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The Eggs and Chicks (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2008

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The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of, and paragraph 1A of Schedule 2 to, the European Communities Act 1972(1), and by sections 6(4), 16(1), 17, 26(2) and (3) and 48(1) of the Food Safety Act 1990(2), and all other powers enabling them to do so.

These Regulations make provision for a purpose mentioned in section 2(2) of the 1972 Act, and it appears to the Scottish Ministers that it is expedient for the references in regulation 2(1) of these Regulations to certain Community instruments to be references to those instruments as amended from time to time.

To the extent that these Regulations are made in exercise of powers under the 1990 Act, the Scottish Ministers have had regard to relevant advice given by the Food Standards Agency as required by section 48(4A)(3) of that Act.

The Scottish Ministers have carried out consultation as required by Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the general principles

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- (1) 1972 c. 68 (“the 1972 Act”). Section 2(2) was amended by paragraph 15(3) of Schedule 8 to the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46) (“the 1998 Act”), and section 27(1) of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (c. 51) (“the 2006 Act”). Paragraph 1A of Schedule 2 was inserted by section 28 of the 2006 Act. The powers in section 2(2) of the 1972 Act are exercised as regards the whole or part of regulations 1, 2(1), (2) and (4), 3(1)(a) and (2)(a), 4, 5, 6, 13, 14, 15(3)(a), 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, Schedule 1 and paragraphs 4 and 5 of Schedule 3 of this instrument. The functions conferred upon the Minister of the Crown under section 2(2) of the 1972 Act, insofar as within devolved competence, were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the 1998 Act, and so far as exercisable in or as regards Scotland in relation to food (including drink) including the primary production of food, are exercisable by the Scottish Ministers concurrently with the Minister of the Crown by virtue of article 3 of the Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2005 (S.I.2005/849).
- (2) 1990 c. 16 (“the 1990 Act”). Section 1(1) and (2) (definition of “food”) was substituted by S.I. 2004/2990. Section 6(4) was amended by paragraph 6 of Schedule 9 to the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 (c. 40), and by paragraph 10(3) of Schedule 5 to the Food Standards Act 1999 (c. 28) (“the 1999 Act”). Section 16(1) was amended by paragraphs 7 and 8 of Schedule 5 to the 1999 Act. Section 17 was amended by paragraphs 7, 8 and 12(a) and (b) of Schedule 5 to the 1999 Act. Section 26(3) was repealed in part by Schedule 6 to the 1999 Act. Section 48(1) was amended by paragraphs 7 and 8 of Schedule 5 to the 1999 Act. The requirement on the Scottish Ministers under section 48(4) to consult with such organisations as appear to them to be representative of interests likely to be substantially affected by this instrument is disapplied by virtue of section 48(4C), as inserted by S.I. 2004/2990, as consultation is required in respect of this instrument by Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002. The amendments to the 1990 Act made by Schedule 5 to the 1999 Act which extend to Scotland are to be taken as a pre-commencement enactment for the purposes of the 1998 Act by section 40(2) of the 1999 Act. The functions of the Secretary of State, so far as within devolved competence, were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the 1998 Act. The functions conferred on a Minister of the Crown under sections 6(4), 16, 17, 26 and 48 of the 1990 Act were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by the Scotland Act (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/849) but only in so far as not transferred by section 53 of the 1998 Act.
- (3) Section 48(4A) was inserted by paragraph 21 of Schedule 5 to the Food Standards Act 1999.

and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety⁽⁴⁾.

PART 1

General

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Eggs and Chicks (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2008.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 19th December 2008.

(3) These Regulations extend to Scotland only.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“the Act” means the Food Safety Act 1990;

“authorised officer” means any person who has written authority from an enforcement authority to act in matters arising under or in relation to the Act or these Regulations;

“breeding establishment” has the meaning given by Article 1(3)(b) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008;

“chicks” has the meaning given by Article 1(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008;

“Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008” means Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008 laying down detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No. 1234/2007 as regards marketing standards for eggs for hatching and farmyard poultry chicks⁽⁵⁾, as amended from time to time;

“Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008” means Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 laying down detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No. 1234/2007 as regards marketing standards for eggs⁽⁶⁾, as amended from time to time;

“Single CMO Regulation” means Council Regulation (EC) No. 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation)⁽⁷⁾, as amended from time to time;

“Council Directive 1999/74/EC” means Council Directive 1999/74/EC laying down minimum standards for the protection of laying hens⁽⁸⁾, as amended from time to time;

(4) O.J. No. L 31, 1.2.2002, p.1. The Regulation has been amended by Commission Regulation (EC) 1642/2003 (O.J. No. L 245, 29.9.2003, p.4) and Commission Regulation (EC) 575/2006 (O.J. No. L 100, 8.4.2006, p.3).

(5) O.J. No. L 168, 28.6.2008, p.5.

(6) O.J. No. L 163, 24.6.2008, p.6. This Regulation has been amended by Commission Regulation (EC) 598/2008 O.J. No. L 164, 25.6.2008, p.14.

(7) O.J. No. L 299, 16.11.2007, p.1. This Regulation was last amended by Council Regulation (EC) 510/2008 (O.J. No. L 149, 7.6.2008, p.61).

(8) O.J. No. L 203, 3.8.1999, p.53. The Directive has been amended by Council Regulation (EC) 806/2003 (O.J. No. L 122, 16.5.2003, p.1).

