
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Food (Meat Inspection) (Scotland) Regulations 1988

PART V

ADMINISTRATION

Fixing of hours of slaughter

11.—(1) Every local authority within whose area a private slaughterhouse is situated shall determine the days on which, and the hours in those days between which, animals may be slaughtered in the slaughterhouse and in fixing those days and hours the local authority shall have regard to the nature and extent of the business carried on at the slaughterhouse and may from time to time vary the days and hours so fixed and shall intimate to the person registered under the Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) Act 1980(1), in respect of the slaughterhouse, any determination or variation of those days or hours and, subject to the provision of paragraph (2) of this regulation, no animal shall be slaughtered in the slaughterhouse at any time other than a time within the hours so fixed.

(2) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this regulation, or of any determination or variation made by a local authority by virtue of them, an animal may be slaughtered in a slaughterhouse at a time other than a time fixed by a local authority if—

- (a) it has been affected by an accident, illness or other emergency to which section 12(1) of the Food and Drugs (Scotland) Act 1956 applies;
- (b) it is an animal which is required by the provisions of regulation 14 of the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) (Scotland) Regulations 1955 to be slaughtered without delay; or
- (c) the person having charge of the slaughterhouse requires in special circumstances to slaughter an animal and has given to the local authority 24 hours notice of his proposal to do so.

Records to be kept by local authorities

12. A local authority shall keep in respect of each slaughterhouse in their area a record of the matters set out in Schedule 5.

Qualifications of veterinary meat inspectors

13.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this regulation, a person appointed by a local authority as a veterinary meat inspector for the purposes of these Regulations shall be a veterinary surgeon.

(2) A registered medical practitioner may, with the approval of the Secretary of State, be appointed by the local authority to exercise the functions of a veterinary meat inspector under these Regulations with the exception of those duties laid down in Schedule 2.

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Qualifications of meat inspectors

14.—(1) A person shall not be employed by a local authority as a meat inspector for the purpose of these Regulations unless such person is the holder of a qualification set out in Schedule 6.

(2) This requirement shall not apply to any persons employed as meat inspectors before the day on which these Regulations come into force.