
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1995 No. 361

**The Meat (Hygiene, Inspection and Examinations
for Residues) (Charges) Regulations 1995**

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Title and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Meat (Hygiene, Inspection and Examinations for Residues) (Charges) Regulations 1995 and, subject to paragraph (2), shall come into force on 1st April 1995.

(2) Regulation 13 shall come into force on 1st March 1995 together with regulation 12 so far as may be necessary to enable the Minister to exercise the power conferred on him by regulation 13.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires—

“carcase” means—

- (a) the whole body of a slaughtered animal or of a completely eviscerated bird after bleeding and dressing; or
- (b) the whole body of a slaughtered uneviscerated or partly eviscerated bird after bleeding;

“cold store” means a licensed cold store;

“the Community standard slaughterhouse charge” means, in the case of each animal or bird inspected, the charge specified in column (3) in Part I of Schedule 1 opposite the animal or bird specified in column (1);

“cutting premises” means licensed cutting premises;

“cutting up” means—

- (a) cutting meat into cuts smaller than half carcasses cut into three wholesale cuts;
- (b) cutting poultry meat carcasses into cuts; or
- (c) boning meat or poultry meat;

“domestic animals” means domestic animals of the following species—

- (a) bovine animals (including buffalo);
- (b) swine;
- (c) solipeds;
- (d) sheep; and
- (e) goats;

“domestic birds” means—

- (a) turkeys;
- (b) ducks;
- (c) geese;
- (d) guinea-fowl; and
- (e) domestic fowl;

“the Fresh Meat Regulations” means the Regulations mentioned in paragraph (a) of Schedule 2;

“game” means—

- (a) farmed game, as defined in the Fresh Meat Regulations;
- (b) farmed game birds, as defined in the Poultry Meat Regulations; and
- (c) domestic rabbits;

“general charge” means a charge under regulations 4(1) or 9;

“health inspection and control exercise” means an inspection or supervisory function carried out by the Minister under any provision of the Hygiene Regulations except paragraph 3 of Schedule 7 to the Poultry Meat Regulations (on-farm inspections);

“the Hygiene Regulations” means the Regulations specified in Schedule 2;

“meat” means—

- (a) the flesh or other edible parts of domestic animals or domestic birds, except flesh or other parts which have been subjected to any preservation process other than chilling or freezing; and
- (b) all parts of game which are suitable for human consumption;

“the minimum charge” means, in the case of each animal or bird inspected, the charge specified in column (2) in Part I of Schedule 1 opposite the animal or bird specified in column (1);

“PIA salary costs” means costs in respect of salaries of persons (plant inspection assistants) who are authorised under regulation 11 of the Poultry Meat Regulations to act as assistants in health inspection and control exercises under those Regulations at premises where they are employed and of contributions paid by employers in respect of such persons under the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(1) or as superannuation contributions;

“poultry” and “poultry meat” have the meanings assigned to them by the Poultry Meat Regulations;

“the Poultry Meat Regulations” means the Regulations mentioned in paragraph (b) of Schedule 2;

“published”, in relation to rates of conversion of the ECU, means published annually in the C Series of the Official Journal of the European Communities normally on the first working day of the month of September;

“residues examination charge” means the charge under regulation 4(2);

“the Residues Regulations” means the Animals, Meat and Meat Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) Regulations 1991(1);

“rewrapping centre” has the meaning assigned to it by the Poultry Meat Regulations; and

“slaughterhouse” means a licensed slaughterhouse.

(2) Any reference in these Regulations to a numbered regulation or Schedule shall be construed as a reference to the regulation or Schedule bearing that number in these Regulations.

(1) 1992 c. 4.
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ECU conversions

3.—(1) In these Regulations “ECU” means European Currency Unit.

(2) Any amount expressed in these Regulations as a number of ECUs shall be converted to sterling at the official rate.

(3) For 1995 the official rate is the average of the published rates of conversion for the preceding three years.

(4) For each subsequent year it is the rate published in the preceding year.