

PROPOSED DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND DEFINITIONS
(At Step 3 of the Codex Accelerated Procedure¹)

Replace the definitions of “Muscle”, “Milk” and “Egg” and insert a new definition of “Fat” in the Glossary and Terms and Definitions as follows:

Muscle: Muscle is the skeletal tissue of an animal carcass or cuts of these tissues from an animal carcass that contains interstitial and intramuscular fat. The muscular tissue may also include bone, connective tissue, tendons as well as nerves and lymph nodes in natural portions. It does not include edible offal or trimmable fat.

Portion of the commodity to which the MRL applies: The whole commodity without bones.

Fat: The lipid-based tissue that is trimmable from an animal carcass or cuts from an animal carcass. It may include subcutaneous, omental or perirenal fat. It does not include interstitial or intramuscular carcass fat or milk fat.

Portion of the commodity to which the MRL applies: The whole commodity. For fat-soluble compounds the fat is analysed and MRLs apply to the fat. For those compounds where the trimmable fat is insufficient to provide a suitable test sample, the whole commodity (muscle and fat but without bone) is analysed and the MRL applies to the whole commodity (e.g., rabbit meat).

Milk: Milk is the normal mammary secretion of milking animals obtained from one or more milkings without either addition to it or extraction from it, intended for consumption as liquid milk or for further processing.

Portion of the commodity to which the MRL applies: Codex MRLs for fat-soluble compounds in milk are expressed on a whole commodity basis. Milk is considered to have an average composition of 4% fat content.

Egg: The fresh edible portion of the spheroid body produced by female birds, especially domestic fowl.

Portion of the commodity to which the MRL applies: The edible portion of the egg including the yolk and egg white after removal of the shell.

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