and provisions

The primary packaging is the primary covering of a product and must be of food grade materials. The secondary packaging contains products packaged in their primary packaging. During storage and transport, edible co-products must be packaged to the following minimum requirements:

- Chilled with or without packaging;
- Frozen/deep-frozen packed to protect the products;
- Salt or brine;
- Individually wrapped (I.W.);
- Bulk packaged (e.g. plastic or wax-lined container, barrels);
- Bulk sorted (e.g. in layers);
- Vacuum-packed (VAC);
- Modified atmosphere packaging (MAP);
- Other.

The conditions of storage before dispatch and the equipment used for transportation shall be appropriate to the physical and, in particular, the thermal condition of the edible co-products (chilled, chilled in a modified atmosphere, frozen, or deep-frozen) and shall be in accordance with the requirements of the importing country. Attention is drawn to the provisions of the *UNECE Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for Such Carriage (ATP)* (<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp11/atp.html>).

3.8.2 Packing code

<i>Packing code (data field 13)</i>	<i>Category</i>
0	Not specified
1	Individually wrapped (I.W.)

<i>Packing code (data field 13)</i>	<i>Category</i>
2	Bulk packaged (e.g. plastic or wax-lined container, barrels)
3	Bulk sorted (e.g. in layers)
4	Vacuum-packed (VAC)
5	Modified atmosphere packaging (MAP)
6-8	Codes not used
9	Other

3.9 Labelling information to be mentioned on or affixed to the marketing units of edible co-products

3.9.1 Mandatory information

Without prejudice to national requirements of the importing countries, the following information must be listed on product labels:

<i>Labelling information</i>	<i>Packaged or packed meat</i>
Health stamp	X
Slaughter number or batch number	X
Proposal of the United States of America:	X
Slaughter date (optional)	
Packaging date	X
Name of the product	X
Durability information as required by each country ^d	X
Use-by date, as required by each country	X
Temperature or storage methods: chilled, frozen, deep-frozen, in salt or brine	X
Storage conditions (see section 3.4 Refrigeration)	X
Appropriate identification of packer, processor or retailer	X
Quantity (number of pieces)	X
Net weight	X

^d Durability information is processing date; either a use-by date or a best-before date as required by each importing country.

3.9.2 Additional information

Additional information may be listed on product labels as requested by the importing country's legislation or at the buyer's request or as chosen by the processor. If listed, such product claims must be verifiable (see also 3.5.1).

Examples of such product claims include the following:

- Characteristics of the livestock, production and feeding systems;

- Country of birth;
- Country(ies) of raising;
- Country of slaughter;
- Country(ies) of packing;
- Country (ies) of origin. In this standard the term “country of origin” is reserved to indicate that birth, raising, slaughter, processing/cutting and packing have taken place in the same country;
- Slaughter and post-slaughter systems;
- Production and processing systems;
- Quantity (number of pieces);
- Slaughter date;
- Slaughter number;
- Storage conditions (other than temperature).

3.10 Provisions concerning conformity-assessment requirements

The purchaser may request third-party conformity-assessment of the product's quality/grade/classification, purchaser-specified options of the standard, and/or animal identification. Individual conformity assessments or combinations may be selected as follows:

Quality/grade/classification conformity assessment (quality): a third party examines and certifies that the product meets the quality level requested. The name of the third-party certifying authority and quality grade standard to be used must be designated as noted in section 3.1.

Trade standard conformity assessment (trade standard): a third party examines and certifies that the product meets the purchaser-specified options as specified in this trade standard, except for quality level. The name of the third-party certifying authority must be designated as noted in section 3.1. Optionally, the purchaser may indicate specific purchaser specified options to be certified after the name of the third-party certifying authority.

Animal or batch identification conformity assessment (animal/batch ID): a third party certifies that the product meets specified requirements. The name of the third-party certifying authority and the requirements must be designated as noted in section 3.1.

*Conformity assessment code
(data field 14)* *Category*

0	Not specified
1	Quality/grade/classification (quality) conformity assessment
2	Trade standard conformity assessment
3	Animal/batch identification (animal/batch ID) conformity assessment
4	Quality and trade standard conformity assessment
5	Quality and animal/batch ID conformity assessment

<i>Conformity assessment code (data field 14)</i>	<i>Category</i>
6	Trade standard and animal/batch ID conformity assessment
7	Quality, trade standard, and animal/batch ID conformity assessment
8	Code not used
9	Other

4. UNECE Code for purchaser requirements for Edible Co-Products

4.1 Definition of the code

The UNECE code for purchaser requirements for edible meat co-products has 14 fields and 20 digits (3 digits not used) and is a combination of the codes defined in sections 3 and 5.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Code Range</i>
1	Species	3.2	00-99
2	Product/cut	5	0000-9999
3	Co-product category	3.5.2	00-99
4	Refrigeration	3.4	0-9
5	<i>Field not used</i>	–	0-9
6	Production system	3.5.3	0-9
7a	Feeding system	3.5.4	0-9
7b	<i>Field not used</i>	–	0-9
8	Slaughter system	3.5.5	0-9
9	Post-slaughter system	3.5.6	0-9
10	Edible co-products colour	3.6	0-9
11	<i>Field not used</i>	–	0-9
12	Size/weight ranges	3.7	0-9
13	Packing	3.8.2	0-9
14	Conformity-assessment	3.10	0-9

4.2 Example

The following example describes a chilled, vacuum packaged, heart that was third party certified, with post-slaughter processing agreed between buyer and seller and size/weight range by weight, from a beef that was pasture raised and forage fed.

This item has the following UNECE edible meat co-product code: **90610010103200710152**.

No.	Name	Requirement	Code value
1	Species	Edible meat co-products	90
2	Product/cut	Heart	6100
3	Co-product category	Beef	10
4	Refrigeration	Chilled	1
5	<i>Field not used</i>	–	0
6	Production system	Pasture	3
7a	Feeding system	Forage	2
7b	Field not used	–	0
8	Slaughter system	Not specified	0
9	Post-slaughter system	Other specified	7
10	Edible co-product colour	Specified	1
11	<i>Field not used</i>	–	0
12	Size/weight ranges	Weight	1
13	Packing	Vacuum-packed (VAC)	5
14	Conformity assessment	Trade standard conformity assessment	2

5. Edible meat co-products descriptions

Definition of “Edible meat co-products”:

“Edible meat co-products” is defined as animal product other than red or white meat muscles. Edible co-products are identified in many countries by the following descriptions: (fancy meat items, offal meat items, and variety meat items).

