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DRAFT SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2008 No.**

**The Quality Meat Scotland Order 2008**

**Levies**

6.—(1) Quality Meat Scotland may impose levies to enable it to provide services to the red meat sector as specified in Schedule 3.

(2) All maximum levies in that Schedule exclude VAT.

(3) The levies are to enable Quality Meat Scotland to—

(i) meet its expenses in the exercise of its functions;

(ii) meet its administrative expenses;

(iii) further a purpose in article 3(2);

(iv) establish a reserve fund.

(4) The rate of levy (and any higher rate for late payment of the levy) must be approved annually by the Scottish Ministers.

(5) Quality Meat Scotland may enter into contracts with other persons, companies or bodies for the purpose of collecting levies in terms of this Order.