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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2010 No. 155**

**AGRICULTURE**

**The Beef and Veal Labelling  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010**

*Made* - - - - *14th April 2010*  
*Coming into operation* *17th May 2010*

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development—

- (a)
- (b)

makes these Regulations in accordance with section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972.

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** [Regulations](#) applied (with modifications) (1.10.2023) by [The Windsor Framework \(Enforcement etc.\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1056\)](#), regs. 1(2), 9, [Sch.](#)

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Beef and Veal Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 and shall come into operation on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

**Commencement Information**

- II** [Reg. 1](#) in operation at 17.5.2010, see [reg. 1](#)

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(1) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(2) In these Regulations—

“authorised officer” means any person who is authorised in writing by an enforcement authority, either generally or specifically, to act in matters under these Regulations;

“Commission Regulation 1825/2000” means [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No. 1825/2000](#) laying down detailed rules for the application of Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the labelling of beef and beef products<sup>(2)</sup>; <sup>F1</sup>...<sup>(3)</sup>

“Commission Regulation 566/2008” means Commission Regulation 566/2008 laying down the detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1234/2007 as regards the marketing of the meat of bovine animals aged 12 months or less<sup>(4)</sup>

“the Department” means the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development;

“enforcement authority” shall be construed in accordance with regulation 4; and

“Regulation 1760/2000” means Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a system for the identification and registration of bovine animals and regarding the labelling of beef and beef products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No. 820/97<sup>(5)</sup>

<sup>F2</sup>“Regulation (EU) 2013” means Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council adopted on the 16 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007, as amended from time to time;]

- F1** Words in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) omitted (21.3.2014) by virtue of [The Single Common Market Organisation \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2014 \(S.R. 2014/92\)](#), regs. 1, [3\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- F2** Words in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) inserted (21.3.2014) by [The Single Common Market Organisation \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2014 \(S.R. 2014/92\)](#), regs. 1, [3\(2\)\(b\)](#)

#### Commencement Information

- I2** [Reg. 2](#) in operation at 17.5.2010, see [reg. 1](#)

### The competent authority

3. The Department shall be the competent authority for the purposes of Title II of Regulation 1760/2000 [<sup>F3</sup>as last amended by Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council] , [Commission Regulation 1825/2000](#), [<sup>F4</sup>Article 78 of, and Part I of Annex VII to, Regulation (EU) 2013;] and [Commission Regulation 566/2008](#) [<sup>F5</sup>as last amended by [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 565/2013](#)].

- F3** Words in [reg. 3](#) inserted (17.12.2018) by [The Beef and Veal Labelling \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2018 \(S.R. 2018/191\)](#), regs. 1(1), [2\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- F4** Words in [reg. 3](#) substituted (21.3.2014) by [The Single Common Market Organisation \(Consequential Amendments\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2014 \(S.R. 2014/92\)](#), regs. 1, [3\(3\)](#)
- F5** Words in [reg. 3](#) inserted (17.12.2018) by [The Beef and Veal Labelling \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2018 \(S.R. 2018/191\)](#), regs. 1(1), [2\(2\)\(b\)](#)

#### Commencement Information

- I3** [Reg. 3](#) in operation at 17.5.2010, see [reg. 1](#)

(2) O.J. No. L216, 26.8.2000, p.8, as last amended by [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No. 275/2007](#) (O.J. No. 76, 16.3.2007, p.12)

(3) O.J. No. L299, 16.11.2007, p.1, as last amended by [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No. 183/2009](#) (O.J. No. L 63, 7.3.2009, p.9)

(4) O.J. No. L160, 19.6.2008, p.22

(5) O.J. No. L204, 11.8.2000, p.1, as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No. 1791/2006 (O.J. No. L 363, 20.12.2006, p.1)

## The enforcement authorities

4. These Regulations shall be enforced and executed by the Department or any district council, or by the Department and any district council acting jointly, and any authority having such responsibility shall be known for the purposes of these Regulations as “an enforcement authority”.

