Salame Ungherese - Hungarian Style Salami

Despite its name, this salami is manufactured in northern Italy, using a Hungarian recipe. The fat is evenly spread throughout the sausage, giving it a mottled appearance. It is matured when it loses 25% of its green weight.

| U.S. | Ingredient | Metric | Percent |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------|---------|
| 3½ lb. | Pork butt, lean | 1600.0 g | 54.80 |
| 1½ lb. | Beef chuck, lean | 700.0 g | 23.97 |
| 1 lb. | Pork back fat | 450.0 g | 15.41 |
| 7 tsp. | Salt | 50.0 g | 1.71 |
| ¼ cup | Wine, Tokai | 50.0 ml | 1.71 |
| 6 Tbs. | Paprika, smoked | 38.0 g | 1.30 |
| 1 Tbs. | Garlic raw | 15.0 g | 0.54 |
| 5.0 tsp. | Dextrose | 15.0 g | 0.54 |
| 5 tsp. | Pepper, black | 10.0 g | 0.34 |
| 1 tsp. | Cure #2 | 7.0 g | 0.24 |
| <1/8 tsp. | Lactic starter | 0.2 g | 0.01 |
| 3½" Protein lined casing | | | |

 $6\frac{1}{2}$ lb. \leftarrow Totals \rightarrow 3 Kg 100%

Note: Use metric weight and volume measurement for better control of ingredients. The U.S. measurements are an approximation of the metric measurements.

Method:

- 1. Grind the partially frozen meat and fat separately through the smallest plate (3/16" or 4.5mm). Combine meat and fat and mix well with the salt. Rest in refrigerator until pasty and sticky.
- 2. Chop the garlic fine; grind the remaining dry ingredients to a fine powder in a spice grinder.
- 3. Dissolve the starter culture in a tablespoon or two of water.
- 4. Add the meat paste, spices, wine and starter solution to the mixer and mix gently until all is well combined.
- 5. Stuff into 3½" natural or artificial casings and incubate at 85°F*, 90% R/H for 24 hours.
- 6. Let salami hang for 28+ days in a cool area, keeping temperature at 55-60°F and R/H of about 70%. A fine bloom of white mold is desirable.

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^{*} Or follow the recommended optimum temperature suggested by the producer of the starter culture. I like to use Bactoferm LHP