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## FOOD AND DRUGS

## AUTHORITIES

**The Authorised Officers (Meat Inspection) Regulations 1974**

*Made* - - - - - *8th March 1974*

*Coming into Operation* *1st April 1974*

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State for Social Services, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 86(4)(d) of the Food and Drugs Act 1955(a), as read with the Secretary of State for Social Services Order 1968(b), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations:—

**1.**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Authorised Officers (Meat Inspection) Regulations 1974, and shall come into operation on 1st April 1974.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if these regulations and the regulations hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

**2.** The Authorised Officers (Meat Inspection) Regulations 1961(d) are hereby revoked.

**3.** Pursuant to section 86(4) of the Food and Drugs Act 1955 any officer of a council, being a person having any of the qualifications specified in the Schedule to these regulations, may be authorised under that Act to act in relation to the examination and seizure of meat.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 6th March 1974.

(L.S.)

*Fred Peart,*  
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

8th March 1974.

*Barbara Castle,*  
Secretary of State for Social Services.

(a) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 16.  
(c) 1889 c. 63.

(b) S.I. 1968/1699 (1968 III, p. 4585).  
(d) S.I. 1961/368 (1961 I, p. 571).

## Regulation 3

## SCHEDULE

## QUALIFICATIONS OF AUTHORISED OFFICERS

1. Registered Medical Practitioner.
  2. Member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.
  3. Is the holder of a valid—
    - (a) Certificate or Diploma of the Public Health Inspectors Education Board, or
    - (b) Certificate of the former Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors Examination Joint Board, or
    - (c) Certificate of the former Sanitary Inspectors Examination Board, or
    - (d) Certificate in Meat Inspection of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health, or
    - (e) Certificate of Competency in the Inspection of Meat and other Foods of the Royal Sanitary Association of Scotland, or
    - (f) Certificate for Meat Detention Officers in Northern Ireland of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.
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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These regulations re-enact the Authorised Officers (Meat Inspection) Regulations 1961 (which enable councils to authorise, under the Food and Drugs Act 1955, officers holding certain qualifications in meat inspection to act as meat inspectors) and prescribe additional alternative qualifications.

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