5.1 Multilingual index of products

Product	English	Page	French	Russian	Spanish*	Chinese
BOVINE – CODE (10)						
6000	Tongue long cut		Langue coupe longue			
6010	Tongue short cut		Langue coupe courte			
6030	Tongue Swiss cut		Langue coupe suisse		Lengua	
6040	Tongue root (throat trimmings)		Racine de la langue			
6045	Tongue root fillet		Filets de racine de langue			
6050	Cheek		Joue		Quijada	
6060	Cheek – papillae off		Joue – sans papilles		Nuez de quijada	
6061	Cheek meat		Viande de bajoue			
6260	Papillae		Papilles			
6114	Head		Tête		Cabeza	

<i>Product</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Page</i>	<i>French</i>	<i>Russian</i>	<i>Spanish*</i>	<i>Chinese</i>
6240	Head meat		Viande de la tête			
6120	Brain		Cervelle		Sesos	
6070	Tail		Queue		Rabo	
6080	Liver		Foie		Hígado	
6090	Kidney		Rognons		Riñón	
6211	Heart and lungs		Basse			
6210	Lungs		Poumons		Pulmones	
6183	Trachea		Trachée		Tráquea	
6100	Heart		Cœur		Corazón	
6110	Thymus gland (sweetbreads)		Thymus (ris)		Molleja	
6112	Salivary glands		Glandes salivaires		Parótida	
6140	Rumen (paunch)		Rumen (panse)		Mondingo	
6141	Rumen pillars (mountain chain tripe)		Piliers du rumen		Pilares del rumen	
6152	Reticulum (honeycomb tripe)		Réticulum (bonnet)		Bonete o Redecilla	
6154	Omasum (bible tripe)		Feuillet		Librillo	
6155	Abomasum		Abomasum		Cuajo	
2190	Thin skirt (meat spec)		Hampe –			
			Proposal of France			
2190	Thin skirt (meat spec)		Hampe			
			Proposal of the United States			
2180	Thick skirt (meat spec)		Onglet			
			Proposal of France			
2180	Thick skirt (meat spec)		Onglet			
			Proposal of the United States			
6180	Testes		Testicules		Creadillas	
6181	Pizzel		Verge		Pene	
6182	Oesophagus		Œsophage			
6280	Weasand meat		Viande d'œsophage		Ligamentum nuchae	
6190	Spleen		Rate		Bazo	
6200	Tendons		Tendons			
6201	Flexor tendons		Tendons fléchisseurs			
6202	Achilles tendons		Tendons d'Achille			
6203	Skirt sinew		Tissu tendineux			

<i>Product</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Page</i>	<i>French</i>	<i>Russian</i>	<i>Spanish*</i>	<i>Chinese</i>
6270	Diaphragm membrane		Aponévrose du diaphragme		<u>Membrana del diafragma</u>	
6271	Skirt membrane (tunic tissue)		Aponévrose abdominale			
6272	Membrane		Aponévrose			
6273	Ligamentum nuchae		Ligament cervical postérieur (ligamentum nuchae)			
6493	Feet		Pieds			
6494	Mammary glands		Glandes mammaires			
6495	Rectum (Bung)		Rectum (anus)			
6496	Small intestine		Intestin grêle		<u>Chinchulín</u>	
6497	Large intestine		Gros intestin		<u>Tripa gorda</u>	
6498	Intestine		Intestin			
6450	Blood stabilized		Sang stabilisé			
6451	Blood defibrinated		Sang défibriné			
6452	Blood plasma		Plasma sanguin			
6453	Blood serum		Sérum du sang			
<i>VEAL – CODE (11)</i>						
6500	Tongue long cut		Langue coupe longue			
6510	Tongue short cut		Langue coupe courte			
6520	Tongue Swiss cut		Langue coupe suisse			
6620	Head		Tête			
6621	Skull		Crâne			
6570	Brain		Cervelle			
6524	Cheek		Joue			
6614	Papillae		Papilles (labiales)			
6624	Pluck		Fressure			
6582	Lungs		Poumons			
6550	Heart		Cœur			
6530	Liver		Foie			
6540	Kidney		Rognons			
6559	Salivary glands		Glandes salivaires			
6560	Thymus gland (sweetbreads)		Thymus (ris)			
6561	Tail		Queue			
6580	Spleen		Rate			

<i>Product</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Page</i>	<i>French</i>	<i>Russian</i>	<i>Spanish*</i>	<i>Chinese</i>
6585	Mask		Masque			
			Proposal of the United States			
6590	Tendons		Tendons			
6610	Thin skirt		Hampe			
			Proposal of the United States			
6610	Thin skirt		Hampe			
			Proposal of France			
6611	Thick skirt		Onglet			
			Proposal of France			
6611	Thick skirt		Onglet			
			Proposal of the United States			
6622	Feet		Pieds			
6623	Testes		Testicules			
6624	Pluck		Fressure			
			Proposal of the United States			
6625	Oesophagus		Œsophage			
6613	Weasand meat		Viande d'œsophage			
6626	Intestine		Intestin			
6628	Abomasum		Abomasum			
6629	Rumen (stomach/paunch)		Rumen (estomac/panse)			
6632	Rumen pillars (mountain chain tripe)		Piliers du rumen			
6633	Reticulum (honeycomb tripe)		Réticulum (bonnet)			
6634	Omasum (bible tripe)		Feuillet (omasum)			
6640	Blood stabilized		Sang stabilisé			
6641	Blood defibrinated		Sang défibriné			
6642	Blood plasma		Plasma sanguin			
6643	Blood serum		Sérum du sang			
OVINE – CODE (40)						
CAPRINE – CODE (50)						
7000	Tongue long cut		Langue coupe longue			
7010	Tongue short cut		Langue coupe courte			
7015	Tongue Swiss cut		Langue coupe suisse			
7150	Head		Tête			
7151	Skull		Crâne			

<i>Product</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Page</i>	<i>French</i>	<i>Russian</i>	<i>Spanish*</i>	<i>Chinese</i>
7070	Brain		Cervelle			
7028	Cheek		Joue			
7110	Head trimmings (meat)		Viande de tête			
7140	Pluck		Fressure			
7141	Heart and lungs		Basse			
7100	Lungs		Poumons			
7030	Liver		Foie			
7040	Kidney		Rognons			
7050	Heart		Cœur			
7060	Thymus gland (sweetbreads)		Thymus (ris)			
7080	Rumen (stomach)		Rumen (estomac)			
7090	Spleen		Rate			
7091	Tendons		Tendons			
7130	Testes		Testicules			
7485	Intestine (casings)		Intestin			
7486	Small intestine		Intestin grêle			
7487	Caecum		Cæcum			
7495	Feet		Pieds			
7470	Blood stabilized		Sang stabilisé			
7471	Blood defibrinated		Sang défibriné			
7472	Blood plasma		Plasma sanguin			
7473	Blood serum		Sérum du sang			
<i>PORCINE – CODE (30)</i>						
7500	Tongue short cut		Langue coupe courte			
7501	Tongue Swiss cut		Langue coupe suisse			
7502	Tongue long cut		Langue coupe longue			
7609	Tongue root trim		Parure de racine de langue			
7650	Cheek		Joue			
Proposal of the United States						
7549	Head		Tête			
7550	Brain		Cervelle			
7585	Mask		Masque			
7586	Temples		Tempes			
7692	Ears		Oreilles			
7693	Snout		Groin			

<i>Product</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Page</i>	<i>French</i>	<i>Russian</i>	<i>Spanish*</i>	<i>Chinese</i>
7587	Lips		Lèvres			
7525	Pluck		Fressure			
7524	Heart and lungs		Cœur et poumons			
7540	Heart		Cœur			
7526	Lungs		Poumons			
7528	Trachea		Trachée			
7520	Liver		Foie			
7530	Kidney		Rognons			
7541	Thick skirt		Onglet			
			<u>Proposal of the United States</u>			
7541	Thick skirt		Onglet			
			<u>Proposal of France</u>			
7542	Thin skirt		Hampe			
			<u>Proposal of France</u>			
7542	Thin skirt		Hampe			
			<u>Proposal of the United States</u>			
7543	Diaphragm		Diaphragme			
7510	Tail		Queue			
7515	Testes		Testicules			
7527	Oesophagus		Œsophage			
7560	Stomach		Estomac			
7561	Stomach (pepsin) lining		Muqueuse (peptique) de l'estomac			
7570	Stomach (butterfly cut)		Estomac (coupe papillon)			
7571	Small intestine		Intestin grêle			
7572	Intestine		Intestin			
7573	Large intestine (chitterling)		Gros intestin			
7574	Caecum		Cæcum			
7575	Upper colon		Chaudin			
7576	Robe		Suivant			
7577	Rectum		Fuseau			
7578	Anus		Rosette			
7579	Mensentery		Ratis			
7580	Bladder		Vessie			
7581	Uterus		Utérus			

