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2 RANGE TO DETERMINE CHICKEN MEAT QUALITY

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10 ABSTRACT

- 11 Nowadays, one of the most important challenges of poultry industry is to determine 12 individually the meat quality class (pale, soft and exudative, normal and dark, firm and dry 13 meats) by non-invasive, accurate and fast technique. For this purpose, dielectric spectra in radiofrequency and microwave ranges were studied. In radiofrequency range, the permittivity 14 15 was measured by a non-destructive sensor conformed by three points with blunt-ended 16 electrodes connected to an Agilent 4294A impedance analyser, and in microwave range an Agilent 85070E open-ended coaxial probe connected to an Agilent E8362B Vector Network 17 18 Analyser were used. This work demonstrates the direct relation between the pH evolution and 19 the dielectric constant at α -dispersion, and also, that the main structural proteins degradation has direct relation with the dielectric constant at β -dispersion, being possible to segregate 20 21 meat depending on the level of protein degradation. Finally, this paper ends with a 22 classification model for quality poultry meat based on a photonic analysis at radiofrequency 23 range by using the Traffano-Schiffo model.
- 24 Keywords: poultry meat, quality, permittivity, radiofrequency, microwave, dispersion.

25 **1. Introduction**

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