# 1996 No. 1725

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The Eggs (Marketing Standards) (Amendment) Regulations 1996

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The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Health and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, in relation to England and Wales, and the Secretary of State for Scotland in relation to Scotland, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 6(4), 16(1), 17, 26(3) and 48(1) of the Food Safety Act 1990(1) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation in accordance with section 48(4) of that Act with such organisations as appear to them to be representative of interests likely to be substantially affected by the Regulations, hereby make the following Regulations:

### Title and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Eggs (Marketing Standards) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 and shall come into force on 24th July 1996.

#### Amendment of the Eggs (Marketing Standards) Regulations 1995

**2.** The Eggs (Marketing Standards) Regulations 1995(**2**) shall be amended in accordance with regulations 3 to 5 below.

**3.** In regulation 4 (enforcement authorities) there shall be inserted at the end the following paragraph—

"(3) In this regulation "sale" includes possession for sale and offer, exposure or advertisement for sale.".

**4.** After regulation 7 (United Kingdom official mark) there shall be inserted the following regulation—

<sup>(1) 1990</sup> c. 16; "the Ministers" is defined in section 4(1) of the Act; section 6(4)(a) of the Act was amended by the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 (c. 40), Schedule 9, paragraph 6.

<sup>(2)</sup> S.I.1995/1544.

"7A.—(1) The official mark for the purposes of the bands and labels referred to in Article 21(2) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 1274/91 shall consist of the letters "UK", each letter being 1 centimetre high and surrounded by a line describing an oval.

(2) Paragraph (1) above shall not apply in the case of any band or label affixed outside Great Britain.".

**5.** In the Schedule (Community provisions) there shall be inserted in paragraph 2 at the end the following entry—

"(g) Commission OJ No. L246, 13.10.95, p.6". Regulation (EC) No. 2401/95

24th June 1996

*Tony Baldry* Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health

20th June 1996

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Wales

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19th June 1996

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Eggs (Marketing Standards) Regulations 1995 and apply to Great Britain.

The Regulations make provision for the enforcement and execution of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2401/95 amending Regulation (EEC) No. 1274/91 introducing detailed rules for implementing Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1907/90 on certain marketing standards for eggs (regulation 5). Regulation (EC) No. 2401/95 is concerned with the optional use of the indication "eggs from caged hens".

The Regulations insert a definition of "sale" for the purpose of identifying enforcement authorities (regulation 3).

The Regulations also prescribe the official mark for the purposes of Article 21(2) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 1274/91, which concerns the information to be provided on bands or labels on large packs of eggs (regulation 4).

A compliance cost assessment of the effect that this instrument would have on the cost of business is available from:

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