<i>Product</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Page</i>	<i>French</i>	<i>Russian</i>	<i>Spanish*</i>	<i>Chinese</i>
7582	Ovaries		Ovaires			
7600	Spleen		Rate			
7670	Thymus gland (sweetbreads)		Thymus (ris)			
7671	Salivary gland		Glandes salivaires			
7672	Pancreas gland		Pancréas			
7679	Bones		Os			
7681	Neck bone		Échine			
7684	Skirt sinew		Tissu tendineux			
7690	Skin		Peau			
7694	Ear root		Racine d'oreille			
7695	Caul fat		Crépine			
7696	Abdominal fat		Gras abdominal			
7697	Flank fat		Graisse de flane			
			<i>Comment by France: keep?</i>			
7674	Blood stabilized		Sang stabilisé			
7675	Blood defibrinated		Sang défibriné			
7676	Blood plasma		Plasma sanguin			
7677	Blood serum		Sérum du sang			
7583	Clear plate		Gras dans la longe			
			<i>Comment by France: keep?</i>			
4175	Fore feet		Pieds avant			
			<i>Proposal of the United States</i>			
4175	Fore feet		Pieds avant			
			<i>Proposal of France</i>			
4176	Hind feet		Pieds arrière			
			<i>Proposal of France</i>			
4176	Hind feet		Pieds arrière			
			<i>Proposal of the United States</i>			

* Translations into Spanish were proposed by the delegation of Argentina.

5.1.1 Bovine, species code (10)

Bovine product

Image

Tongue long cut – 6000

Tongue long cut is the entire organ with its root; all of the hyoid bones are left except for the stylohyal. The larynx, the epiglottis and the first three rings of the trachea remain attached. The root is trimmed at the third tracheal ring; the oesophagus and the pharynx are removed entirely.

To be specified:

- Colour (white, black or spotted);
- Fat removed, epithelium removed or incised lengthways further to health inspection;
- Approximate fat depth retained;
- Lymph/salivary glands removed;
- Parts considered as not saleable by some countries must be specified (specified-risk material).

Tongue short cut – 6010

Tongue short cut is prepared from a tongue long cut (item 6000) and is separated from the root and from the throat in front of the epiglottis and directly behind the thyroid process (urohyal) of the hyoid bones. The hyoid bones, except for the stylohyal, are left and the tip of the epiglottis is removed. The base of the tongue is trimmed up to the “false lean”, leaving approximately 10% of the trimming fat; the salivary glands are removed, except for the sublingual glands.

To be specified:

- Lymph glands and salivary glands removed;
- Colour (white, black or spotted);
- Fat removed, epithelium removed or incised lengthways further to health inspection.

Tongue Swiss cut – 6030

Tongue Swiss cut is derived from a tongue short cut (item 6010) by the removal of the fat from the ventral surface of the tongue, the tip of the epiglottis, the hyoid bone, sublingual salivary glands and the M. mylohyoideus of the tongue blade.

To be specified:

- Colour (white, black or spotted);
- Fat removed, epithelium removed or incised lengthways further to health inspection.

Bovine product

Image

Tongue root (throat trimmings) – 6040

Tongue root is prepared from a tongue long cut and is the soft tissue surrounding the throat organs (larynx, three tracheal rings, salivary glands, lymph nodes, fat, connective tissue and associated muscles).

Comment by the United States:

Image shown is not of the correct resolution.

Comment by France:***Check that the image is correct.*****Tongue root fillet – 6045**

Tongue root fillets are derived from the tongue root by removing the muscles from each side of the root (sterno-thyroidal or hyoidial muscles).

Cheek – 6050

Cheek is the muscle which, along with the periphery of the mouth, covers the external part of the upper and lower jawbones. It extends from the lip to behind the mouth up to the parotid salivary glands. The whole cheek does not include the external part of the lip; however, it does include the papillary fringe of the mouth.

To be specified:

- Parotid lymph/salivary glands retained or removed;
- External fat removed.

Cheek – papillae off – 6060

Cheek (item 6050) is trimmed further with all of the papillae (chops) as well as the parotid gland removed. The lymph glands and salivary glands are not removed.

To be specified:

- Lymph glands and salivary glands removed;
- External fat removed.

Cheek meat – 6061

Cheek meat is prepared from cheek papillae off by complete removal of the parotid lymph nodes, parotid salivary glands and mandibular salivary glands. The pack can only include the muscles derived from the cheek – M. masseter, M. buccinator and may include the M. pterygoideus (which lies inside the lower jaw). Must not include any portions of lymph nodes, salivary glands or other muscle tissues removed from other parts of the head.

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Image

Papillae – 6260

Papillae (chops) are derived from the cheek (item 6050) and are removed along the natural seam between the M. masseter muscle (cheek) and the M. buccinator (papillae).

To be specified:

- Mucous membrane removed.

Head – 6114

Whole skinned beef head removed from the carcass by cutting at the occipital joint and the first cervical vertebra (cutting is perpendicular to the major axis of the cervical vertebrae).

To be specified:

- Parts considered as not saleable by some countries must be specified (specified-risk material);
- Tongue removed;
- Eyes removed.

Head meat – 6240

Head meat is prepared from a head and includes any or all meat removed from the skull or lower jaw but will not include the conical papillae. Head meat must not include lymph nodes, salivary glands, muscles or trim pieces derived from the tongue or neck.

Brain – 6120

The brain consists of (cerebellum, lobes, the thalamus and the annular protuberance), and is separated from the spinal cord directly behind the annular protuberance.

Comment by France:

Parts considered as not saleable by some countries must be specified (specified-risk material).

Peeled brain:

The whole brain from which the meninges (skin or membrane) have been removed revealing the brain tissue. The parts considered as not saleable by some countries must be specified (specified-risk material).

Tail – 6070

The tail is separated from the carcass at the junction between the sacral and coccygeal vertebrae.

To be specified:

- Excessive fat cover trimmed;
- Number of vertebrae.

Comment by the United States:

Image shown is not of the correct resolution.

Comment by France:

The photograph should be changed; it shows a scalded calf's head, not a skinned beef head as described.

Comment by France:

The same photograph has been used for veal and beef tail: check that the photograph is of beef tail.

Bovine product

Image

Liver – 6080

The entire organ including the Spiegel lobe and the capsule.

To be specified:

- Lymph nodes retained or removed;
- Vena cava removed;
- Ligament removed;
- Colour;
- Skinned;
- **Age of the animal. (proposal of France)**

Comment by France:

The colour of the liver is very red for beef liver.

Kidney – 6090

The entire organ with the blood vessels, the urethra and the capsule removed.

To be specified:

- External fats retained or removed;
- Renal hilus and internal fats removed or retained.

Heart and lungs – 6211

Consists of the lung and heart attached.

To be specified:

- Additional trim to removed attached organs.

Comment by the United States:

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Lungs – 6210

Comprising of the whole organ.

To be specified:

- Trachea removed;
- Lungs separated;
- Diaphragmatic lobe only;
- Colour.

Trachea – 6183

Trachea is commonly referred to as the windpipe and is part of the animal's respiratory system. The trachea is removed from the base of the larynx and extends down to the lungs where it subdivides into three parts. The trachea comprises a number of cartilaginous rings, muscular and connective tissue and a mucous membrane.

Comment by the United States:

No image available.

Bovine product

Image

Heart – 6100

The whole heart with blood vessels trimmed where they enter the organ. The bones (ossa cordis) are removed.