“Directive [2000/13/EC](#)” means Directive [2000/13/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs⁽⁹⁾, as amended from time to time;

“eggs” has the meaning given by sub paragraph (k) of the second paragraph of Article 1 of Commission Regulation [\(EC\) No. 589/2008](#);

“eggs for hatching” has the meaning given by Article 1(1) of Commission Regulation [\(EC\) No. 617/2008](#);

“enforcement authority” means an authority exercising a function conferred on it by regulation 15;

“final consumer” has the meaning given by sub paragraph (r) of the second paragraph of Article 1 of Commission Regulation [\(EC\) No. 589/2008](#);

“food authority” has the same meaning as in section 5(2)⁽¹⁰⁾ of the Act;

“hatchery” has the meaning given by Article 1(3)(c) of Commission Regulation [\(EC\) No. 617/2008](#);

“packing centre” has the meaning given by sub paragraph (q) of the second paragraph of Article 1 of Commission Regulation [\(EC\) No. 589/2008](#);

“pedigree breeding establishment” has the meaning given by Article 1(3)(a) of Commission Regulation [\(EC\) No. 617/2008](#); and

“production site” has the meaning given by sub paragraph (p) of the second paragraph of Article 1 of Commission Regulation [\(EC\) No. 589/2008](#).

(2) Any expression not defined in paragraph (1) and used in Part 2 of, or Schedule 1 to, these Regulations, and in Part C of Annex XIV to the Single CMO Regulation has the same meaning in those provisions of these Regulations as it does in the Single CMO Regulation.

(3) Any expression not defined in paragraph (1) and used in regulation 3(2) or Part 3 of, or Schedule 2 to, these Regulations and in Part A of Annex XIV to the Single CMO Regulation or Commission Regulation [\(EC\) No. 589/2008](#), has the same meaning in those provisions of these Regulations as it does in the EC Regulation in which it is used.

(4) Any reference to a contravention of or failure to comply with any provision mentioned in Schedule 1 means a contravention or failure to comply with any provision of—

- (a) the Single CMO Regulation mentioned in column 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 1, as read with any provision mentioned in any corresponding entry in column 2 of that Part; or
- (b) Commission Regulation [\(EC\) No. 617/2008](#) mentioned in column 1 of Part 2 of Schedule 1, as read with any provision mentioned in any corresponding entry in column 2 of that Part.

(5) Any reference to a contravention of or failure to comply with any provision mentioned in Schedule 2 means a contravention of or failure to comply with any provision of—

- (a) the Single CMO Regulation mentioned in column 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 2, as read with any provision mentioned in any corresponding entry in column 2 of that Part; or
- (b) Commission Regulation [\(EC\) No. 589/2008](#) mentioned in column 1 of Part 2 of Schedule 2, as read with any provision mentioned in any corresponding entry in column 2 of that Part.

(9) O.J. No. L 109, 6.5.2000, p.29. The Directive has been amended by Commission Directive [2001/101/EC](#) (O.J. No. L 310, 28.11.2001, p.19), Directive [2003/89/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council (O.J. No. L 308, 25.11.2003, p.15), Council Directive [2006/107/EC](#) (O.J. No. L 363, 20.12.2006, p.411), Commission Directive [2006/142/EC](#) (O.J. No. L 368, 23.12.2006, p.110) and Commission Directive [2007/68/EC](#) (O.J. No. L 310, 28.11.2007, p.11).

(10) Section 5(2) was amended by paragraph 163(2) of Schedule 13 to the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act [1994 \(c. 39\)](#).

Products to which these Regulations apply

3.—(1) These Regulations apply to—

- (a) eggs for hatching and chicks to which point I(1) of Part C of Annex XIV to the Single CMO Regulation and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008 apply; and
- (b) eggs to which point I(1) of Part A of Annex XIV to the Single CMO Regulation and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 apply (eggs in shell for consumption produced by hens of the species *Gallas gallas*).

(2) But they do not apply to—

- (a) establishments and hatcheries of the type mentioned in point I(2) of Part C of Annex XIV to the Single CMO Regulation;
- (b) the sale of eggs to which point I(1) of Part A of Annex XIV to the Single CMO Regulation and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 apply, where the eggs are sold, without any quality or weight grading, directly to the final consumer by the producer—
 - (i) on the production site; or
 - (ii) by door to door selling in the region of production; or
- (c) except in so far as they relate to the requirement imposed by point III(3) of Part A of Annex XIV to the Single CMO Regulation, the sale of eggs to which point I(1) of Part A of Annex XIV to that Regulation and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 apply, where the eggs are sold, without any quality or weight grading, directly to the final consumer by the producer in a local public market in the region of production.

(3) In paragraph (2)(b)(ii) “door to door selling” means a sale which is made during an unsolicited visit by a producer to the home of the final consumer, or to the home of another person, or to the place of work of the final consumer.

PART 2

Eggs for hatching and chicks

Compliance with Community provisions on eggs for hatching and chicks

4. Any person who contravenes, or fails to comply with, any provision mentioned in Schedule 1 commits an offence.

Registration of establishments

5.—(1) The Scottish Ministers are designated as the competent agency for the purpose of Article 2(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008 (registration of pedigree breeding establishments, breeding establishments and hatcheries).

(2) Where an application is made to the Scottish Ministers pursuant to Article 2(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008, they must notify the applicant in writing of the matters specified in paragraph (3) within 28 days.

(3) The specified matters for the purpose of paragraph (2) are—

- (a) the decision of the Scottish Ministers on the application;
- (b) the reasons for any refusal to grant the application; and
- (c) in the case of any refusal to grant the application, the right of appeal conferred by regulation 17.

(4) Where the Scottish Ministers decide to withdraw a registration of an establishment because of a contravention of or failure to comply with any provision mentioned in Schedule 1, they must notify the person carrying on business at the establishment in writing of the matters specified in paragraph (5) within 28 days.

(5) The specified matters for the purpose of paragraph (4) are—

- (a) the decision of the Scottish Ministers to withdraw the registration;
- (b) the date on which the withdrawal of the registration is to take effect;
- (c) the reasons for the withdrawal; and
- (d) the right of appeal conferred by regulation 17.

(6) For the purposes of calculating the 28 day time limit specified in paragraph (2) no account is to be taken of any period—

- (a) during which the Scottish Ministers request an applicant to provide further data and the data have not been provided;
- (b) that the applicant is given—
 - (i) to provide oral or written explanations; or
 - (ii) to comply with any requirement laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008.