### Commencement Information

I4 Reg. 4 in operation at 17.5.2010, see reg. 1

## Offences

- 5.—(1) A person who fails to comply with any of the following is guilty of an offence—
- (a) the following provisions of Regulation (EC) No. 1760/2000—
    - (i) Article 11 (requirement to label);
    - (ii) Article 13(1) (general rules);
    - (iii) Article 13(2) (indications on the label);
    - (iv) Article 13(5) (additional information on the label);
    - (v) Article 14 (labelling of minced beef);
    - (vi) Article 15 (beef from third countries);
    - <sup>F6</sup>(vii) . . . . .
    - <sup>F6</sup>(viii) . . . . .
  - (b) the following provisions of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1825/2000—
    - (i) Article 1 (traceability);
    - (ii) Article 2 (labelling);
    - (iii) Article 4 (size and composition of group);
    - (iv) Article 5(2) (minced beef);
    - (v) Article 5a (trimmings);
    - (vi) Article 5b (pre-packaged cut meat);
    - (vii) Article 5c (non-pre-packaged cut meat);
    - <sup>F7</sup>(viii) . . . . .
    - (ix) Article 7 (access to premises and records);
  - <sup>F8</sup>(c) the following provisions of the Regulation (EU) 2013—
    - (i) Article 78 and paragraph II of Part I of Annex VII (classification of bovine animals aged less than 12 months at the slaughterhouse);
    - (ii) Article 78 and paragraph III of Part I of Annex VII (sales descriptions);
    - (iii) Article 78 and paragraph IV of Part I of Annex VII (compulsory indication on the label);
    - (iv) Article 78 and paragraph V of Part I of Annex VII (recording).]
  - (d) the following provisions of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 566/2008—
    - (i) Article 4(1) (compulsory information on the label);
    - (ii) Article 4(2) (indication of age);
    - (iii) Article 5 (recording of information).

(2) For the purposes of [<sup>F9</sup>paragraph IV(2) of Part I of Annex VII to Regulation (EU) 2013,] the required information must be displayed near the meat so as to allow the final consumer to identify it easily, and must be clearly legible.

(3) Records (including electronic records) must be retained for a period of 12 months from the end of the calendar year in which the record was made.

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| <b>F6</b> | Reg. 5(1)(a)(vii)(viii) omitted (17.12.2018) by virtue of <a href="#">The Beef and Veal Labelling (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018 (S.R. 2018/191)</a> , regs. 1(1), <b>2(3)</b>   |
| <b>F7</b> | Reg. 5(1)(b)(viii) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of <a href="#">The Agriculture, Food and Horse (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/347)</a> , regs. 1, <b>5(2)</b> ; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1) |
| <b>F8</b> | Reg. 5(1)(c) substituted (21.3.2014) by <a href="#">The Single Common Market Organisation (Consequential Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 (S.R. 2014/92)</a> , regs. 1, <b>3(4)(a)</b>   |
| <b>F9</b> | Words in <a href="#">reg. 5(2)</a> substituted (21.3.2014) by <a href="#">The Single Common Market Organisation (Consequential Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 (S.R. 2014/92)</a> , regs. 1, <b>3(4)(b)</b>                                     |

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**Commencement Information**

- I5** [Reg. 5](#) in operation at 17.5.2010, see [reg. 1](#)

**Enforcement Notices**

6.—(1) Where beef or veal has been labelled and marketed in a manner which does not comply with these Regulations, an authorised officer may serve a notice on the person in possession of the beef or veal requiring—

- (a) its immediate relabeling in accordance with these Regulations; or
- (b) its immediate removal from sale until it is labelled in accordance with these Regulations or otherwise disposed of,

and any person who fails to comply with that notice is guilty of an offence.

(2) A notice must state the right of appeal to a court of summary jurisdiction and the period within which the appeal must be brought.

(3) A person who is aggrieved by a decision of an authorised officer to serve a notice pursuant to paragraph (1) may appeal to a court of summary jurisdiction at any time before the expiration of one month beginning with the date on which the notice of the decision was served on the aggrieved person, and Part VII of the Magistrates Court (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(6) shall apply accordingly.

(4) On an appeal against a notice served pursuant to paragraph (1), the court may either cancel or affirm the notice and, if the court affirms the notice, it may do so in its original form or with such modifications as the court, in the circumstances, think fit.