Comment by France:**The colour of the heart is too light for beef heart.**

To be specified:

- Auricles, aorta and the pulmonary truncus are removed;
- Fat cover retained or removed at the base of the heart;
- Untrimmed – blood vessels and fat retained.

Thymus gland (sweetbreads) – 6110

Thymus gland (derived from young male or female animals) is covered by its throat attachment along the trachea. The surrounding fat is removed.

Salivary gland – 6112**Comment by France:****The salivary gland includes the interior lining of the cheek.****Rumen (paunch) – 6140****Comment by France:****Green paunch:**

Rumen is raw, washed, unscaled paunch with the dark membrane retained. External surface is trimmed free of fat deposits.

To be specified:

- Reticulum removed or retained;
- Dark inner layer removed;
- **Salted.**

For a separate entry:**Blanched paunch:****When the paunch is to be processed further, it is to be blanched and stiffened: (washed with hot water and sent through a refiner).****To be specified:**

- **Reticulum removed or retained;**
- **Whether the fat has been removed and whether the cord has been incised;**
- **Whether the fat has been removed with water at a temperature of 80° C;**
- **Cooled in water or in refrigerated storage;**
- **Whether the product is to be frozen the day**

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Image

after production:

- **Whether the product is of natural colour or has been blanched.**

~~Blanched and stiffened: (stiffened by plunging into boiling water for a few minutes (at 100° C))~~

Rumen pillars (mountain chain tripe) – 6141

Rumen pillars are derived from the rumen tripe (item 6140) and are removed in one piece. External fat deposits are removed.

Reticulum (honeycomb tripe) – 6152

Reticulum or honeycomb is derived from the rumen (item 6140), the dark inner layer is removed. The honeycomb is prepared raw or scalded and bleached.

To be specified: **Comment by France**

- Scalded and/or ~~scalded and~~ bleached;
- Retained in natural shape or split.

Omasum (bible tripe) – 6154

Omasum is the third stomach of a ruminant and contains thin muscular folds (leaves) and is located between the abomasum and reticulum.

Abomasum – 6155

Abomasum is the fourth stomach of a ruminant which secretes the gastric juice and is located between the omasum and the duodenum. The stomach is separated from the duodenum by the pyloric valve, a strong muscular sphincter.

Comment by the United States:

No image available.

Proposal of the United States:

~~Thin skirt – 2190~~

See bovine meat cuts – 2190

Comment by France:

To be maintained in the specifications for edible meat co-products, with a possible reference to meat specifications (as in the previous version).

Proposal of the United States:

~~Thick skirt – 2180~~

See bovine meat cuts – 2180

Comment by France:

To be maintained in the specifications for edible meat co-products, with a possible reference to meat specifications (as in the previous version).

Comment by France:

Should this cut be maintained in the standard (already in Bovine)?

Comment by France:

Should this cut be maintained in the standard (already in Bovine)?

Bovine product

Image

Testes – 6180

Testes are prepared by the removal of the epididymis (which is attached to the caudal border) and the removal of the cord like tube in close proximity to the conical shaped head of the testes.

To be specified:

- Capsule retained or removed.

Pizzel – 6181

The male organ. The outer skin layer is removed.

To be specified: **Comment by France:**

- Root attachment material retained or removed;
- Tip retained or removed;
- **Fat removed.**

Oesophagus – 6182

The Oesophagus (Esophagus) or gullet consists of a muscular tube through which food passes from the pharynx to the stomach. The oesophagus is lined with mucous membrane, and is more deeply lined with muscle which moves swallowed food down to the stomach.

Comment by the United States:**No image available.****Weasand meat – 6280**

The fleshy part around the oesophagus from the pharynx to the rumen.

Spleen – 6190

Spleen is prepared by the removal of the splenic blood vessels.

Tendons – 6200

Tendons are prepared from a bovine carcase and consist of the superficial and deep flexor tendons and surrounding fibrous tissue of the fore and hind feet. Tendons can be prepared and described as a specific portion of the skeletal structure e.g. Achilles tendon, flexor tendons.

Flexor tendons – 6201

Tendons consist of the superficial and deep flexor tendons and surrounding fibrous tissue of the fore legs.

Achilles tendons – 6202

Achilles tendons consist of the tendonous extension connecting and surrounding fibrous tissue of the hind legs.

Comment by France:**The photographs apparently do not show Achilles tendons.**

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Image

Skirt sinew – 6203

Skirt sinew may be the yellow elastic or white fibrous connective tissue when removed from skirt meat. It will have a parchment (sheet) appearance. When specified, it could also be the intact sacrociatic ligament, shoulder tendon, and elbow tendon.

Diaphragm membrane – 6270

Diaphragm membrane is the fascia. Membrane may contain small amounts of muscular pillars or red meat and associated fat.

To be specified:

- Fleshy portions and associated parts removed from the rim of the diaphragm.

Comment by France:

In the English and Russian versions, 13 entries are missing, from 6271 to 6453.

Skirt membrane (tunic tissue) – 6271

Skirt membrane is the tough fibrous membrane (peritoneum lining or abdominal tunic) associated with the thin skirt (diaphragm) and/or the thick skirt (hanging tender). The skirt membrane may contain small amounts of muscular pillars and associated fat.

Membrane – 6272

Membrane is the sheath of connective tissue that forms an envelope for the muscle or organs. There are different types of membrane located within the muscular system of the carcass. The outer thin serous membrane is the (perimysium) stripped from the muscle surface (e.g. Flank steak, Tenderloin).

Thick fascia membrane is silver fascia lining covering several muscle groups. Other recoverable membranes are peritoneum and pleura.

To be specified:

- Derived from individual muscle or muscle groups;
- Linea alba to be included.

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Image

Nuchal ligament or paddywhack (ligamentum nuchae) – 6273

The nuchal ligament or paddywhack (ligamentum nuchae) is a large portion of the supraspinous ligament which extends along the vertebral column, being particular evident in the neck and thoracic region of the carcass.

To be specified:

- Whole or individual portions;
- Acceptable level of meat residue portions retained.

Feet – 6493

Skinned or scaled and plucked feet: The anteriors are cut at the joint between carpi and radius and the posteriors are cut at the joint between tarsals and tibia.

To be specified: **Comment by France**

- Sawn or disjointed at the joint;
- **Scalded or burnt.**

Mammary glands – 6494

Udders

To be specified:

- Fat retained or removed;
- Cooked.

Bung (rectum) – 6495

The bung (rectum) attaches to the colon end of the large intestine and terminates at the anus. It is wide and bulbous in shape and has more membrane covering as compared to the large intestine.

Small intestine – 6496

The small intestine comprises the duodenum, the jejunum and the ileum.

To be specified:

- Parts considered as not saleable by some countries must be specified (high-risk material);
- Amounts of fat retained;
- Length of intestine;
- Mucous membrane removed.

*Bovine product**Image***Large intestine – 6497**

The large intestine comprises the caecum, the colon and the rectum.

To be specified:

- Parts considered as not saleable by some countries must be specified (high-risk material);
- Amounts of fat retained;
- Length of intestine;
- Mucous membrane removed.

Intestine – 6498

Combination of both large and small intestine packed together.

To be specified:

- Parts considered as not saleable by some countries must be specified (high-risk material);
- Amounts of fat retained;
- Length of intestine;
- Mucous membrane removed.

Blood stabilized – 6450

Stabilized blood, preserved or not with sodium chloride (NaCl), cooled or frozen.

Blood defibrinated – 6451

Defibrinated blood, preserved or not with sodium chloride (NaCl), cooled or frozen.

Blood plasma – 6452

Product of stabilized blood after removal of blood cells preserved or not with sodium chloride (NaCl), cooled or frozen.