(7) In this regulation anything to be done in writing—

- (a) may be done by an electronic communication within the meaning of the Electronic Communications Act 2000(11) if it is recorded and is subsequently capable of being reproduced;
- (b) must only, unless it is an application under paragraph (2), be sent to a person as an electronic communication if that person has consented to the use of that method of communication;
- (c) if done by electronic communication shall be regarded as sent when the text of it is received in legible form.

Derogation relating to the marking of eggs for hatching

6. Eggs for hatching may be marked in a different manner from that specified in Article 3(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008 if the marking—

- (a) is in black, indelible, clearly visible and at least 10mm²; and
- (b) is carried out prior to insertion into the incubator, either at the producer establishment or at a hatchery.

PART 3

Eggs in shell for consumption

Compliance with Community provisions on eggs in shell for consumption

7. Any person who contravenes, or fails to comply with, any provision mentioned in Schedule 2 commits an offence.

(11) 2000 c. 7. Section 15(1) contains a definition of “electronic communication”, and was amended by paragraph 158 of Schedule 17 to the Communications Act 2003 (c. 21).

Authorisation of packing centres to grade eggs

8.—(1) The Scottish Ministers are designated as the competent authority for the purpose of the first sub paragraph of Article 5(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 (authorisation of undertakings as packing centres to grade eggs).

(2) Where an application is made to the Scottish Ministers under the first sub paragraph of Article 5(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 to authorise an undertaking as a packing centre to grade eggs, they must notify the applicant in writing of the matters specified in paragraph (3) within 28 days.

(3) The specified matters for the purpose of paragraph (2) are—

- (a) the decision of the Scottish Ministers on the application;
- (b) the reasons for any refusal to grant an authorisation; and
- (c) in the case of any refusal to grant an authorisation, the right of appeal conferred by regulation 17.

(4) Where the Scottish Ministers decide to withdraw an authorisation of a packing centre to grade eggs because of a contravention of or failure to comply with any of the requirements mentioned in the first sub paragraph of Article 5(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008, they must notify the person carrying on business at the packing centre in writing of the matters specified in paragraph (5) within 28 days.

(5) The specified matters for the purpose of paragraph (4) are—

- (a) the decision of the Scottish Ministers to withdraw the authorisation;
- (b) the date on which the withdrawal of the authorisation is to take effect;
- (c) the reasons for the withdrawal; and
- (d) the right of appeal conferred by regulation 17.

(6) For the purposes of calculating the 28 day time limit specified in paragraph (2) no account is to be taken of any period—

- (a) during which the Scottish Ministers request an applicant to provide further data and the data have not been provided; or
- (b) any period that the applicant is given—
 - (i) to provide oral or written explanations; or
 - (ii) to comply with any requirements laid down in the first sub paragraph of Article 5(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008.

(7) In this regulation anything to be done in writing—

- (a) may be done by an electronic communication within the meaning of the Electronic Communications Act 2000 if it is recorded and is subsequently capable of being reproduced;
- (b) must only, unless it is an application under paragraph (2), be sent to a person as an electronic communication if that person has consented to the use of that method of communication;
- (c) if done by electronic communication shall be regarded as sent when the text of it is received in legible form.

Derogations relating to the marking of eggs

9.—(1) The provisions in the second sub paragraph of point III(1) of Part A of Annex XIV to the Single CMO Regulation (requiring class B eggs to be marked) shall not apply where class B eggs are to be marketed exclusively in the United Kingdom.

(2) The provisions in the first sub paragraph of point III(3) of Part A of Annex XIV to the Single CMO Regulation (requiring eggs sold by a producer to a final consumer in a local public market in the region of production to be marked with the producer code and/or with another indication in accordance with point III(1) of Part A of Annex XIV to the Council Regulation) shall not apply where a producer has no more than 50 laying hens if the name and address of the producer are indicated at the point of sale.

Livestock grazing on open-air runs

10.—(1) The Scottish Ministers are designated as the competent authority for the purpose of point 1(b) of Annex II to Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 (use of open air runs to which hens have access).

(2) For the purpose of point 1 of Annex II to Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 (setting down the minimum requirements that need to be met in order for eggs to be marketed as “free range eggs”) livestock grazing is authorised on open air runs to which egg producing hens have access.

Derogation relating to free-range eggs

11.—(1) By way of derogation from the provisions of point 1 of Annex II to Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008, eggs to which paragraph (2) applies may be marketed as free range eggs although they have been produced in a system of production that does not comply with any one or more of the conditions specified in paragraph (3).

(2) This paragraph applies to eggs produced in an establishment with fewer than 350 laying hens or rearing breeding laying hens at the time the eggs are produced.

(3) The following conditions of Article 4(1) of Council Directive 1999/74/EC (provisions applicable to alternative systems) are specified for the purpose of paragraph (1)—

- (a) the second sentence of point 1(d);
- (b) point 1(e);
- (c) point 2;
- (d) point 3(a)(i); and
- (e) point 3(b)(i).

Derogation relating to barn eggs

12.—(1) By way of derogation from the provisions of point 2 of Annex II to Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008, eggs to which paragraph (2) applies may be marketed as barn eggs although they have been produced in a system of production that does not comply with any one or more of the conditions specified in paragraph (3).

(2) This paragraph applies to eggs produced in an establishment with fewer than 350 laying hens or rearing breeding laying hens at the time the eggs are produced.

(3) The following conditions of Article 4(1) of Council Directive 1999/74/EC are specified for the purpose of paragraph (1)—

- (a) the second sentence of point 1(d);
- (b) point 1(e);
- (c) point 2;
- (d) point 3(a)(i); and
- (e) point 3(b)(i).

PART 4

Enforcement, miscellaneous and supplemental provisions

Powers of authorised officers

13.—(1) An authorised officer may direct any person to leave undisturbed for so long as is reasonably necessary for the purpose of any examination or investigation any—

- (a) eggs;
- (b) eggs for hatching or chicks;
- (c) packs or other containers for eggs, eggs for hatching or chicks;
- (d) labels or documents relating to eggs, eggs for hatching or chicks; and
- (e) any premises on or in which any eggs, eggs for hatching or chicks, any packs or other containers for eggs, eggs for hatching or chicks, and any labels or documents relating to such eggs or chicks are found.

