
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1995 No. 540

The Poultry Meat, Farmed Game Bird Meat and Rabbit Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Exemptions and saving for existing licences

- 3.—(1) These Regulations shall not apply—
- (a) to premises where fresh meat is cut up, stored or re-wrapped for sale from those premises to the final consumer;
 - (b) subject to paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) below, to a slaughterhouse with an annual production of less than 10,000 birds or rabbits which sells fresh meat in small quantities either—
 - (i) direct to the final consumer at those premises; or
 - (ii) direct to the final consumer at a local market; or
 - (iii) to retailers who sell direct to the final consumer where such retailers pursue their trade in the same locality as, or in a neighbouring locality to, that in which those premises are situated; or
 - (iv) at a market other than a local market during the period of two weeks which immediately precede Christmas day and Easter Sunday each year;
 - (c) to a cold store which handles only fresh meat which is packaged;
 - (d) to fresh meat intended for exhibition, special studies or analysis provided that such meat is not used for human consumption and, except in the case of such meat used for analysis, it is destroyed after such exhibition or special study, as the case may be;
 - (e) to fresh meat intended exclusively for sale to international organisations;
 - (f) to fresh meat intended for uses other than human consumption; or
 - (g) to any person engaged in any activity described in sub-paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) or (f) above, or to any vehicle used for the purpose of any such activity.
- (2) The exemption in paragraph (1)(b) above shall not apply to any itinerant sale or sale by mail order.
- (3) Notwithstanding the exemption in paragraph (1)(b) above, no person shall sell poultry in the form of the whole body of any slaughtered and plucked poultry obtained from any slaughterhouse in paragraph (1)(b) above at a market unless it bears on or there is attached to each such body a label or other marking clearly indicating the name and the address of the premises where such poultry was slaughtered and plucked.
- (4) Notwithstanding the exemption in paragraph (1)(b) above, the occupier of any such slaughterhouse shall—

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- (a) keep a record in adequate form to show the number of birds, rabbits, or both, as appropriate, identified by species, received into, and the amounts of fresh meat despatched from, those premises during each week;
 - (b) retain such record for a period of one year from the date of such record; and
 - (c) make such record available to an authorised officer of the food authority or of the Minister upon request.
- (5) Subject to regulation 5, nothing in these Regulations affects the validity of a licence issued under the 1994 Regulations.