Blood serum – 6453

Product of defibrinated blood after removal of blood cells preserved or not with sodium chloride (NaCl), cooled or frozen.

Comment by France:

New entry:

Lean prostate

Muscle (or meat) at the base of the prostate.

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Image

Comment by France:**New entry:****Veal mask****The mask is derived from a head by the removal of all bone (skull) in one piece. The tongue is removed.****To be specified:**

- **Fur removed.**

Comment by France:**New entry:****Muzzle****Mask cut including the nostrils.****To be specified:**

- **With or without chops.**

5.1.2 Veal, species code (11)

Veal product

Image

Tongue long cut – 6500

The entire organ with its root, all of the hyoid bones are left except for the stylohyal. The larynx, the epiglottis and the first three rings of the trachea remain attached. The root is trimmed at the third tracheal ring; the oesophagus and the pharynx are removed entirely.

To be specified:

- Parts considered as not saleable by some countries must be specified (specified-risk material);
- Colour (white, black or spotted);
- Fat removed, epithelium removed or incised lengthways further to health inspection;
- Approximate fat depth;
- Lymph/salivary glands removed.

Tongue short cut – 6510

Tongue is prepared from a tongue long cut (item 6500) and is separated from the root and from the throat in front of the epiglottis and directly behind the thyroid process (urohyal) of the hyoid bones. The hyoid bones, except for the stylohyal, are left and the tip of the epiglottis is removed. The base of the tongue is trimmed up to the “false lean”, leaving approximately 10% of the trimming fat; the salivary glands are removed, except for the sublingual glands.

Veal product
Image

To be specified:

- Lymph glands and salivary glands removed;
- Colour (white, black or spotted);
- Fat removed, epithelium removed or incised lengthways further to health inspection.

Tongue Swiss cut – 6520

Tongue Swiss cut is derived from a tongue short cut (item 6510) by the removal of the fat from the ventral surface of the tongue, the tip of the epiglottis, the hyoid bone, sublingual salivary glands and the M. mylohyoideus of the tongue blade.

To be specified:

- Colour (white, black or spotted);
- Fat removed, epithelium removed or incised lengthways further to health inspection.

Head – 6620

Whole veal head: removed by cutting at the occipital joint and the first cervical vertebra (cutting is perpendicular to the major axis of the cervical vertebrae).

To be specified: **Comment by France**

- Plucked after scalding;
- Skinned;
- Plucked, scalded and bones removed;
- The parts considered as not saleable by some countries must be specified (specified-risk material);
- **Colour.**

Skull – 6621

Skull (without lower mandible) containing the brain.

To be specified:

The parts considered as not saleable by some countries must be specified (specified-risk material).

Comment by the United States:

Image shown is not of the correct resolution.

Comment by the United States:

Image shown is not of the correct resolution.

Comment by France:

The image is not appropriate, as it depicts a head with a mandible, while according to the description the mandible is removed.

Veal product

Image

Brain – 6570

The brain consists of (cerebellum, lobes, the thalamus and the annular protuberance), and is separated from the spinal cord directly behind the annular protuberance.

Peeled brain: *Comment by France:*

The whole brain from which the meninges (skin or membrane) have been removed revealing the brain tissue.

(Split the paragraph here; as the last part relates to brain, both peeled and not).

The parts considered as not saleable by some countries must be specified (specified-risk material).

Mask – 6585*Comment by the United States:**Comment by France:***No image available.**

The mask is derived from a head by the removal of all bone (skull) in one piece. **The tongue is removed.**

To be specified:

- **Retain or remove tongue;**
- **Rolled and tied, or flat.**

Cheek – 6524

Cheek is the muscle which, along with the periphery of the mouth, covers the external part of the upper and lower jawbones. It extends from the lip to behind the mouth up to the parotid salivary glands. The whole cheek does not include the external part of the lip; however, it does include the papillary fringe of the mouth.

To be specified:

- Parotid lymph/salivary glands retained or removed;
- Without the papillary fringe of the mouth.

Papillae (lips) – 6614

Papillae (lips) are derived from the cheek (item 6524) and are removed along the natural seam between the M. masseter muscle (cheek) and the M. buccinator (papillae).

To be specified:

- Mucous membrane removed.

Veal product

Image

Kidney – 6540

The entire organ with the blood vessels, the urethra and the capsule removed.

To be specified:

- External kidney fat retained or removed;
- Renal hilus and internal fats removed or retained.

Salivary gland – 6559

The salivary gland includes the interior lining of the cheek.

Thymus gland (sweetbreads) – 6560

Thymus gland (derived from young male or female animals) is covered by its throat attachment along the trachea. The surrounding fat is removed.

Kernel of veal sweetbread:

- Heart sweetbread;
- Throat sweetbread.

Tail – 6561

The tail is separated from the carcass at the junction between the sacral and coccygeal vertebrae.

To be specified:

- Excessive fat cover trimmed;
- Number of vertebrae.

Spleen – 6580

The elongated organ is attached to the rumen, from which all connecting tissues have been removed.

Tendons – 6590

Tendons consist of the superficial and deep flexor tendons and surrounding fibrous tissue of the fore/hind legs. Tendons can also be prepared from specific portions of the skeletal structure.

To be specified:

- Tendons from fore or hind legs.

Comment by France:

Definition to be kept in the specifications for edible meat co-products, if necessary with a reference to another specification.

Thin skirt – 6610

Thin skirts are derived from the muscular portion of the

Comment by France:

The same photograph has been used for veal and beef tail: check that the photograph is of veal tail.

Comment by the United States:

Thin skirt—6610

Thin skirts are derived from the muscular portion of the diaphragm. The white tendinous tissue covering the skirt meat is removed.

<i>Veal product</i>	<i>Image</i>
<p>diaphragm. The white tendinous tissue covering the skirt meat is removed.</p> <p>To be specified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tissue retained. <p>Comment by France:</p> <p>Definition to be kept in the specifications for edible meat co-products, if necessary with a reference to another specification.</p> <p>Thick skirt – 6611</p> <p>Thick skirts are prepared from the lumbar part of the diaphragm. The white tendinous tissue covering the skirt meat is removed.</p> <p>To be specified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tissue retained. <p>Feet – 6622</p> <p>The anteriors are cut at the joint between carpi and radius and the posteriors at the joint between tarsal and tibia. Skinned or scaled and plucked feet after scalding.</p> <p>To be specified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sawn or disjointed at the joint; Whole or sliced; Boned. <p>Testes – 6623</p> <p>Testes are prepared by the removal of the epididymis (which is attached to the caudal border) and the removal of the cord like tube in close proximity to the conical shaped head of the testes.</p> <p>To be specified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capsule retained or removed. <p>Oesophagus – 6625</p> <p>The Oesophagus (Esophagus) or gullet consists of a muscular tube through which food passes from the pharynx to the stomach. The oesophagus is lined with mucous membrane, and is more deeply lined with muscle which moves swallowed food down to the stomach.</p> <p>Weasand meat – 6613</p> <p>The fleshy part around the oesophagus from the pharynx to the rumen.</p>	<p>To be specified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tissue retained. <p>Comment by the United States:</p> <p>Thick skirt – 6611</p> <p>Thick skirts are prepared from the lumbar part of the diaphragm. The white tendinous tissue covering the skirt meat is removed.</p> <p>To be specified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tissue retained. <p>Comment by the United States:</p> <p>Image shown is not of the correct resolution.</p> <p>Comment by the United States:</p> <p>No image available.</p>