(2) If an examination or investigation will not be carried out immediately after a direction has been given under paragraph (1), an authorised officer may apply tape to the packs or other containers for eggs or eggs for hatching that are subject to that direction, or otherwise secure them pending the examination or investigation.

(3) An authorised officer may direct any person to ensure that any—

- (a) eggs;
- (b) eggs for hatching or chicks;
- (c) packs or other containers for eggs, eggs for hatching or chicks; or
- (d) labels or documents relating to eggs, eggs for hatching or chicks,

which do not comply in any respect with the requirements of any provision mentioned in Schedule 1 (as regards eggs for hatching and chicks) or Schedule 2 (as regards other eggs), comply with those requirements before being removed from any land, vehicle or trailer, except as may be otherwise directed in writing by an authorised officer.

(4) Except as stated in paragraph (3), any direction given by an authorised officer under paragraph (1) or (3) can be given orally or in writing but any direction given orally must be confirmed in writing as soon as practicable and, in any event, within 24 hours.

(5) An authorised officer must not exercise the powers under paragraphs (1) to (3)—

- (a) except on the production, if so required, of a duly authenticated document showing the officer's authority; and
- (b) except for the purpose of enforcing these Regulations.

(6) A person is guilty of an offence if that person—

- (a) without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with any requirement imposed on that person by a direction given by an authorised officer under paragraph (1);
- (b) unless authorised to do so in writing by an authorised officer, tampers with any packs or containers that have been secured by an authorised officer under paragraph (2); or
- (c) without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with any requirement imposed on that person by a direction given by an authorised officer under paragraph (3).

Obstruction

14.—(1) A person is guilty of an offence if that person—

- (a) intentionally obstructs an authorised officer acting in the execution of these Regulations;
- (b) without reasonable excuse, fails to give an authorised officer acting in the execution of these Regulations any assistance or information which that officer may reasonably require for the performance of the officer's functions under these Regulations;
- (c) gives to an authorised officer acting in the execution of these Regulations any information which that person knows, or has reason to believe, to be false or misleading or recklessly gives information which is false or misleading; or
- (d) without reasonable excuse, fails to produce a record when required to do so by an authorised officer acting in the execution of these Regulations.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (1)(b) shall be construed as requiring any person to answer any question or give any information if to do so might incriminate that person.

Enforcement

15.—(1) Each food authority must enforce the provisions mentioned in Schedule 2, as read with regulation 7, insofar as they apply to—

- (i) the retail sale of eggs within their area; and
- (ii) the sale of eggs to a mass caterer in their area.

(2) The Scottish Ministers may enforce the provisions mentioned in Schedule 2, as read with regulation 7, insofar as they apply to the retail sale of eggs or the sale of eggs to a mass caterer.

(3) The Scottish Ministers must—

- (a) enforce the provisions mentioned in Schedule 1, as read with regulation 4;
- (b) enforce the provisions mentioned in Schedule 2, as read with regulation 7, insofar as they do not apply to the retail sale of eggs or the sale of eggs to a mass caterer.

(4) In this regulation—

“mass caterer” means any of the entities referred to in Article 1(2) of Directive [2000/13/EC](#);

“retail sale” means any sale other than a sale for use or resale in the course of a trade or business; and

“sale” includes possession for sale and offer, exposure and advertisement for sale.

Duty to give assistance and provide information

16. An enforcement authority must give such assistance and information to any other enforcement authority as that other authority may reasonably require for the purpose of their duties under these Regulations.

Appeals

17.—(1) Any person who is aggrieved by a decision specified in paragraph (2) may appeal against that decision to a sheriff court.

(2) A specified decision for the purpose of paragraph (1) is a decision by the Scottish Ministers to refuse to—

- (a) register an establishment as a pedigree breeding establishment, other breeding establishment or hatchery under Article 2(1) of Commission Regulation [\(EC\) No. 617/2008](#), or to withdraw such a registration;
- (b) authorise an undertaking as a packing centre to grade eggs under Article 5(2) of Commission Regulation [\(EC\) No. 589/2008](#), or to withdraw such an authorisation.

(3) Section 37(4) to (6) of the Act has effect in relation to an appeal under this regulation as it has effect in relation to an appeal under that section, but with the omission of—

- (a) the references to appeals for which provision is made by regulations under Part II of the Act;
- (b) the references to subsection (3) and appeals to the magistrates' court in subsection (5) and (6); and
- (c) subsection (5)(b) and the word “or” immediately preceding it.

(4) The withdrawal of a registration or authorisation referred to in paragraph (2) shall not take effect until the time for appealing against it has expired, and, if an appeal is lodged, until the appeal is finally disposed of, withdrawn or abandoned.

Penalty

18. A person guilty of an offence specified in regulation 4, 7, 13(6) or 14(1) shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

Extended period for bringing prosecutions

19.—(1) Proceedings for an offence under these Regulations may be commenced within the period of one year from the date on which evidence sufficient in the opinion of the prosecutor to warrant the proceedings came to the knowledge of the prosecutor.

(2) But no such proceedings shall be commenced by virtue of paragraph (1) more than three years after the commission of the offence.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation—

- (a) a certificate signed by or on behalf of the prosecutor and stating the date on which evidence sufficient in the opinion of the prosecutor to warrant the proceedings came to the knowledge of the prosecutor shall be conclusive evidence of that fact; and
- (b) a certificate stating that matter and purporting to be so signed shall be deemed to be so signed unless the contrary is proved.

