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**State Service of Ukraine
on Food Safety and
Consumer Protection**

Dear Ms. Olga SHEVCHENKO,

The National Food Safety Agency expresses its respect for you personally and to the State Service for Food Safety and Consumer Protection of Ukraine.

In response to your letter with number 22.1-9/10966 dated May 4, 2023, in which Ukrainian poultry exporters requested information on the safety indicators of poultry meat (raw material) and finished poultry meat products established by competent institutions in the Republic of Moldova, the National Food Safety Agency informs you that the physical and chemical characteristics of poultry meat (raw material) and finished poultry meat products are established by Government Decision No. 773/2013 approving the sanitary-veterinary standard for establishing the requirements for the sale of poultry meat, which transposes the provisions of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 543/2008 of June 16, 2008 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1234/2007 as regards the marketing standards for poultry meat, Government Decision No. 624/2020 approving the quality requirements for meat preparations and products, which partially transposes Annex I points 1 (subpoints 1.10, 1.14, 1.15), point 7 (subpoints 7.1 and 7.6); Annex III Section V Chapter I, II, and IV and Section VI of European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No. 853/2004 of April 29, 2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin, and Government Decision No. 229/2013 approving the health regulation on food additives, which transposes European Parliament and Council Regulation (EC) No.1333/2008 of December 16, 2008 on food additives.

The presence of residues, mycotoxins, toxic elements, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, pesticides, antibiotics, radionuclides, and nitrosamines is established by Government Decision no. 229/2013 for the approval of the Health Regulation

on food additives that transposes Regulation (EC) no. 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on food additives, Government Decision no. 941/2010 on the approval of the Rules on the sampling and analysis methods for the official control of levels of lead, cadmium, mercury, inorganic tin, 3-MCPD, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in food products that transpose Commission Regulation (EC) no. 333/2007 of 28 March 2007 laying down sampling methods and methods of analysis for the official control of the levels of lead, cadmium, mercury, inorganic tin, 3-MCPD, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in food products, Government Decision no. 624/2020 on the approval of the quality requirements for meat preparations and products that is partially transposed in Annex I point 1 (subpoint 1.10, subpoint 1.14, subpoint 1.15), point 7 (subpoint 7.1 and subpoint 7.6); Annex III section V chapters I, II, and IV and section VI of Regulation (EC) no. 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin, Government Decision no. 520/2010 on the approval of the Health Regulation on food contaminants that creates the necessary framework for the implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) no. 315/93 of 8 February 1993 on the procedures for contaminants and transposes Commission Regulation (EC) no. 1881/2006 of 19 December 2006 setting maximum levels for certain contaminants in food with Commission Recommendation 2013/711/EU of 3 December 2013 on the reduction of dioxins, furans, and polychlorinated biphenyls in food and animal feed, published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJ) no. L 323 of 4 December 2013 and Commission Recommendation 2013/165/EU of 27 March 2013 on the presence of T-2 and HT-2 toxins in cereals and cereal-based products, Government Decision no. 298/2011 for the approval of the Sanitary-Veterinary Standard on the surveillance and control measures of certain substances and their residues in live animals and their products, as well as residues of veterinary drugs in animal products that transpose Council Directives no. 96/23/EC of 29 April 1996 on measures to monitor certain substances and their residues in live animals and animal products, and Government Decision no. 1191/2010 on the approval of the Health Regulation on the maximum limits of residues of plant protection products in or on food of plant and animal origin for animals that partially transpose Regulation (EC) no. 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin for animals and amending Directive 91/414/EEC.

The microbiological indicators of poultry meat and poultry products are established by Government Decision No. 221/2009 regarding the approval of Rules on microbiological criteria for food products, transposed/harmonized from

Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2073/2005 of 15 November 2005 on microbiological criteria for food products.

Through these legislative norms, the National Food Safety Agency of the Republic of Moldova is committed to ensuring the safety of animal-origin food.

We hope that the information provided clarifies all the aspects raised in your letter and look to our continuous fruitful cooperation.

Respectfully,



Radu MUSTEATA
Director General