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The Official Feed and Food Controls (England) Regulations 2009

PART 2

MAIN PROVISIONS

Power to issue codes of recommended practice

6.—(1) For the guidance of feed authorities and food authorities the Secretary of State may issue codes of recommended practice as regards —

- (a) functions conferred upon those authorities in their capacity as competent authorities by or under Regulation 882/2004; or
- (b) the execution and enforcement of the Import Provisions;

and any such code shall be laid before Parliament after being issued.

(2) The Agency may, after consulting the Secretary of State, give a feed authority or food authority a direction requiring them to take any specified steps in order to comply with a code issued under this regulation.

(3) In exercise of the functions conferred on them as competent authorities by or under Regulation 882/2004 and in their execution and enforcement of the Import Provisions, every feed authority and food authority —

- (a) shall have regard to any relevant provision of any such code; and
- (b) shall comply with any direction which is given under this regulation and requires them to take any specified steps in order to comply with such a code.

(4) Any direction under paragraph (2) shall, on the application of the Agency, be enforceable by mandatory order.

(5) The Agency shall consult the Secretary of State before making an application under paragraph (4).

(6) Before issuing any code under this regulation, the Secretary of State shall have regard to any relevant advice given by the Agency.