Application of various provisions of the Act

20.—(1) The following provisions of the Act (“the specified provisions”) shall apply for the purposes of these Regulations with the modifications specified in paragraph (2)—

- (a) section 3 (presumptions that food intended for human consumption);
- (b) section 20 (offences due to fault of another person);
- (c) section 21 (defence of due diligence) as it applies to an offence under section 14 (selling food not of the nature or substance or quality demanded) or 15 (falsely describing or presenting food) of the Act;
- (d) section 29 (procurement of samples);
- (e) section 30(8) (documentary evidence in proceedings under the Act);
- (f) section 32 (powers of entry);
- (g) section 36 (offences by bodies corporate);
- (h) section 36A(12) (offences by Scottish partnerships);
- (i) section 44 (protection of officers acting in good faith);

(12) Section 36A was inserted by paragraphs 7 and 16 of Schedule 5 to the Food Standards Act 1999 (c. 28).

- (j) section 46(1) (expenses of authorised officers); and
 - (k) section 50(13) (service of documents).
- (2) The specified modifications are—
- (a) any reference in the specified provisions to the Act, or to a Part of the Act, or to specific sections of the Act, shall be construed as a reference to these Regulations, and in section 32(1)(a) the reference to “the provisions of this Act”, is to be construed as a reference to the provisions mentioned in Schedules 1 and 2;
 - (b) any reference in the specified provisions to an authorised officer, or an officer of an enforcement authority or a food authority, is to be construed as a reference to an authorised officer as defined in regulation 2(1);
 - (c) in relation to section 20, the reference to the section is to be construed as including a reference to that section as applied to these Regulations;
 - (d) in relation to section 29—
 - (i) in (b)(ii), the reference to section 32 is to be construed as including a reference to section 32 as applied to these Regulations; and
 - (ii) in paragraph (d) omit “or of regulations or orders made under it”;
 - (e) in relation to section 30(8)(a) omit “under subsection (6) above”;
 - (f) in relation to section 32—
 - (i) in subsection (1)(a), omit “, or of regulations or orders made under it”;
 - (ii) in subsection (4), the reference to the section is to be construed as including a reference to that section as applied to these Regulations;
 - (iii) in subsection (5), the reference to the section is to be construed as including a reference to that section as applied to these Regulations and the reference to “a food business” is to be construed as including a hatchery;
 - (iv) in subsection (6)(a), omit “or of regulations or orders made under it”; and
 - (v) in subsection (7), the reference to the section is to be construed as including a reference to that section as applied to these Regulations; and
 - (g) in relation to section 44, any reference to a food authority is to be construed as a reference to an enforcement authority.

Revocations

- 21.** The Eggs and Chicks (Scotland) Regulations 2008 are revoked(14).

Saving and transitional provisions

22.—(1) Notwithstanding the revocation in regulation 21, the Eggs and Chicks (Scotland) Regulations 2008 shall continue to have effect so far as they amend regulation 45 of the Food Labelling Regulations 1996(15) as if these Regulations had not been made.

(2) Any written authority granted to any person to act in matters arising under or in relation to the Eggs and Chicks (Scotland) Regulations 2008 has effect as if it referred to these Regulations.

(13) Section 50 was amended by paragraph 18 of Schedule 16 to the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 (1994 c. 40).

(14) S.S.I.2008/129.

(15) S.I. 1996/1499; to which the last relevant amendment was made by S.S.I. 2008/129.

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Consequential amendments

- 23.** The instruments specified in Schedule 3 are amended to the extent specified in that Schedule.

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SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 4

COMMUNITY PROVISIONS RELATING TO EGGS FOR HATCHING
AND CHICKS CONTRAVENTION OF WHICH IS AN OFFENCE

PART 1

PROVISIONS OF THE SINGLE CMO REGULATION

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Relevant provision of the Single CMO Regulation	Provisions to be read with the provisions of the Single CMO Regulation mentioned in column 1	Subject matter
Article 113(3) insofar as it relates to the marketing of eggs for hatching and chicks	Part C of Annex XIV to the Single CMO Regulation and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008	Prohibition on the marketing of eggs for hatching and of chicks except in accordance with the marketing standards laid down in Part C of Annex XIV to the Single CMO Regulation and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008.
Point II(1) of Part C of Annex XIV	Article 3(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008	Marking of eggs for hatching.
Point II(2) of Part C of Annex XIV	Article 3(4) and (5) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008	Transportation and packing of eggs for hatching.
Point II(3) of Part C of Annex XIV	Article 3(8) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008	Packages of eggs for hatching imported from a third country.
Point III(1) of Part C of Annex XIV	Article 4(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008	Packing of chicks by species, type and category of poultry.
Point III(2) of Part C of Annex XIV	Article 4(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008	Content and marking of boxes of chicks.
Point III(3) of Part C of Annex XIV	Article 4(1) and (3) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008	Importation of chicks from a third country.

PART 2

PROVISIONS OF COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) NO. 617/2008

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Relevant provision of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008	Provisions to be read with the provisions of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008 mentioned in column 1	Subject matter

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Article 2(1)		Registration of pedigree breeding establishments, breeding establishments and hatcheries.
Article 3(1)	Article 3(2) and (3) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008	Individual marking of eggs for hatching.
Article 3(2)	Article 3(3) and (5) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008 and regulation 6	Marking of eggs for hatching at producer establishment.
Article 3(4)	Article 3(5) and (6) of, and Annex II to, Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008	Packing of eggs for hatching.
Article 3(6)	Article 3(4) and (5) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008	Distinguishing number of producer establishment on packs and containers in which eggs for hatching are transported.
Article 3(7)	Article 3(1), (2) and (3) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008 and regulation 6	Prohibition on transporting or trading eggs for hatching between Member States unless properly marked.
Article 3(8)		Importation of eggs for hatching.
Article 4(1)	Point III(1) of Part C of Annex XIV to the Single CMO Regulation and Article 4(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008	Packing of chicks by species, type and category of poultry.
Article 4(2)	Point III(2) of Part C of Annex XIV to the Single CMO Regulation and Article 4(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008	Content and minimum marking requirement for packs containing chicks.
Article 4(3)	Point III(3) of Part C of Annex XIV to the Single CMO Regulation and Article 4(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008	Importation of chicks from third countries, including content and minimum marking requirement for packs containing such chicks.
Article 5(1)		Documentation that must accompany batches of eggs for hatching and chicks.
Article 5(2)	Article 5(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008	Name of country of origin to be provided in the documentation that must accompany batches of eggs for

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Article 6		hatching and chicks imported from a third country.
Article 7		Keeping of records by hatcheries.
Article 8(1)		Restriction on the use of eggs withdrawn from an incubator.
		Obligation on hatcheries to provide monthly reports.

