

EXECUTIVE NOTE

The TSE (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2006 SSI/2006/430

The above instrument is made under powers conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf. The instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure.

Policy Objectives

1. The TSE (Scotland) Amendment No 3 Regulations 2006 amend the TSE (Scotland) Regulations 2002.
2. These Regulations which apply to Scotland only, allow the occupier of a slaughterhouse to consign a whole carcass containing spinal cord to a cutting plant in another Member State which has reached a relevant agreement to receive such carcasses. Such dispatch will require to happen in accordance with the specific conditions arising out of that agreement. The amending regulation will also provide that, possession and placing on the market of carcasses intended for such export is not an offence providing the terms of any relevant agreement with the receiving Member State are observed.
3. In addition to this these Regulations also amend the text of regulation 33 (1) to correct an out of date reference, to update the obligations on slaughterhouse owners in relation to removal of SRM from the carcasses of sheep and goats.

Consultation

4. In accordance with article 9 of Regulation (EC) 178/2002 Member States must undertake public consultation, directly or through representative bodies, during the preparation, evaluation and revision of food law. The stakeholder consultation for the consolidation of the TSE Regulations began on 3rd July 2006 and will run for a period of twelve weeks. An additional shorter consultation on the specific provision in these amending regulations was subject to a stakeholder consultation within the main consultation period for one week. One response was received in support of the measures that these Regulations implement.

Manpower and Financial Implications for Central and Local Government

5. Enforcement of the measure does not have implications for central government.

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