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# Preface

Several years ago it became apparent to me that there was a need for an all-in-one book about meat processing which clearly outlined the parameters to be considered during the various steps of processing. However, in order to understand processing properly, the basic principles of meat science and the composition and function of additives have to be understood first. Therefore these would have to be covered in detail in the book as well.

The purpose of this book is to give clear and helpful guidelines to professionals within the meat-processing industry, such as technical, production, quality control and research and development managers. Butchers handling meat and meat products on a daily basis will also greatly benefit from it, as will undergraduate and postgraduate students, who will, I hope, find the book an invaluable tool for their studies.

Having worked all over the world in the meat-processing industry, conducting seminars for customers as well as lecturing at a university, I was often asked about the availability of such an all-in-one book. Books available today focus either on meat science or on manufacturing at various levels of detail but not on both at the same time. As such, this book combines a scientific and yet still hands-on approach and covers all three major aspects of meat technology. These are the raw materials themselves, the 'world' of additives and, finally, the technologies used to combine them. Microbiology related to meat and meat products is also discussed as it plays an integral role in the production process and in the safety and shelf life of meat and meat products.

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## Abbreviations

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| ADP   | adenosine diphosphate                  |
| ATP   | adenosine triphosphate                 |
| BHA   | butylated hydroxyanisole               |
| BHT   | butylated hydroxytoluene               |
| BSE   | bovine spongiform encephalopathy       |
| CCP   | critical control point                 |
| cfu   | colony-forming unit                    |
| CL    | chemically lean                        |
| CJD   | Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease              |
| CoA   | coenzyme A                             |
| CP    | creatine phosphate                     |
| CU    | colour unit                            |
| DE    | dextrose equivalent                    |
| DFD   | dark firm dry                          |
| DNA   | deoxyribonucleic acid                  |
| ETC   | electron transfer chain                |
| FAD   | flavin–adenine dinucleotide            |
| FFA   | free fatty acid                        |
| GDL   | glucono- $\delta$ -lactone             |
| GI    | glycaemic index                        |
| GM    | genetically modified                   |
| GMO   | genetically modified organism          |
| GTP   | guanosine triphosphate                 |
| HACCP | hazard analysis critical control point |
| HDL   | high-density lipoprotein               |
| HLB   | hydrophilic lipophilic balance         |
| HVP   | hydrolysed vegetable protein           |
| IEP   | isoelectric point                      |
| IgE   | immunoglobulin E                       |
| IP    | identity preserved                     |
| LBG   | locust bean gum                        |

|                  |                                   |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| LDL              | low-density lipoprotein           |
| 3-MCPD           | 3-monochloropropane-1,2-diol      |
| MDM              | mechanically deboned meat         |
| MEM              | moisture-enhanced meat            |
| MSG              | monosodium glutamate              |
| MSM              | mechanically separated meat       |
| NAD              | nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide |
| NFSS             | non-fermented sliceable salami    |
| OSI              | oxidative stability index         |
| PAH              | polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon   |
| PCR              | polymerase chain reaction         |
| PHM              | pork head meat                    |
| PPP              | post-pack pasteurization          |
| PSE              | pale soft exudative               |
| PV               | peroxide value                    |
| RH               | relative humidity                 |
| RSE              | red soft exudative                |
| SF <sub>FM</sub> | solubility factor in fatty meat   |
| SF <sub>M</sub>  | solubility factor in lean meat    |
| SMBS             | sodium metabisulphite             |
| SPR              | sarcoplasmic reticulum            |
| STPP             | sodium tripolyphosphate           |
| TBA              | thiobarbituric acid               |
| TG               | transglutaminase                  |
| TPC              | total plate count                 |
| TSC              | trisodium citrate                 |
| TVP              | textured vegetable protein        |
| UV               | ultraviolet                       |
| VL               | visual lean                       |
| WBC              | water-binding capacity            |
| WHC              | water-holding capacity            |
| WME              | warm-meat effect                  |
| WOF              | warmed-over flavour               |

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