<i>Veal product</i>	<i>Image</i>
<p>Intestine – 6626</p> <p>Opened intestine with the attached mesentery.</p> <p>To be specified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parts considered as not saleable by some countries must be specified (specified-risk material); • Scalded scraped and stiffened by plunging in boiling water; • Mesentery removed. 	<p>Comment by the United States:</p> <p>No image available.</p>
<p>Abomasum – 6628</p> <p>Abomasum is the fourth stomach of a ruminant which secretes the gastric juice and is located between the Omasum and the duodenum. The stomach is separated from the duodenum by the pyloric valve, a strong muscular sphincter.</p>	<p>Comment by the United States:</p> <p>No image available.</p>
<p>Rumen (stomach/paunch) – 6629</p> <p>Whole paunch with the reticulum, scalded, opened and cleaned to remove the epithelium.</p>	
<p>Rumen pillars (mountain chain tripe) – 6632</p> <p>Rumen pillars are derived from the rumen tripe (item 6629) and are removed in one piece. External fat deposits are removed.</p>	
<p>Reticulum (honeycomb tripe) – 6633</p> <p>Reticulum or honeycomb is derived from the rumen (item 6629), the dark inner layer is removed. The honeycomb is prepared raw or scalded and bleached.</p> <p>To be specified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scalded and/or scalded and bleached; • Retained in natural shape or split. 	
<p>Omasum (bible tripe) – 6634</p> <p>Omasum is the third stomach of a ruminant and contains thin muscular folds (leaves) and is located between the abomasum and reticulum.</p>	
<p>Blood stabilized – 6640</p> <p>Stabilized blood, preserved or not with sodium chloride (NaCl), cooled or frozen.</p>	<p>Comment by the United States:</p> <p>No image available.</p> <p>Image not needed.</p>
<p>Blood defibrinated – 6641</p> <p>Defibrinated blood, preserved or not with sodium chloride (NaCl), cooled or frozen.</p>	<p>Comment by the United States:</p> <p>No image available.</p> <p>Image not needed.</p>

<i>Veal product</i>	<i>Image</i>
<p>Blood plasma – 6642</p> <p>Product of stabilized blood after removal of blood cells preserved or not with sodium chloride (NaCl), cooled or frozen.</p>	<p>Comment by the United States:</p> <p>No image available.</p> <p>Image not needed.</p>
<p>Blood serum – 6643</p> <p>Product of defibrinated blood after removal of blood cells preserved or not with sodium chloride (NaCl), cooled or frozen.</p>	<p>Comment by the United States:</p> <p>No image available.</p> <p>Image not needed.</p>

5.1.3 Ovine, species code (40)/Caprine, species code (50)

<i>Ovine/Caprine product</i>	<i>Image</i>
<p>Tongue long cut – 7000</p> <p>The entire organ with its root; all of the hyoid bones are left except for the stylohyal. The larynx, the epiglottis and the first three rings of the trachea remain attached. The root is trimmed at the third tracheal ring. The oesophagus and the pharynx are removed entirely.</p> <p>To be specified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parts considered as not saleable by some countries must be specified (specified-risk material); • Approximate fat depth; • Lymph/salivary glands removed. 	
<p>Tongue short cut – 7010</p> <p>The tongue is separated from the root and from the throat in front of the epiglottis and directly behind the thyroid process (urohyal) of the hyoid bones. The tip of the epiglottis is removed.</p> <p>To be specified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lymph/salivary glands removed. 	
<p>Tongue Swiss cut – 7015</p> <p>Derived from a tongue long cut (item 7000) by the removal of part of the tongue that remains after all of the hyoid bones and most of the attached fat have been removed. The muscular part making up the root and the muscles of the base are removed, resulting in a boned, trimmed tongue consisting solely of the body of the muscle, which is about 95% lean.</p>	

Ovine/Caprine product

Image

Head – 7150

Whole ovine head: removed by cutting at the occipital joint and the first cervical vertebra (cutting should be perpendicular to the ventral axis).

To be specified:

- Skin on/off;
- The parts considered as not saleable by some countries must be specified (specified-risk material).

Comment by France:

The photograph is of a veal head.

Skull – 7151

Skull (without lower mandible) containing the brain.

To be specified:

- The parts considered as not saleable by some countries must be specified (specified-risk material).

Comment by the United States:

No image available.

Brain – 7070

The Brain consists of (cerebellum, lobes, the thalamus and the annular protuberance), and is separated from the spinal cord directly behind the annular protuberance.

Peeled Brain:

The whole brain from which the meninges (skin or membrane) have been removed revealing the brain tissue.

Comment by the United States:

Image shown is not of the correct resolution.

Comment by France:

The photographs are the same as those for the veal brain: photographs to be changed.

Comment by France:

(Split the paragraph here, as the last part is related to brain, both peeled and not).

The parts considered as not saleable by some countries must be specified (specified-risk material).

Cheek – 7028

Cheek is the muscle which, along with the periphery of the mouth, covers the external part of the upper and lower jawbones. It extends from the lip to behind the mouth up to the parotid salivary glands. The whole cheek does not include the external part of the lip; however, it does include the papillary fringe of the mouth.

To be specified:

- Parotid lymph/salivary glands retained or removed;
- Without the papillary fringe of the mouth.

Comment by the United States:

Image shown belongs to Bovine (6050).

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Image

Head trimmings (meat) – 7110

Head meat is prepared from a head and includes any or all meat removed from the skull or lower jaw but will not include the conical papillae. Head meat must not include lymph nodes, salivary glands, muscles or trim pieces derived from the tongue or neck.

Pluck – 7140

Pluck consists of the liver, heart, lungs, trachea and portion of the diaphragm together as one item.

To be specified:

- The parts considered as not saleable by some countries must be specified (specified-risk material);
- Thick skirt retained;
- Spleen retained;
- With the thymus.

Heart and lungs – 7141

Consists of the lung and heart attached, part of the oesophagus and may also include the heart sweetbreads.

To be specified:

- Additional trim to removed attached organs.

Comment by the United States:

Image shown is not of the correct resolution.

Comment by France:

The photograph should be changed; the photograph is of beef heart and lungs.

Heart – 7050

The whole heart with blood vessels trimmed where they enter the organ.

To be specified:

- The auricles, aorta and the pulmonary truncus are removed;
- Fat cover retained or removed at the base of the heart;
- Untrimmed – blood vessels and fat retained.

Lungs – 7100

Comprising of the whole organ.

To be specified:

- Trachea removed;
- Lungs separated;
- Diaphragmatic lobe only.

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Image

Liver – 7030

The entire organ including the Spiegel lobe and the capsule.

To be specified:

- Lymph nodes retained or removed;
- Vena cava removed;
- Ligament removed.

Kidney – 7040

The entire organ with the blood vessels, the urethra and the capsule removed.

To be specified:

- External fats retained or removed;
- Renal hilus and internal fats removed or retained.

Thymus gland (sweetbreads) – 7060

Thymus gland derived from young animals and is removed from the cervical and cardiac area. The surrounding fat is removed.

Rumen (stomach) – 7080

Rumen (stomach) is raw, washed and scalded in order to remove the epithelium. External surface is trimmed free of fat deposits.

To be specified: **Comment by France:**

- Reticulum removed or retained;

• **Salted stomach.**

Comment by France:

Blanched paunch:

When the paunch is to be processed further, it has to be blanched and stiffened: (washed with hot water and sent through a refiner).

To be specified:

- **Reticulum removed or retained;**
- **Whether the fat has been removed and whether the cord has been incised;**
- **Whether the fat has been removed with water at a temperature of 80 °C;**
- **Cooled in water or in refrigerated storage;**
- **Whether the product is to be frozen the day**

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Image

after production;

- **Whether the product is of natural colour or has been blanched.**

Spleen – 7090

The elongated organ is attached to the rumen, from which all connecting tissues have been removed.

