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# The Meat Products (England) Regulations 2014 The Meat Products (Scotland) Regulations 2014 The Meat Products (Wales) Regulations 2014 The Meat Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014

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No abre el plazo - Nezahajuje 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 késéseket - Ma' jiftaħx il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Мääräaika 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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#### 4. Notification Number

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#### 5. Title

The Meat Products (England) Regulations 2014
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The Meat Products (Wales) Regulations 2014
The Meat Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014

#### 6. Products Concerned

Meat products and preparations

## 7. Notification Under Another Act

## 8. Main Content

Our draft Regulations update the Meat Products (England) Regulations 2003, the Meat Products (Scotland) Regulations 2004, the Meat Products (Wales) Regulations 2004 and the Meat Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 in light of EU Regulation 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers (FIC). They:

- Retain the national 'reserved descriptions', ensuring that certain products made in the UK must meet minimum meat contents to use traditional names such as 'burger', 'meat pie' and 'sausage'. This provision is subject, as before, to a mutual recognition clause.
- Retain the prohibition of certain parts of the carcase such as brains, feet and intestine in uncooked meat products made in the UK for quality reasons, whilst inserting a mutual recognition clause.
- Deregulate by removing elements on added ingredients in the name of the food that are now covered by EU Regulation 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers.

# 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

These Regulations will maintain important quality standards for meat products produced in the UK to ensure they do not mislead the British public. They are supported by industry and the public as they ensure confidence in the integrity these products at a time when confidence in the meat industry is low.

The Regulations deal with the names and compositions of some traditional meat products and quality standards for uncooked meat products produced in the UK. The Regulations do not control any hygiene or food safety aspects and are subject to mutual recognition clauses. As the provisions that will now apply under Regulation

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(EU) No 1169/2011 have been removed, the new Regulations are less far reaching than the Meat Products (England) Regulations 2003 and their equivlents for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, which were notified in 2002 and 2003. 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts No Basic Text exists 11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure 12. Grounds for the Emergency 13. Confidentiality No 14. Fiscal measures 15. Impact assessment 16. TBT and SPS aspects TBT aspect No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade SPS aspect No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure \*\*\*\*\* **European Commission**