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REGULATION (EU) 2024/2895 · APPLICABLE SINCE 1 JULY 2026

Entry 1.2: What has changed – and what it means for your company

Ready-to-eat foods able to support the growth of L. monocytogenes — Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005, Annex I, Chapter 1

1 · Before and after – word for word

UNTIL 30 JUNE 2026

"L. monocytogenes in ready-to-eat foods able to support the growth of L. monocytogenes ~~before the food has left the immediate control of the producing food business operator~~ when he is not able to demonstrate that the product will not exceed the limit of 100 cfu/g throughout the shelf-life"

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"L. monocytogenes in ready-to-eat foods able to support the growth of L. monocytogenes if the producing food business operator has not been able to demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the competent authority, that the level of L. monocytogenes will not exceed the limit of 100 cfu/g throughout the shelf-life of the foods"

In both versions: *"unsatisfactory, if the presence of the bacterium is detected in any of the sample units."* The restriction to the time before the food leaves the immediate control of the producer has been removed. For the time after that, according to recital 4, the Regulation *"does not provide for a criterion"*. Now it applies, according to recital 5, *"where those foods are placed on the market during their shelf-life"*.

2 · The consequence

If the result is unsatisfactory, Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 applies: **"the product or batch of foodstuffs shall be withdrawn or recalled in accordance with Article 19 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002"**. Without evidence, since July a positive result from retail can trigger this – even if the goods left your plant in perfect condition.

3 · Three questions for management

1. For which items do we have evidence – and for which not?
2. Has a retail customer already asked about it?
3. Tomorrow a sample from the shelf tests positive: would we have the evidence at hand right away?

WHAT YOU GET

After ten working days you know where you stand for every item.

The **classification**: you give me the documents for one product group (up to twelve items). I read them, and you receive in writing, item by item: **what holds up, where something is still open, what the next step would be** – with assignment to entry 1.2 / 1.3 and assessment of up to three shelf-life studies. Ten working days from complete documents, fixed price, confidentiality agreed beforehand.

First step

Twenty minutes on the phone show whether it is worth it for you. Free of charge.

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Sources. Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/2895 of 20 November 2024 amending Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 as regards Listeria monocytogenes, recitals 4 and 5, Annex points 1 and 2 (ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2895/oj); Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005, Article 7(2). Quotations from the English versions on EUR-Lex (Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005: consolidated version). **Note.** Technical guidance, not legal advice and not certification. Responsibility for compliance with the Regulation remains with the food business operator. Only the text of the Regulation in its applicable version is authoritative. HoneyBee · Hamburg · thehoneybee.it