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**Commencement Information**

- I6** [Reg. 6](#) in operation at 17.5.2010, see [reg. 1](#)

**Powers of entry**

7.—(1) An authorised officer may, on producing a duly authenticated authorisation if required, enter any premises at any reasonable hour for the purpose of ascertaining whether—

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(6) [S.I. 1981/1675 \(N.I. 26\)](#)

- (a) there is or has been on the premises any contravention of these Regulations; or
  - (b) there is on the premises any evidence of any contravention of these Regulations.
- (2) The officer may be accompanied by such other persons as the officer considers necessary<sup>F10</sup>....
- (3) If a lay magistrate, on a sworn complaint in writing, is satisfied that there is reasonable ground for entry into any premises (excluding premises used only as a dwelling) for any purpose mentioned in paragraph (1) and that either—
- (a) admission to the premises has been refused, or a refusal is anticipated, and that notice of the intention to apply for a warrant has been given to the occupier; or
  - (b) an application for admission, or the giving of such notice, would defeat the object of the entry, or that the case is one of urgency, or that the premises are unoccupied or the occupier temporarily absent,

the lay magistrate may, by signed warrant, authorise an authorised officer to enter the premises, if need be by reasonable force.

(4) A warrant granted under this regulation shall continue in force for a period of one month.

(5) An officer who enters any unoccupied premises must leave them as effectively secured against unauthorised entry as they were before he entered them.

**F10** Words in [reg. 7\(2\)](#) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Agriculture, Food and Horse \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Northern Ireland\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/347\)](#), [regs. 1, 5\(3\)](#); [2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

#### Commencement Information

**I7** [Reg. 7](#) in operation at 17.5.2010, see [reg. 1](#)

### Powers of authorised officers

- 8.** An authorised officer entering any premises under these Regulations may—
- (a) inspect any beef or veal present on those premises;
  - (b) take samples from any beef or veal present on those premises and, if necessary, send the samples for testing;
  - (c) inspect any labels and relevant business records (including electronic records) in whatever form they are held;
  - (d) seize and detain any such labels and records (including electronic records) which may be required as evidence in proceedings under of these Regulations.

#### Commencement Information

**I8** [Reg. 8](#) in operation at 17.5.2010, see [reg. 1](#)

### Obstruction

- 9.** A person who—
- (a) intentionally obstructs any person acting in the execution of these Regulations; or
  - (b) without reasonable cause, fails to give any person acting in execution of these Regulations any assistance or information which that person may reasonably require for the purpose of carrying out functions under these Regulations; or

(c) furnishes to any person acting in the execution of these Regulations any information knowing it to be false or misleading,  
shall be guilty of an offence.

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**Commencement Information**

**I9** [Reg. 9](#) in operation at 17.5.2010, see [reg. 1](#)

**Penalties**

**10.** A person guilty of an offence under any provision of these Regulations shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

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**Commencement Information**

**I10** [Reg. 10](#) in operation at 17.5.2010, see [reg. 1](#)

**Revocations**

**11.** The Beef and Veal Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009(7) are hereby revoked.

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**Commencement Information**

**I11** [Reg. 11](#) in operation at 17.5.2010, see [reg. 1](#)

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations replace the Beef and Veal Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009. The changes are that they enforce Articles 5a, 5b and 5c of [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No. 1825/2000](#) (regulation 5(1) (b)) and provide rules for the provision of information for non-pre-packaged meat of bovine animals aged 12 months or less at the point of sale (regulation 5(2)).

They continue to enforce Title II of Regulation [\(EC\) No. 1760/2000](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a system for the identification and registration of bovine animals and regarding the labelling of beef and beef products and subsidiary Commission Regulations. They also enforce the provisions relating to bovine animals aged 12 months or less contained in Council Regulation [\(EC\) No. 1234/2007](#) establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products as well as the provisions of [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No. 566/2008](#) laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation [\(EC\) No. 1234/2007](#) as regards the marketing of the meat of bovine animals aged 12 months or less.

The Regulations are enforced by the Department of Agriculture or any district council or the Department and any district council acting jointly (regulation 4).

Breach of the Regulations is an offence punishable on summary conviction with a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (regulation 10).

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Beef and Veal Labelling Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010.