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 7

COMMUNITY PROVISIONS RELATING TO EGGS IN SHELL FOR
CONSUMPTION CONTRAVENTION OF WHICH IS AN OFFENCE

PART 1

PROVISIONS OF THE SINGLE CMO REGULATION

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Relevant provision of the Single CMO Regulation	Provisions to be read with the provisions of the Single CMO Regulation mentioned in column 1	Subject matter
Article 113(3) insofar as it relates to the marketing of eggs	Part A of Annex XIV to the Single CMO Regulation and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Prohibition on the marketing of eggs except in accordance with the marketing standards laid down in Part A of Annex XIV to the Single CMO Regulation and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008.
Point II(1) of Part A of Annex XIV	Article 2(1) and (4) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Grading of eggs as class A ("fresh") or class B.
Point II(2) of Part A of Annex XIV	Article 4(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Weight grading of class A eggs.
Point II(3) of Part A of Annex XIV		Prohibition on the delivery of class B eggs except to the food and non food industry.
Point III(1) of Part A of Annex XIV, first sub paragraph	Point III(3) of Part A of Annex XIV to the Single CMO Regulation and Articles 9(1) and 11 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Marking of class A eggs.

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Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Point III(1) of Part A of Annex XIV, second sub-paragraph	Articles 9, 10 and 11 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 and regulation 9(1)	Marking of class B eggs.
Point III(2) of Part A of Annex XIV	Point III(1) of Part A of Annex XIV to the Single CMO Regulation	Place at which eggs are marked.
Point III(3) of Part A of Annex XIV, first sub paragraph	Point III(1) of Part A of Annex XIV and the second sub-paragraph of point III(3) of Part A of Annex XIV to the Single CMO Regulation and regulation 9(2)	Marking of eggs sold by a producer to the final consumer at a local public market.
Point IV(1) of Part A of Annex XIV, third sentence	Article 30(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Marking of eggs imported from a third country where the rules applied in relation to those eggs in that country have been found to offer sufficient guarantees as to equivalence with Community legislation.
Point IV(3) of Part A of Annex XIV	Articles 11, 30(2) and (3) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Marking of eggs and packs imported from a third country where sufficient guarantees of equivalence of the rules relating to those eggs with Community legislation have not been provided.

PART 2

PROVISIONS OF COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) NO. 589/2008

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Relevant provision of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Provisions to be read with the provisions of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 mentioned in column 1	Subject matter
Article 2(1)	Point II(1) of Part A of Annex XIV, first indent, to the Single CMO Regulation	Quality characteristics of class A eggs.
Article 2(2)	Article 3 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Prohibition on the washing and cleaning of class A eggs before or after grading.
Article 2(3)		Prohibition on the treatment of class A eggs for preservation, and the chilling of eggs, in

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
		premises or plants where the temperature is artificially maintained at less than 5°C.
Article 2(4)	Point II(1) of Part A of Annex XIV, second indent, to the Single CMO Regulation	Quality characteristics of class B eggs.
Article 4(1)	Point II(2) of Part A of Annex XIV to the Single CMO Regulation and Article 4(3) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Grading of class A eggs by weight.
Article 4(2)	Article 4(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 and Directive 2000/13/EC	Weight grading indications.
Article 4(3)	Article 4(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Minimum net weight in grams and the indication 'eggs of different sizes' or equivalent terms to be given on the outer surface of a pack of class A eggs of different sizes.
Article 5(1), first sub paragraph		Grading and packing of eggs and the labelling of packs by packing centres.
Article 5(3)		Packing centres to have the technical equipment necessary to ensure that eggs are handled properly.
Article 6(1)		Eggs to be graded, marked and packed within 10 days of laying.
Article 6(2)	Article 14 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Class A eggs marketed as 'extra' or 'extra fresh' eggs to be graded, marked and packed within four days of laying.
Article 6(3)	Articles 12(1)(d) and 13 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 and Article 9(2) of Directive 2000/13/EC	Packs to be marked with date of minimum durability at the time of packing.
Article 7(1), first sub paragraph	Article 7(1), second sub paragraph, of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Producers to identify each transport packaging containing eggs with information specified in paragraphs (a) to (e) of Article 7(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008.

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Article 7(2), first sub paragraph, first sentence	Article 7(1), and Article 7(2), second sub-paragraph, of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Application of the information specified in Article 7(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 to each transport packaging containing eggs, and the inclusion of that information in accompanying documents.
Article 7(2), first sub-paragraph, second sentence	Article 7(2), first sub paragraph, first sentence, and second sub-paragraph, of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Intervening operators to keep a copy of the documents specified in the first sentence of the first sub paragraph of Article 7(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008.
Article 7(2), first sub paragraph, third sentence	Article 7(2), first sub paragraph, first sentence, and second sub-paragraph, of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Original documents referred to in the first sentence of the first sub-paragraph of Article 7(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 to be kept by the packing centre that grades the eggs to which the documents relate.
Article 7(3)	Article 7(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Prohibition on the modification or removal of the information referred to in Article 7(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 on the transport packaging of eggs until the removal of the eggs for immediate grading, marking and packing.
Article 8(1)	Article 8(2) and (3) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Eggs delivered from a production site to a collector, packing centre or non-food industry in another Member State to be marked with the producer code before leaving the production site, except where an exemption has been granted under Article 8(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008.
Article 8(2), last sentence		A copy of the delivery contract to accompany a consignment of eggs for which an exemption has been granted under Article 8(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Article 8(5)	Point III(1) of Part A of Annex XIV second sub-paragraph, of the Single CMO Regulation, and Article 10 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Marking of class B eggs for marketing in another Member State.
Article 9(1)	Point 2 of the Annex to Commission Directive 2002/4/EC(16) on the registration of establishments keeping laying hens, covered by Council Directive 1999/74/EC	Producer code.
Article 10	Point III(1) of Part A of Annex XIV, second sub-paragraph, to the Single CMO Regulation	Indications on class B eggs.
Article 12(1)		Marking of packs of class A eggs.
Article 12(2), first and second sub paragraphs	Article 12(1) of, and Part A of Annex I, and Annex II, to Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008, Article 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2092/91(17) on organic production of agricultural products and indications referring thereto on agricultural products and foodstuffs, and regulations 10, 11 and 12	Farming method to be shown on the outer surface of packs containing class A eggs.
Article 12(2), third sub paragraph	Article 9(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Producer code to be explained on or inside packs.
Article 12(2), fourth sub paragraph	Part B of Annex I to Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 and Chapter III of Council Directive 1999/74/EC	Use of an indication listed in Part B of Annex I to Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 (enriched cages).
Article 12(4)		Marking of packs of class B eggs.
Article 13	Article 3(1)(5) of Directive 2000/13/EC	Date of minimum durability to be no later than 28 days after laying.
Article 14(1)		Use of the words 'extra' and 'extra fresh' as an additional

