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The Food Hygiene (Amendment) Regulations 2007

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No abre el plazo - Nezahtuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

UK

3. Department Responsible

Department of Trade and Industry: Office of Science and Innovation

3. Originating Department

Food Standards Agency

4. Notification Number

2007/0099/UK – C50A

5. Title



The Food Hygiene (Amendment) Regulations 2007

6. Products Concerned

National measures related to the production of fresh meat for human consumption.

7. Notification Under Another Act

Regulation (EC) No. 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin and Regulation (EC) 854/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific rules for the organisation of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption.

8. Main Content

(i) The UK is conducting a programme of inspection visits to all slaughterhouses and cutting plants that require approval under the new legislation. Some low capacity slaughterhouses are unable to meet certain requirements of the new legislation. In order to allow some small businesses to be approved, the UK wishes to adapt the requirement for two structural requirements.

(ii) UK poultry slaughterhouses have used slaughterhouse staff to assist the official veterinarian to carry out post-mortem inspection as permitted under previous legislation for many years. As well as setting criteria for permitting a slaughterhouse to use slaughterhouse inspection staff and introducing training standards, the new regulations require the official veterinarian to be present at ante- and post-mortem inspection. In order to make the use of trained slaughterhouse staff economic for small businesses, the UK wishes to adapt the requirement for the permanent presence of the official veterinarian.

(iii) The FSA commissioned an independent risk assessment on the value of official post-mortem inspection of wild game. It concluded that, given the level of risk, the only benefit was in relation to M.bovis in deer. The new regulations require a trained person to inspect all carcasses sent to approved game handling establishments and the UK game industry has developed and taken up this training enthusiastically. The UK wishes to establish a pilot project in certain wild game handling establishments in order to try out a new approach to hygiene controls on game meat.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

To make use of flexibilities in the EU Good Hygiene Regulations 2004 to assist smaller meat-producing businesses with regard to structural requirements and official controls, in particular:

A: Refrigerated Detention Facilities in Slaughterhouses with a Low Throughput

B Facilities for Cleansing & Disinfection of Livestock Vehicles

C Supervision of Poultry Slaughterhouse Staff in Slaughterhouses with a Low Throughput

D. Pilot Project in Game Handling Establishments with a Low Throughput

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

e) No basic texts but the draft text is notified in accordance with Mr Poudelet's letter to Chief Veterinary Officers of 19 January 2006 (copy attached).

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency



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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

Impact Assessment not available.

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspect

No

The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.

SPS Aspect

No

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