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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 3124**

**The Products of Animal Origin  
(Import and Export) Regulations 1996**

**PART III**

**INTRA-COMMUNITY TRADE**

**Inspection and checking of imports**

13.—(1) At a border inspection post, unless the products are transported by regular, direct means of transport linking two geographical points of the Community, an authorised officer of a local authority shall carry out documentary checks of all imported products of animal origin if he considers it necessary to establish the place of origin, and products of animal origin to which this Part of the Regulations applies shall be dealt with in accordance with this Part of the Regulations.

(2) An authorised officer of the Minister or of a local authority shall have power to inspect at their place of destination all products of animal origin imported into Great Britain to which this Part of these Regulations applies, so as to ensure that all animal and public health conditions relating to imports are complied with, including any documentary requirements.

(3) An authorised officer of the Minister or of a local authority shall have power to inspect such products of animal origin at any time during transport to their place of destination if he has information leading him to suspect an infringement of these Regulations or any animal or public health condition relating to imports, including requirements relating to the means of transport.

(4) Any powers exercised under regulation 6 shall be exercised only in accordance with this regulation in relation to imports to which this Part of these Regulations applies until they reach their place of destination and at the place of destination.

(5) Where an establishment is supervised by an official veterinary surgeon, he shall ensure that all products of animal origin which are products to which this Part of these Regulations applies and which enter the establishment comply with all animal and public health import conditions relating to marking and accompanying documentation, and he shall forthwith notify the appropriate Divisional Veterinary Manager of any irregularity or anomaly.

(6) Where an establishment is not supervised by an official veterinary surgeon, any person who markets any product of animal origin which is a product to which this Part of these Regulations applies, or divides up batches of such product for distribution or marketing, shall check, before the batch is divided up or marketed, that all products of animal origin comply with all animal and public health conditions relating to marking and accompanying documentation, and he shall forthwith notify the appropriate Divisional Veterinary Manager of any irregularity or anomaly.

(7) In this regulation “official veterinary surgeon” means a person designated as such by the Minister (or in Scotland or Wales, the Secretary of State) for the purposes of supervising the establishment in question.