

EXECUTIVE NOTE

THE BEEF CARCASE (CLASSIFICATION) (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2006 S.S.I. 2006/118

POWERS

1. The above Instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Scottish Ministers by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

2. This SSI is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

POLICY OBJECTIVE

3. The purpose of these Regulations is to make minor amendments to the Beef Carcase (Classification) (Scotland) Regulations 2004 in order to reflect the recent revocation of the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995 and the introduction of the Food Hygiene (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

BACKGROUND

4. The aim of carcase classification is to ensure that producers of cattle receive a fair price for the quality of cattle that they produce. Beef carcase classification is currently carried out by licensed technicians (including Meat and Livestock Commission staff) employed or contracted by the abattoirs.

5. The Beef Carcase (Classification) (Scotland) Regulations 2004 consolidated, with minor amendments, a number of existing Statutory Instruments and also made provision for a licensing system for the classification of beef carcasses using automated grading equipment. The Regulations contain a number of references to the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995 which were revoked and replaced by the Food Hygiene (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The Beef Carcase (Classification) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 amend the definitions in regulation 2 of the 2004 Regulations that refer, or are relevant, to the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995.

CONSULTATION

6. We have not consulted on proposals for amendment of the Beef Carcase (Classification) (Scotland) Regulations 2004 because the amendments are minor.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The provisions of the proposed SSI will not result in any extra cost to the Executive or to business. Accordingly, a regulatory impact assessment has not been prepared.

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