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**FOOD**

**FOOD HYGIENE**

**The Slaughterhouse Hygiene (Scotland) Amendment  
Regulations 1987**

*Made* - - - - - *11th November 1987*  
*Laid before Parliament* *25th November 1987*  
*Coming into force* *31st December 1987*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 13(1) and 56 of the Food and Drugs (Scotland) Act 1956(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, and having in accordance with section 56(6) of that Act consulted with such organisations as appear to him to be representative of interests substantially affected by these Regulations, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Slaughterhouse Hygiene (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1987 and shall come into force on 31st December 1987.

**Amendment of the Slaughterhouse Hygiene (Scotland) Regulations 1978**

2. The Slaughterhouse Hygiene (Scotland) Regulations 1978(b) are hereby amended as follows:-

(a) in regulation 2(1) (Interpretation)-

(i) in the definition of "animal" for the words "and horses" there shall be substituted the words ", horses and farmed deer";

(ii) after the definition of "equipment" there shall be inserted the following definition:-

""farmed deer" means any deer which-

(a) are kept by any person by way of business on land enclosed by a deer-proof barrier;

(b) are conspicuously marked in such a way as to identify them as his; and

(c) are kept by him-

(i) primarily for the purpose of the production of meat or other foodstuffs or skins or other by-products; or

(ii) primarily for breeding deer to be kept as mentioned in head (i) above;"

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(a) 1956 c.30; section 56(8) was amended by, and section 56(8A) inserted by, paragraph 8 of Schedule 15 to the Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c.48); section 56(8A) was amended by the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1985 (c.73), section 41 and is to be read with section 289G of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c.21) and S.I. 1984/526; section 56(8) was also amended by the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (c.31), Schedule 9, Part II.

(b) S.I. 1978/1273; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1984/842, 1985/1856 and 1986/1808.

- (b) for paragraph (b) of the proviso to regulation 36(6) (which provides for a derogation from the requirement to skin sheep heads) there shall be substituted—
- “(b) that the heads of sheep and goats need be skinned only if the said heads are intended for human consumption, and where heads are not to be skinned the head, including the tongue and the brains, shall be discarded at the time of skinning the carcase.”;
- (c) for regulation 49 there shall be substituted the following regulation:—
- “49. No person shall—
- (a) smoke, chew tobacco or take snuff in any lairage, slaughterhall or workroom; and
- (b) urinate, defecate or spit except in a sanitary convenience.”.

New St. Andrew's House, Edinburgh  
11th November 1987

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations further amend the Slaughterhouse Hygiene (Scotland) Regulations 1978 which regulate the construction, equipment and operation of slaughterhouses in order to secure the hygienic handling of meat therein.

In particular, the Regulations—

- (a) extend the 1978 Regulations to farmed deer (regulation 2(a));
- (b) make permanent a derogation from the requirement of regulation 36(6) of the 1978 Regulations to skin the heads of sheep in circumstances where the heads are not to be used for human consumption (regulation 2(b)); and
- (c) amend the regulation governing personal conduct and hygiene in slaughterhouses (regulation 2(c)).

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