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ANIMALS

ANIMAL HEALTH

The Products of Animal Origin (Disease Control) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009

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The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, being designated(**1**) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**2**) in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Community, makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred on it by that section.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Products of Animal Origin (Disease Control) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 and come into operation on 1st July 2009.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**3**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Amendment to the Products of Animal Origin (Disease Control) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008

2. The Products of Animal Origin (Disease Control) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008(**4**) are amended in accordance with regulations 3 to 15.

3. In regulation 2 (Interpretation)—

(a) insert, after the definition of "disease legislation"—

> ""domestic market" is the market for the sale of poultry meat in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland;";

(b) omit the definition of "relevant date";

(**1**) S.I. 2000/2812
(**2**) 1972 c. 68
(**3**) 1954 c.33 (N.I.)
(**4**) S.R. 2008 No. 431

(c) before the definition of "slaughter" insert—

""seropositive pig" means a pig that is not a restricted animal but is required by the Department to be slaughtered in a slaughterhouse due to antibodies against swine vesicular disease virus being identified in that pig;

"seropositive pig meat" is meat derived from a seropositive pig which—

(a) is not restricted meat, and

(b) has not been treated in accordance with Schedule 2 at a designated treatment centre;".

(d) In the definition of "inspector" after the word "Department" insert " or District Council"

(e) In the definition of "occupier" for the words "the occupier" substitute "the person in charge".

4. In regulation 3 (Restricted animal, restricted poultry and restricted meat: definitions)—

(a) for paragraph (8) substitute—

"(8) Subject to paragraph (9) "restricted meat" is meat—

(a) produced on or after the date that the protection zone or surveillance zone was declared, or an earlier date where the Department specifies such a date for the purpose of disease control;

(b) from a restricted animal or restricted poultry from an infected area, a protection zone or a surveillance zone; and

(c) includes meat that has come into contact with such meat.";

(b) after paragraph (8) insert—

"(9) Where restricted meat has been treated in accordance with Schedule 2 at a treatment centre it ceases to be regarded as restricted meat.".

5. In regulation 5(3) for the words "National Assembly for Wales" substitute "Welsh Ministers".

6. In regulation 9 (Slaughterhouses)—

(a) in paragraph (1) after the word "animals" insert ", seropositive pigs";

(b) in paragraph (2) after sub-paragraph (f) omit the full stop and insert—

"(g) seropositive pigs are kept separately from other pigs; and

(h) seropositive pigs are slaughtered separately from other pigs.";

(c) after paragraph (5) insert—

"(6) Where the occupier of a slaughterhouse has not complied with the requirements of paragraph (2)(g) or (2)(h) on being given notice by a veterinary inspector, those other pigs must be dealt with by the occupier as seropositive pigs.

(7) The occupier of a slaughterhouse may only receive restricted animals if it is a designated slaughterhouse".

7. In regulation 11 (Receipt and possession of restricted meat) —

(a) in paragraph (1) omit the two references to the words "or establishment" on both occasions they occur;

(b) after paragraph (2) insert—

"(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply when the restricted meat is from restricted poultry intended only for supply on the domestic market.".

8. In regulation 12 (Marking of meat from restricted animals) in paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) after the word "meat" in each of those paragraphs insert "or seropositive pig meat".