To be specified:

- Parts considered as not saleable by some countries must be specified (specified-risk material).

Tendons – 7091

Tendons consist of the superficial and deep flexor tendons and surrounding fibrous tissue of the fore/Hind legs. Tendons can also be prepared from specific portions of the skeletal structure.

To be specified:

- Tendons from fore or hind legs.

Testes – 7130

Testes are prepared by the removal of the epididymis (which is attached to the caudal border) and the removal of the cord like tube in close proximity to the conical shaped head of the testes.

To be specified:

- Capsule retained or removed.

Comment by the United States:

Image shown belongs to Bovine (6180)

Intestine (casings) – 7485

Small intestine and large intestine packed together.

Comment by the United States:

No image available.

Small intestine – 7486

Small intestine.

Caecum – 7487

Part of the large intestine corresponding to the caecum.

Comment by the United States:

No image available.

To be specified:

- The parts considered as not saleable by some countries must be specified (specified-risk material);
- Amounts of fat retained;
- Length of intestine;
- Mucous membrane removed.

<i>Ovine/Caprine product</i>	<i>Image</i>
Feet – 7495 Skinned or scaled and plucked feet: the anteriors are cut at the joint between carpi and radius or tarsians and tibia. To be specified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sawn or disjointed at the joint. 	Comment by the United States: Image shown is not of the correct resolution (Bovine (6493)).
Blood stabilized – 7470 Stabilized blood, preserved or not with sodium chloride (NaCl), cooled or frozen.	Comment by the United States: No image available. Image not needed.
Blood defibrinated – 7471 Defibrinated blood, preserved or not with sodium chloride (NaCl), cooled or frozen.	Comment by the United States: No image available. Image not needed.
Blood plasma – 7472 Product of stabilized blood after removal of blood cells preserved or not with sodium chloride (NaCl), cooled or frozen.	Comment by the United States: No image available. Image not needed.
Blood serum – 7473 Product of defibrinated blood after removal of blood cells preserved or not with sodium chloride (NaCl), cooled or frozen.	Comment by the United States: No image available.

5.1.4 Porcine, species code (30)

<i>Porcine product</i>	<i>Image</i>
Tongue short cut – 7500 Tongue short cut is the part of the tongue that remains after removal of the stylohyal, the larynx and the epiglottis. The root is cut in a straight line behind the hyoid bones. This cut removes the trachea and the root, but the hyoid bones remain in the tongue. The mucous membrane between the epiglottis and the tongue remains. To be specified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lymph/salivary glands removed. 	
Tongue Swiss cut – 7501 Tongue Swiss cut is the part of the tongue that remains after all of the hyoid bones and most of the attached fat are removed. The base of the muscular root is removed, resulting in a tongue that includes only the body of the muscle, boned, trimmed.	

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Image

Tongue long cut – 7502

Tongue long cut is the entire organ with its root, all of the hyoid bones are left except for the stylohyal. The larynx, the epiglottis and the first three rings of the trachea remain attached. The root is trimmed at the third tracheal ring; the oesophagus and the pharynx are removed entirely.

To be specified:

- Approximate fat depth retained;
- Lymph/salivary glands removed.

Tongue root trim – 7609

Tongue Root Trimming is the lean meat obtained when trimming the tongue (special short cut).

Comment by the United States:

No image available.

Cheek – 7650

Cheek is the muscle which, along with the periphery of the mouth, covers the external part of the upper and lower jawbones. It extends from the lip to behind the mouth up to the parotid salivary glands. The whole cheek does not include the external part of the lip; however, it does include the papillary fringe of the mouth.

Comment by the United States:

Image shown belongs to Bovine (6050).

To be specified:

- Parotid lymph and salivary glands retained or removed;
- External fat removed.

Head – 7549

Whole skinned head is removed from the carcass by cutting at the occipital joint and the first cervical vertebra (cutting is perpendicular to the major axis of the cervical vertebrae).

To be specified: **Comment by France:**

- Jowl removed;
- **Tongue, cheek and ears retained;**
- **Head skinned or not.**

Brain – 7550

The brain consists of (cerebellum, lobes, the thalamus and the annular protuberance), and is separated from the spinal cord directly behind the annular protuberance. The meninges are left on.

<i>Porcine product</i>	<i>Image</i>
Mask – 7585 <p>The mask is derived from a head by the removal of all bone (skull) in one piece. The tongue is removed.</p>	<p>Comment by the United States:</p> <p>Image shown is not of the correct resolution</p>
Temples – 7586 <p>Temporal muscles with skin removed.</p>	<p>Comment by the United States:</p> <p>No image available.</p>
Ears – 7692 <p>Ear flap and gristles (scutiform and auricular) scruff and hair are removed.</p> <p>To be specified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole; • Square cut. 	
Snout – 7693 <p>Nasal cartilage.</p>	<p>Comment by the United States:</p> <p>No image available.</p>
Lips – 7587 <p>Lips are derived from the cheek papillae on and is the portion exhibiting the conical papillae.</p>	<p>Comment by the United States:</p> <p>No image available.</p>
Pluck – 7525 <p>Pluck consists of the liver, heart, lungs, trachea and portion of the diaphragm together as one item.</p> <p>To be specified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thick skirt retained; • Spleen retained; • With the thymus. 	<p>Comment by the United States:</p> <p>Image shown is not of the correct resolution.</p>
Heart and lungs – 7524 <p>Consists of the heart and lung and part of the oesophagus.</p>	<p>Comment by the United States:</p> <p>Image shown is not of the correct resolution.</p>
Heart – 7540 <p>The whole heart with blood vessels trimmed where they enter the organ.</p> <p>To be specified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The auricles, aorta and the pulmonary truncus are removed; • Fat cover retained or removed at the base of the heart • Untrimmed – blood vessels and fat retained. 	

Porcine product

Image

Lungs – 7526

Comprising of the whole organ.

To be specified:

- Trachea removed;
- Lungs separated;
- Diaphragmatic lobe only.

Trachea – 7528

Trachea is commonly referred to as the windpipe and is part of the animal's respiratory system. The trachea is removed from the base of the larynx and extends down to the lungs where it subdivides into three (3) parts. The trachea comprises a number of cartilaginous rings, muscular and connective tissue and a mucous membrane.

Comment by the United States:

No image available.

Liver – 7520

The entire organ including the Spiegel lobe and the capsule.

To be specified:

- Lymph nodes retained or removed;
- Vena cava removed;
- Ligament removed.

Kidney – 7530

The entire organ with the blood vessels, the urethra and the capsule removed.

To be specified:

- External fats retained or removed;
- Renal hilus and internal fats removed or retained.

Comment by France:

Definition to be kept in the specifications for edible meat co-products, if necessary with a reference to another specification.

Thick skirt – 7541

Pillar of the diaphragm with fat and connective tissue removed.

To be specified:

- **Connective tissue retained.**

Comment by the United States:

Thick skirt—7541

Pillar of the diaphragm with fat and connective tissue removed.

