

Mandatory meat origin labels at restaurants and cafes

It is mandatory to indicate the country of origin of meat to customers in restaurants and food establishments. Information on the meat's country of origin must be given in writing, such as in an easily visible brochure or sign.

The requirement to indicate country of origin applies to the following meats as well as minced meat when used as a **fresh or frozen food ingredient in the food establishment**:

- Beef
- Pork (not wild boar)
- Mutton and goat
- Poultry meat (chicken, goose, duck, turkey and guinea fowl)

This requirement also applies to take-away products and online sales.

The country-of-origin labelling requirement does not apply to meat preparations (salted, seasoned or marinated meat) or meat products (cold cuts or sausages) used at a restaurant that are used as food ingredients. Information on the country of origin can be found, for example, on the meat packaging.

The meat's country of origin refers to the country where the animal was raised.

The meat's country of origin must be indicated to the nearest country, if this information is available:

For example, meat loaf:

beef (country of origin Finland), pork (country of origin Germany)
or beef (Finland), pork (Germany).

If the meat's country of origin is not known on the country level, indicate the country of origin as 'EU' or 'non-EU' or 'EU and non-EU'. For example, chicken meat (non-EU). If the meat's country of origin varies, the following methods can be used to indicate the country of origin with two countries, such as 'Poland or Brazil'. Labelling may not mislead the consumer – for example do not indicate Finland if the use of Finnish meat is an exception.

Additional information

- City of Helsinki, Environmental Services, food advice: email kymp.elintarviketurvallisuus@hel.fi
- Decree of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry [154/2019](#)
- [Indication of meat's country of origin at food establishments \(Finnish Food Authority\)](#)

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