(16) O.J. No. L 30, 31.1.2002, p.44. The Directive was amended by Commission Directive 2006/83/EC (O.J. No. L 362, 20.12.2006, p.97).

(17) O.J. No. L 198, 22.7.1991, p.1. The Regulation was last amended by Commission Regulation 404/2008 (O.J. No. L 120, 7.5.2008, p.8).

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
		quality indication on packs containing class A eggs.
Article 14(2)	Article 14(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Laying date and the nine-day time limit specified in Article 14(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 to be shown where the words 'extra' or 'extra fresh' are used as an additional quality indication on packs containing class A eggs.
Article 15		Reference to a cereal as a feed ingredient where an indication is given of how laying hens are fed.
Article 16		Information to be given for loose egg sales.
Article 17	Chapter X of Annex 11 to Regulation (EC) No. 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the hygiene of foodstuffs(18)	Quality of packs.
Article 18		Packaging containers in which industrial eggs are marketed.
Article 19		Repacking of class A eggs.
Article 20(1)	Article 20(4) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Producer records on farming methods.
Article 20(2)	Articles 15 and 20(4) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Producer records on feed.
Article 20(3)	Article 20(1) and (2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Information recorded by producers under Article 20(1) and (2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 to be broken down by hen house where a producer uses different farming methods on a single production site.
Article 21(1)	Article 21(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Collector records on eggs collected and delivered by them.
Article 22(1), first sub paragraph	Article 22(3) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Packing centre records.

(18) O.J. L 139, 30.4.2004, p.1.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Article 22(1), second sub paragraph		Updating of packing centres physical stock records each week.
Article 22(2)	Articles 15 and 22(1) and (3) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Packing centres to keep separate records where class A eggs and their packs bear an indication of how laying hens are fed.
Article 23	Articles 7(2), 20, 21 and 22 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Records and files referred to in Articles 7(2), 20, 21 and 22 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 to be kept for at least 12 months from their date of creation.
Article 24(5)	Articles 20, 21 and 22 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008	Records referred to in Articles 20, 21 and 22 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 to be made available to the inspection services on first request.
Article 30(2)		Eggs imported from third countries to have been clearly and legibly marked in the country of origin in accordance with the ISO 3166 country code.
Article 30(3)	Point IV(3) of Part A of Annex XIV to the Single CMO Regulation and Article 11 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008.	Marking of packs containing eggs imported from a third country where sufficient guarantees of equivalence of the rules relating to those eggs with Community legislation have not been provided.

(16) O.J. No. L 30, 31.1.2002, p.44. The Directive was amended by Commission Directive 2006/83/EC (O.J. No. L 362, 20.12.2006, p.97).

(17) O.J. No. L 198, 22.7.1991, p.1. The Regulation was last amended by Commission Regulation 404/2008 (O.J. No. L 120, 7.5.2008, p.8).

(18) O.J. L 139, 30.4.2004, p.1.

SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 23

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

The Colours in Food Regulations 1995

1. In the Colours in Food Regulations 1995(19), for regulation 5(b) (use of colours on eggshells) substitute–

- “(b) the marking (as provided for by Council Regulation (EC) No. 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products(20) and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 laying down detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No. 1234/2007 as regards marketing standards for eggs)(21),”.

The Food Labelling Regulations 1996

2. In the Food Labelling Regulations 1996(22)–

(a) for regulation 4(2)(f) (disapplication of labelling requirements) substitute–

- “(f) hen eggs, in so far as their labelling is regulated in Council Regulation (EC) No. 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 laying down detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No. 1234/2007 as regards marketing standards for eggs;” and

(b) in regulation 45 (enforcement)–

(i) for paragraph (2A) substitute–

“(2A) The Scottish Ministers–

- (a) may in relation to hen eggs for retail sale or sale to a mass caterer and to which Council Regulation (EC) No. 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 laying down detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No. 1234/2007 as regards marketing standards for eggs, apply, enforce and execute the provisions of these Regulations which relate to the particulars listed at points (1), (4) and (7) of Article 3(1) of Directive 2000/13/EC(23); and
- (b) must in relation to hen eggs not for retail sale or sale to a mass caterer and to which Council Regulation (EC) No. 1234/2007 and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 apply, enforce and execute the provisions of these Regulations which relate to the particulars listed at points (1), (4) and (7) of Article 3(1) of Directive 2000/13/EC.”.

(19) S.I. 1995/3124, to which the last relevant amendment was made by S.S.I. 2008/129..

(20) O.J. No. L 299, 16.11.2007, p.1. This Regulation was last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No. 510/2008 (O.J. No. L 149, 7.6.2008, p.61).

(21) O.J. No. L 163, 24.6.2008, p.6. This Regulation has been amended by Commission Regulation (EC) 598/2008 (O.J. No. L 164, 25.6.2008, p.14).

