

2000 No. 790

FOOD, ENGLAND

**The Meat Products (Hygiene) (Amendment) (England)
Regulations 2000**

<i>Made</i>	- - -	<i>18th March 2000</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>20th March 2000</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>		
<i>(a) in the case of all provisions other than regulation 3</i>		<i>30th March 2000</i>
<i>(b) in the case of regulation 3</i>		<i>31st March 2000</i>

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State being Ministers designated(a) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(b) in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Community acting jointly in exercise of the powers conferred on them by that section in so far as these Regulations could not have been made under the powers mentioned below;

And the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State acting jointly in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 16(1)(b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) and (3), 17(1), 26, 48(1) and 49(2) of, and paragraphs 5 and 6(1)(a) of Schedule 1 to, the Food Safety Act 1990(c), 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;

Make the following Regulations:

Title, extent and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Meat Products (Hygiene) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000; they extend to England only and come into force—

- (a) in case of all provisions other than regulation 3, on 30th March 2000; and
- (b) in the case of regulation 3, on 31st March 2000.

Amendment to the Meat Products (Hygiene) (Amendment) Regulations 1999

2. In so far it extends to England, regulation 2(10)(k) of the Meat Products (Hygiene) (Amendment) Regulations 1999(d) is revoked.

(a) S.I. 1972/1811.

(b) 1972 c. 68.

(c) 1990 c. 16. See section 4(1) for a definition of “the Ministers”. Functions of “the Ministers” so far as exercisable in relation to Wales were transferred to the National Assembly for Wales by S.I. 1999/672. Functions of “the Ministers” were further modified in relation to England by S.I. 1999/3141.

(d) S.I. 1999/683.

Amendment to the Meat Products (Hygiene) Regulations 1994

3.—(1) The Meat Products (Hygiene) Regulations 1994**(a)** are amended in accordance with paragraph (2) below in so far as they extend to England.

(2) The following paragraph is substituted for paragraph 2(a) of Part IX of Schedule 2—

“2. (a) The meat product to be used in the prepared meal shall as soon as it has been cooked—

- (i) be mixed with the other ingredients as soon as practically possible; in that event the time during which the temperature of the meat product is between 10°C and 60°C shall not exceed two hours,
- (ii) be refrigerated to 10°C or less before being mixed with the other ingredients, or
- (iii) be cooled and mixed with the other ingredients in such a way (to be specified in the approval document for the establishment concerned) that the time during which the temperature of the meat product is between 10°C and 60°C is kept to a minimum;”.

Consequential amendment

4. In so far as it extends to England, Schedule 2 to the Products of Animal Origin (Import and Export) Regulations 1996**(b)** (Regulations relevant to intra-Community trade) is amended by the insertion of the following reference at the end of its paragraph 5—

“The Meat Products (Hygiene) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000.”.

15th March 2000

Hayman
Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health

18th March 2000

Gisela Stuart
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Health,
Department of Health

(a) S.I. 1994/3082, amended by S.I. 1995/539, S.I. 1995/1763, S.I. 1995/2200, S.I. 1995/3205, S.I. 1996/1499, S.I. 1999/683 and S.I. 2000/225.

(b) S.I. 1996/3124, amended by S.I. 1997/3023, S.I. 1998/994 and S.I. 1999/683. S.I. 1996/3124 has been applied by S.I. 1996/3125 to imports of fresh meat.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

- 1.** These Regulations extend to England only. They amend—
 - (a) the Meat Products (Hygiene) Regulations 1994 (S.I. 1994/3082, as already amended);
 - (b) the Meat Products (Hygiene) (Amendment) Regulations 1999 (S.I. 1999/683); and
 - (c) the Products of Animal Origin (Import and Export) Regulations 1996 (S.I. 1996/3124, as already amended),

in each case in so far as they extend to England (S.I. 1994/3082, S.I. 1999/683 and S.I. 1996/3124 all extend to the whole of Great Britain).

- 2.** The effect of the amendments to S.I. 1994/3082 and S.I. 1999/683 is that in accordance with point 2(a) of Chapter IX of Annex B to Council Directive 77/99/EEC (inserted by Council Directive 95/68/EC, OJ No. L332, 30.12.95, p.10) a third method of preparation for meat-based prepared meals is permitted with effect from 31st March 2000. The amendment to S.I. 1996/3124 is consequential on the above amendments and is effected in reliance on section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 (1972 c. 68).

- 3.** No regulatory impact assessment has been prepared for these Regulations.

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