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**DECREE**

**of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic**

**of ...../2023,**

**amending Decree of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the**

**Slovak Republic No 83/2016 on meat products**

In accordance with § 3(1)(d) of National Council of the Slovak Republic Act No 152/1995 on foodstuffs, as amended by Act No 30/2015, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic lays down the following:

**Article I**

Decree of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic No 83/2016 on meat products is amended as follows:

1. § 2(al) reads as follows:

'al) concentrated meat broth means a meat product from beef bones or veal bones, which may be with the addition of root vegetables and flavoured with edible salt, spices, wine or other declared ingredients, including pieces of meat, and which is prepared by reducing the volume by boiling in order to achieve a jelly-like consistency; the term demi-glace may also be used to designate a concentrated meat broth;'

2. The following § 2(am) is added which reads:

'am) meat soup means a meat product from meat or bones of animals intended for food production, which may be flavoured with edible salt, spices or other declared ingredients.'

3. § 3(3)(a) reads as follows:

'a) at most 7 °C in the case of a soft meat product, boiled meat product, baked meat product, heat-treated salted meat, semi-preserved meat and raw salted meat;'

4. In § 3(3) the point (b) is deleted.

The current point (c) becomes point (b).

5. In § 3(8)(a), the words '4 °C, except for the meat product referred to in paragraph (3)(b) and (c)' are replaced by the words 'pursuant to paragraph (3)'.

6. In § 3(11) point (d) is added which reads:

'd) concentrated meat broth, meat soup.'

7. In § 4 the paragraph (13) is deleted.

8. In § 5(2) the second sentence reads: 'For the part of the meat product that remains intact after cutting, the seller shall reduce its shelf life accordingly.'

9. In § 5, the following paragraph 3 is added:

'(3) When handling a chilled meat product, a short-term temperature increase of at most 2 °C on the surface is permitted pursuant to § 3(3).'

10. In § 17(1), the word 'some' is replaced by the word 'other'.

11. In Annex 1, Table 1, in the eighth row with the product name 'Ham sausage', in the second column, the words 'pork, beef' are replaced by the words 'pork or pork and beef'.
12. In Annex 4, in the fourth row with the product name 'Luncheon meat', in the second column, the words 'pork, beef' are replaced by the words 'pork or pork and beef'.

## **Article II**

This Decree shall come into effect on 1 January 2024.