(22) S.I. 1996/1499, to which the last relevant amendment was made by S.S.I. 2008/129.

(23) O.J. No. L 109, 6.5.2000, p.29. The Directive has been amended by Commission Directive 2001/101/EC (O.J. No. L 310, 28.11.2001, p.19), Directive 2003/89/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (O.J. No. L 308, 25.11.2003, p.15), Council Directive 2006/107/EC (O.J. No. L 363, 20.12.2006, p.411), Commission Directive 2006/142/EC (O.J. No. L 368, 23.12.2006, p.110) and Commission Directive 2007/68/EC (O.J. No. L 130, 28.11.2007, p.11).

The Food Hygiene (Scotland) Regulations 2006

3. In the Food Hygiene (Scotland) Regulations 2006(24) for paragraph 2(2)(g) of Schedule 4 (chilled and hot holding requirements) to those Regulations substitute–

“(g) to which Council Regulation (EC) No. 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 laying down detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No. 1234/2007 as regards marketing standards for eggs applies.”.

The Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (Scotland) Order 2006

4. In article 2 (interpretation) of the Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (Scotland) Order 2006(25) for the definition of “packing centre” substitute–

““packing centre” has the same meaning as in sub-paragraph (q) of the second paragraph of Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 laying down detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No. 1234/2007 as regards marketing standards for eggs;”.

The Avian Influenza (Slaughter and Vaccination) (Scotland) Regulations 2006

5. In regulation 2 (interpretation) of the Avian Influenza (Slaughter and Vaccination) (Scotland) Regulations 2006(26) for the definition of “packing centre” substitute–

““packing centre” has the same meaning as in sub-paragraph (q) of the second paragraph of Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 laying down detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No. 1234/2007 as regards marketing standards for eggs;”.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which extend to Scotland only, revoke and remake, with modifications, the Eggs and Chicks (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (“the 2008 Regulations”) following the adoption of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) and two Commission Regulations adopted under that Regulation, Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008 and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 (as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No. 598/2008).

The 2008 Regulations made provision for the enforcement of certain provisions of (a) Regulation (EEC) No. 2782/75 of the Council on the production and marketing of eggs for hatching and of farmyard poultry chicks (O.J. No. L 282, 1.11.1975, p.100), (b) Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 1868/77 laying down detailed rules of application for Regulation (EEC) No. 2782/75 (O.J. No. L

(24) S.S.I. 2006/3, to which the last relevant amendment was made by S.S.I. 2008/129.

(25) S.S.I. 2006/336.

(26) S.S.I. 2006/337, to which the last relevant amendment was made by S.S.I. 2008/129.

209, 17.8.1977, p.1), (c) Council Regulation (EC) No. 1028/2006 on marketing standards for eggs (O.J. No. L 186, 7.7.2006, p.1), and (d) Commission Regulation (EC) No. 557/2007 introducing detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No. 1028/2006 (O.J. No. L 132, 24.5.2007, p.5).

Regulation (EEC) No. 2782/75 and Council Regulation (EC) No. 1028/2006 have been repealed by the Single CMO Regulation. Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 1868/77 has been repealed by Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008 and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 557/2007 has been repealed by Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008.

As regards eggs for hatching and chicks and other eggs, the repealed EC Regulations have been replaced by certain provisions of the Single CMO Regulation, including those in Parts A and C of Annex XIV to the Regulation, and by Commission Regulations (EC) No. 617/2008 (eggs for hatching and chicks) and 589/2008 (other eggs).

These Regulations therefore make provision for the enforcement of certain provisions of the Single CMO Regulation insofar as they relate to eggs for hatching and farmyard poultry chicks and other eggs, as from time to time amended, Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008, as it relates to eggs for hatching and chicks as from time to time amended, and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 as it relates to other eggs as amended from time to time.

The Regulations include provisions—

- (a) making the failure to comply with the provisions of the Single CMO Regulation and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008 mentioned in Schedule 1 an offence (regulation);
- (b) relating to the registration of pedigree breeding establishments, other breeding establishments and hatcheries (regulation);
- (c) providing an exception from Article 3(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 617/2008 by allowing eggs for hatching to be marked in a different manner from that specified in that provision (regulation);
- (d) making the failure to comply with the provisions of the Single CMO Regulation and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 mentioned in Schedule 2 an offence (regulation);
- (e) relating to the authorisation of packing centres to grade eggs (regulation);
- (f) providing an exception from the provisions of points III(1) and (3) of Part A of Annex XIV to the Single CMO Regulation, as regards the marking of eggs for consumption (regulation);
- (g) varying the minimum requirements for the marketing of eggs as free range eggs by authorising livestock grazing on open-air runs for hens producing such eggs (regulation);
- (h) providing an exception from the provisions of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008, by allowing eggs to be marketed as free-range eggs although not all of the requirements laid down in that Regulation for free range eggs are met (regulation);
- (i) providing an exception from the provisions of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008, by allowing eggs to be marketed as barn eggs although not all of the requirements laid down in that Regulation for barn eggs are met (regulation);
- (j) relating to powers of authorised officers (regulation 13), obstruction (regulation 14), enforcement (regulation 15) and duties of enforcement authority (regulation 16);
- (k) providing a right of appeal against certain decisions of the Scottish Ministers and authorised officers (regulation 17); and
- (l) imposing a penalty for offences under the Regulations (regulation 18).

Similar provisions were included in the 2008 Regulations by reference to the provisions in the now revoked EC Regulations and these Regulations contain updated references to the equivalent provisions of the Single CMO Regulation and the two new Commission Regulations.

In addition, regulation 22(1) of these Regulations saves the amendments made, by regulation 22 of, and Schedule 3 to the 2008 Regulations, to regulation 45 of the Food Labelling Regulations 1996, and enables the substitution of a new regulation 45(2A) of those Regulations effected by regulation 23 of, and Schedule 3 to, these Regulations.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared as this instrument has no impact on the costs of business.