

SCHEDULE 3

Special identification mark

1. Restricted meat from animals must be marked with an identification mark which is—
 - (a) a diagonal cross, superimposed on the health mark or identification mark applied under article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin⁽¹⁾ or article 4 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2076/2005 laying down transitional arrangements for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004, (EC) No 854/2004 and (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Regulations (EC) No 853/2004 and (EC) No 854/2004⁽²⁾, consisting of two straight lines intersecting at the centre of the stamp and enabling the information on the existing mark to remain legible, or
 - (b) a single oval stamp, 6.5 cm wide and 4.5 cm high, upon which the following information is legible:
 - (i) on the upper part, the letters UK;
 - (ii) in the centre, the approval number of the establishment;
 - (iii) on the lower part, the letters EC;
 - (iv) two straight lines crossing at the centre of the stamp in such a way that the information is not obscured;
 - (v) information which identifies the veterinarian who inspected the meat.
2. If the single oval stamp referred to in paragraph (1)(b) is used—
 - (a) the letters must be at least 0.8 cm high;
 - (b) the figures must be at least 1 cm high; and
 - (c) the application of the mark must be supervised by an officer of the Meat Hygiene Service.
3. Restricted meat from poultry must be marked with an identification mark which is—
 - (a) the national mark provided for in article 4 of Commission Regulation 2076/2005 laying down transitional arrangements for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004, (EC) No 854/2004 and (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the council and amending Regulations (EC) No 853/2004 and (EC) No 854/2004⁽³⁾; or
 - (b) the mark described in the Annex to Commission Decision 2007/118/EC laying down detailed rules in relation to an alternative identification mark pursuant to Council Directive 2002/99/EC⁽⁴⁾.
4. The identification mark may be applied according to the methods in paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 13 of section 1(C) of Annex II to Regulation EC No 853/2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin⁽⁵⁾.
5. The “Meat Hygiene Service” is the body of that name which is an executive agency of the Food Standards Agency.

(1) OJ No L 226, 25.6.2004, p 22.

(2) OJ No L 338, 22.12.2005, p 83.

(3) OJ No L 338, 22.12.2005, p 83.

(4) OJ No L 51, 20.02.2007, p 19.

(5) OJ No L 226, 25.06.2004, p 22.