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Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991

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The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 15(1) and (2)(*b*), (*c*), (*d*), (*f*), (*g*), (*h*) and (*i*) and 72(4) of the Food (Northern Ireland) Order 1989(**a**) and now vested in it(**b**) and being a Department designated(**c**) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**d**) in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Economic Community, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said section 2(2), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and after consultation, in accordance with Article 72(2) of the said Order of 1989, with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests substantially affected by the Regulations (in so far as the Regulations are made in exercise of the powers conferred by the said Articles of the said Order of 1989), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990 and shall come into operation on 21st January 1991.

Amendments

2. The Meat Inspection Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984(**e**) shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) in regulation 2 (interpretation)—

(i) after the definition of ''animals'' there shall be inserted the following definition—

'' ''ante-mortem health inspection'' means an inspection of live animals in a slaughterhouse in accordance with the requirements of regulation 6A and Schedule 4 and ''post-mortem health inspection'' means an inspection for the purposes of these Regulations other than an ante-mortem health inspection;'';

(**a**) S.I. 1989/846 (N.I. 6).
(**b**) S.R. 1990 No. 394
(**c**) S.I. 1972/1811
(**d**) 1972 c. 68
(**e**) S.R. 1984 No. 402 as amended by S.R. 1988 No. 60

(ii) for the definition of ''authorised officer'' there shall be substituted the following definition—

'' ''authorised officer'' means—

(*a*) in relation to an ante-mortem health inspection, a person, other than a veterinary surgeon, who holds a qualification specified in the Schedule to the Authorised Officers (Meat Inspection) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**a**) and who is authorised or deemed to be authorised by a district council for the purposes of these Regulations; and

(*b*) in relation to a post-mortem health inspection (made in accordance with the requirements of Schedule 1) any such person as is mentioned in paragraph (*a*) and a veterinary inspector;'';

(iii) after the definition of ''carcase'' there shall be inserted the following definition—

'' ''the Department'' means the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland;'';

(iv) after the definition of ''slaughterhouse'' there shall be inserted the following definition—

'' ''veterinary inspector'' means a veterinary surgeon appointed by a district council as a veterinary inspector for the purposes of these Regulations or a person deemed to be an authorised officer under Article 35(3) of the Food (Northern Ireland) Order 1989;'';

(*b*) for the heading to regulation 4 there shall be substituted the following heading—

''Duty of district councils to carry out post-mortem health inspections'' and in that regulation before the word ''inspection'' there shall be inserted the words ''post-mortem health'';

(*c*) after regulation 6 there shall be inserted the following regulation—

''*Duty of district councils to carry out ante-mortem health inspections*

6A.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) every district council shall arrange for every animal which is to be slaughtered in a slaughterhouse to be subjected to an ante-mortem health inspection by a veterinary inspector or an authorised officer in accordance with Schedule 4.

(2) In carrying out his duties under paragraph (1), an authorised officer shall comply with any directions given to him by a veterinary inspector in relation thereto.'';

(*d*) in regulation 7 (Inspection of meat) in the heading, before the words ''Inspection of meat'', there shall be inserted the words ''Post-mortem health'' and in paragraph (1) thereof before the word ''inspection'' there shall be inserted the words ''post-mortem health'';

(**a**) S.R. 1987 No. 141