



From the President's desk

To the Members of the
European Natural Sausage Casings Association

PM 299 / ENSCA GA in Florence / Mongolia approved
for export / China additional residue-free declaration

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ENSCA General Assembly

Dear members,

We are happy to announce that the next ENSCA General Assembly will be in Florence Italy, from Friday September 23rd until Sunday September 25th. The decision has made to host the event already in September as we may then avoid any upcoming flu or Covid-19 related restrictions that may start to occur when the weather gets colder. In addition, the weather in Florence late September should be really nice.

For the venue the Hilton Florence Metropole Hotel is chosen. Please use this [LINK](#) for a sneak peak. The preliminary schedule is as follows:

- Friday September 23rd, arrivals and Welcome Reception at the hotel
- Saturday 24th, ENSCA Board meeting & Dinner (outside the hotel)
- Sunday 25th, ENSCA General Assembly from 9.00-12.00hrs.

Our last meeting in 2019 was in Dubrovnik which we held as a joint meeting with INSCA, combining their semi-annual meeting with ENSCA's GA. We have invited INSCA again to join us at this location and these dates. Should INSCA accept then the entire event will start a little earlier to accommodate for the various INSCA Board and Committee meetings.

We also plan to use the new ENSCA website for an online registration and payment. However, we will inform you at a later date on the exact programme and procedures. Please save the dates in your agendas and we look forward meeting you all again at our annual meeting, providing the option to celebrate ENSCA's 65th & 66th anniversary.

Export approval casings to EU

Over the past 18 months we all have worked hard to get as many relevant countries approved for the export of casings to the EU. The up-to-date list is available online, in Annex XVI of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 ([LINK](#)). Of the remaining countries Mongolia has now been officially approved after a lengthy evaluation and decision process, that involves the approval of all EU Member States and European Commission. Only after Mongolia has been included in the required listing and this list is officially published can shipments from Mongolia again be certified

for export to the EU. We are currently awaiting any information regarding the date of official publication. As soon as we know more we will immediately inform you, our members.

Last year Syria was already approved for its mandatory residue monitoring plan (RMP) and subsequently listed. However, during the February meeting of the EU's Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (SCOPAFF) it became clear that Syria has not been able (yet) to provide sufficient guarantees by the competent authorities needed for the required supervision and control structures dealing with production and trade. At this point there is no indication if or when Syria can meet those requirements.

China requirement additional residue declaration

In the past the requirement was in place for China that for each shipment of casings exported to the EU an additional residue-free declaration had to be issued. Now, with the new EU import certificate in force and the required listing of all casing exporting countries with an approved RMP, the question arose whether the additional residue declaration still had to be issued. The answer is a clear YES.

This mandatory requirement is based on Commission Decision 2002/994/EC, concerning certain protective measures with regard to the products of animal origin imported from China ([LINK](#)). As you can see online this decision is still in force and therefore the additional declaration needs to be issued for each shipment exported to the EU.

Kind regards,

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