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The Farmed Game Bird Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1997

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

United Kingdom

3. Department Responsible

Department of Trade and Industry: Standards Technical



Regulations Directorate

3. Originating Department

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food: Meat Hygiene Division

4. Notification Number

97/0165/UK

5. Title

The Farmed Game Bird Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1997

6. Products Concerned

Meat obtained from farmed game birds (e.g. quail, ratites)

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

a) The draft Regulations propose changes to the United Kingdom's current implementation of Directive 91/495/EEC by providing for red meat premises to handle farmed game birds as permitted by Annex I, Chapter V, point 19 of the Fresh Meat Directive 64/433/EEC. The draft requires the slaughter and plucking of such birds to be carried out in a room separate from those used for red meat operations.

The draft Regulations also propose changes to facilitate ostrich slaughter. They provide for skinning to take place in the evisceration and preparation room, and for the legs of ratites to be removed at the slaughterhouse. They remove the requirement for cuts to be wrapped provided they are transported hanging up, and introduce a requirement for such cuts to be health marked unless they are packed in a sealed, marked container. The dimensions of the health mark are specified in minimum terms, so that red meat premises can use their existing larger size red meat stamps on ostrich meat.

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 83/189/EEC (as amended) when these Regulations are officially published.

The UK have provided recognition of equivalent standards and testing in the notified draft.

b) The United Kingdom would like to be informed by other Member States of their own standards or regulations offering an equivalent level of safety and security.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds



The existing EC rules for the production of farmed game bird meat pose problems for the processing of ostrich carcasses which needs to be carried out more in line with red meat rules. The Commission has recognised the need for special conditions for ostriches to be included in Directive 91/495/EEC but has not yet produced a proposal. It has however confirmed that red meat slaughterhouses can be authorised to slaughter ostriches provided separate facilities are provided for slaughter and plucking. The United Kingdom has several hundred ostriches ready for slaughter and needs to introduce amendments quickly to its national legislation governing farmed game bird meat production in order to facilitate such slaughter.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Draft Farmed Game Bird Meat (Hygiene and Inspection)
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11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

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14. Fiscal measures

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