To be specified:

- **Connective tissue retained**

Porcine product	Image
<p>Comment by France:</p> <p>Definition to be kept in the specifications for edible meat co-products, if necessary with a reference to another specification.</p> <p>Thin skirt – 7542</p> <p>Fleshy peripheral part of the diaphragm with pleura. Fat and connective tissue is removed.</p> <p>To be specified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connective tissue retained. <p>Diaphragm – 7543</p> <p>Consist of the whole diaphragm (thin and thick skirt). Fat and connective tissue retained.</p> <p>To be specified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fat and connective tissue removed; Removal of tendinous tissue. <p>Tail – 7510</p> <p>Pork tail is removed so that 2-4 caudal vertebrae remain on the carcass. It is trimmed of excess fat and skin at the base (attachment to the carcass).</p> <p>To be specified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trimmed – caudal cartilages removed; Caudal cartilage and connective tissue retained. <p>Testes – 7515</p> <p>Testes are prepared by the removal of the epididymis (which is attached to the caudal border) and the removal of the cord like tube in close proximity to the conical shaped head of the testes.</p> <p>To be specified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capsule retained or removed. <p>Oesophagus – 7527</p> <p>The Oesophagus (Esophagus) or Gullet consists of a muscular tube through which food passes from the pharynx to the stomach. The oesophagus is lined with mucous membrane, and is more deeply lined with muscle which moves swallowed food down to the stomach.</p>	<p>Comment by the United States:</p> <p>Thin skirt—7542</p> <p>Fleshy peripheral part of the diaphragm with pleura. Fat and connective tissue is removed.</p> <p>To be specified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connective tissue retained. <p>Comment by the United States:</p> <p>No image available.</p> <p>Comment by the United States:</p> <p>No image available.</p>

*Porcine product**Image***Stomach – 7560**

Stomach (raw) washed and un-scalded.

To be specified:

The entire stomach, turned inside out, cleaned, trimmed and scalded. Specifications about scalding: duration, temperature and additives added to scalding water must be specified.
Blanching and stiffening: Stiffened by plunging into boiling water for a few minutes (at 100° C).

Stomach (pepsin) lining – 7561

The thin lining of a portion of the pork stomach. It is deep red in colour. It displays characteristics similar to the honeycomb tripe from ruminant animals. This item is usually harvested as washed only.

Comment by the United States:**No image available.****Stomach butterfly cut – 7570**

The entire stomach, open, cleaned and trimmed but not scalded.

Small intestine – 7571

Located between the pylorus and the caecum. It includes the duodenum, the jejunum and the ileum.

Comment by the United States:**Image shown belongs to Bovine.****Intestine – 7572**

Part of the digestive system including the small intestine, the caecum and the large intestine.

Comment by the United States:**No image available.****Large intestine – (chitterling) – 7573**

Located between the caecum and the rectum and includes two parts. The upper helocoidal colon and the lower colon.

Comment by the United States:**Image shown belongs to Bovine.****Caecum – 7574**

Part of the small and large intestine corresponding to the caecum.

Comment by the United States:**No image available.****Upper colon – 7575**

Upper colon (helicoideal part).

Comment by the United States:**No image available.****Robe – 7576**

Straight part or dorsal lumbar part of the colon.

Comment by the United States:**No image available.****Rectum – 7577**

Part of the intestine corresponding to the rectum.

Comment by the United States:***No image available.***

<i>Porcine product</i>	<i>Image</i>
Anus – 7578	<i>Comment by the United States:</i>
Part of the intestine corresponding to the anus or bung.	No image available.
Mesentery – 7579	<i>Comment by the United States:</i>
Mesentery.	No image available.
Bladder – 7580	<i>Comment by the United States:</i>
Whole organ.	No image available.
Uterus – 7581	<i>Comment by the United States:</i>
Whole organ.	No image available.
Ovaries – 7582	<i>Comment by the United States:</i>
Ovaries are the reproductive gland of the female animal, and or attached to the uteri at the furthest ends of it. They are rounded and approximately 2.5 cm in size.	No image available.
Spleen – 7600	<i>Comment by the United States:</i>
The elongated organ is attached to the rumen, from which all connecting tissues have been removed.	Image shown belongs to Bovine.
Thymus gland (sweetbreads) – 7670	<i>Comment by the United States:</i>
Thymus gland (derived from young male animals) is covered by its throat attachment along the trachea. The surrounding fat is removed.	Image shown belongs to Bovine.
Salivary gland – 7671	<i>Comment by the United States:</i>
The salivary gland includes the interior lining of the cheek.	Image shown belongs to Bovine.
Pancreas gland – 7672	<i>Comment by the United States:</i>
The pancreas gland is located to the posterior surface of the liver and close to a loop of the duodenum into which the pancreatic duct enters.	No image available.
The pancreas gland is a lobular organ, pale in colour and closely resembles the salivary gland.	
Bones – 7679	<i>Comment by the United States:</i>
Leg bones (femur) – Femur bones are the long bones of the hind leg and will contain ample amounts of bone marrow.	No image available.
Shoulder bones (humerus) – The humerus bones are the long bones of the shoulder and will contain ample amounts of bone marrow.	

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To be specified:

- Femur bones only;
- Humerus bones only.

Neck bones – 7681

A neck bone is prepared from a carcass and consists of the 7 cervical vertebrae and attached meat portions that remain after boning. The neck bone can be prepared with the riblet (4 ribs) and up to 4 thoracic vertebrae retained.

Skirt sinew – 7684

Skirt sinew consists of the connective tissue which attaches the diaphragm muscle to the inside of the abdominal cavity. It is composed of both yellow elastic and white fibrous tissues and has a parchment (sheet) appearance.

Skin – 7690

Rind is skin derived from a porcine carcass or side and consists of the skin, which has been removed from any or all primals.

Ear root – 7694

Scutiform and auricular gristle.

Caul fat – 7695

Epiploon or large omentum.

Abdominal fat – 7696

Abdominal fat.

~~Flank fat – 7697~~

~~Fat covering the flank near the leg.~~

Blood stabilized – 7674

Stabilized blood, preserved or not with sodium chloride (NaCl), cooled or frozen.

Blood defibrinated – 7675

Defibrinated blood, preserved or not with sodium chloride (NaCl), cooled or frozen.

Comment by the United States:

Image shown belongs to Bovine.

Comment by the United States:

No image available.

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No image available.

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Image not needed.

Comment by the United States:

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Image not needed.

Porcine product

Image

Blood plasma – 7676

Product of stabilized blood after removal of blood cells preserved or not with sodium chloride (NaCl), cooled or frozen.

Comment by the United States:

~~No image available.~~

Image not needed.

Blood serum – 7677

Product of defibrinated blood after removal of blood cells preserved or not with sodium chloride (NaCl), cooled or frozen.

Comment by the United States:

~~No image available.~~

Image not needed.

~~**Clear plate – 7583**~~

~~Layer of pork fat removed from the loin of a pork carcass with or without skin.~~

Comment by the United States:

No image available.

Comment by France:

(To be kept?)

Comment by France:

Definition to be maintained in the specifications for edible meat co-products.

Fore feet – 4175

Fore feet (trotter) are prepared from a forequarter (item 4021) at the carpal joint, severing the fore foot (trotter) from the shoulder. The fore feet shall be practically free of hair and hair roots. Skin shall remain.

To be specified:

- **Skin removed.**

Comment by France:

Definition to be maintained in the specifications for edible meat co-products.

Hind feet (hind trotter) - 4176

Hind feet (hind trotter) are removed from a leg at the tarsal joint severing the hind foot (trotter) from the leg. Skin shall remain.

To be specified:

- **Skin removed.**

Comment by the United States:

~~**Fore feet – 4175**~~

~~Fore feet (trotter) are prepared from a forequarter (item 4021) at the carpal joint, severing the fore foot (trotter) from the shoulder. The fore feet shall be practically free of hair and hair roots. Skin shall remain.~~

~~To be specified:~~

- ~~• Skin removed.~~

Comment by the United States:

~~**Hind feet (hind trotter) – 4176**~~

~~Hind feet (hind trotter) are removed from a leg at the tarsal joint severing the hind foot (trotter) from the leg. Skin shall remain.~~

~~To be specified:~~

~~Skin removed~~