SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2000 No. 449

FOOD

The Fresh Meat (Beef Controls) (No. 2) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2000

Made - - - - 21st December 2000
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Parliament - - - 2000
Coming into force - - 1st January 2001

The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 16(1)(f), 17(2), 26 and 48(1) of the Food Safety Act 1990(1) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, having had regard in accordance with section 48(4A)(2) of that Act to relevant advice given by the Food Standards Agency and after consultation in accordance with section 48(4) and (4B)(3) of that Act hereby make the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and extent

- 1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Fresh Meat (Beef Controls) (No. 2) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2000 and shall come into force on 1st January 2001.
 - (2) These Regulations extend to Scotland only.

Amendments to the Fresh Meat (Beef Controls) (No. 2) Regulations 1996

- **2.**—(1) The Fresh Meat (Beef Controls) (No. 2) Regulations 1996(4) are amended in accordance with the following paragraph of this regulation.
- (2) The following regulation is inserted after regulation 3 (prohibition of sale of meat from older bovine animals):—

^{(1) 1990} c. 16; sections 16(1) and 48(1) were amended by the Food Standards Act 1999 ("the 1999 Act"), Schedule 5, paragraph 8; section 17(2) was amended by the 1999 Act, Schedule 5, paragraphs 8 and 12. The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 40(2) of the 1999 Act and section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998.

⁽²⁾ Section 48(4A) was inserted by paragraph 21 of Schedule 5 to the 1999 Act.

⁽³⁾ Section 48(4B) was inserted by paragraph 21 of Schedule 5 to the 1999 Act.

⁽⁴⁾ S.I.1996/2097, amended by S.I. 1996/2522 and S.S.I. 2000/62.

"Enforcement of Article 2.1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2777/2000

3A. No person shall contravene Article 2.1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2777/2000 adopting exceptional support measures for the beef market(5).".

St Andrew's House, Edinburgh 21st December 2000

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of these Regulations)

These Regulations, which extend to Scotland only, amend the Fresh Meat (Beef Controls) (No. 2) Regulations 1996.

These Regulations provide for the enforcement of Article 2.1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2777/2000 adopting exceptional support measures for the beef market (regulation 2(2)). Article 2.1, which will cease to have effect on 30th June 2001, provides that meat from bovine animals aged more than 30 months and slaughtered in the European Community after 1st January 2001 can only be released for human consumption or for export if tested negatively for bovine spongiform encephalopathy by an approved rapid test as referred to in Annex IV(A) to Commission Decision 98/272/EC (O.J. No. L 122, 24.4.98, p.59). Annex IV(A) was inserted into that Decision by Commission Decision 2000/374/EC (O.J. No. 135, 8.6.00, p.27).

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared in respect of these Regulations.