WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2000 No. 3388 (W.225)

# FOOD, WALES

The Fresh Meat (Beef Controls) (No.2) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2000

Made - - -

29th December 2000

Coming into force (Note: These regulations were made in English only and the Welsh text is a translation of them)

1st January 2001

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 16(1)(b) and (f), 17(1), 26 and 48(1) of the Food Safety Act 1990(1) and now vested in the National Assembly for Wales(2)), the National Assembly for Wales, having had regard in accordance with section 48(4A) of that Act to relevant advice given by the Food Standards Agency and after consultation in accordance with section 48(4) and (4B) of that Act makes the following Regulations:

#### Citation, commencement and application

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Fresh Meat (Beef Controls) (No.2) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2000.

(2) These Regulations apply to Wales only and come into force on 1st January 2001.

#### Amendments to the Fresh Meat (Beef Controls) (No.2) Regulations 1996

**2.**—(1) In relation to Wales, the Fresh Meat (Beef Controls) (No.2) Regulations 1996(**3**) are amended in accordance with paragraph (2) of this regulation.

(2) The following regulation is inserted between regulation 3 (prohibition of sale of meat from older bovines) and regulation 4 (the Beef Assurance Scheme)—

<sup>(1) 1990</sup> c. 16.

<sup>(2)</sup> The National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 (SI 1999/672).

<sup>(3)</sup> SI 1996/2097, amended by SI 1996/2522 and SI 2000/656.

#### "Enforcement of Article 2.1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2777/2000

**3A.** No person shall contravene Article 2.1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2777/2000 adopting exceptional support measures for the beef market(4)).".

Signed on behalf of the National Assembly for Wales under section 66(1) of the Government of Wales Act 1998(5)).

29th December 2000

*Jane Hutt* The Minister for Health and Social Services.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No. L321, 19.12.2000, p.47.

<sup>(5) 1998</sup> c. 38.

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

**1.** These Regulations amend the Fresh Meat (Beef Controls) (No.2) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2097, as already amended) ("the 1996 Regulations") in relation to Wales. The 1996 Regulations extend to the whole of Great Britain.

**2.** These Regulations provide for the enforcement of Article 2.1 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2777/2000 adopting exceptional support measures for the beef market (OJ No. L321, 19.12.2000, p.47). That Article, which ceases to have effect on 30th June 2001, provides that meat from bovine animals aged more than 30 months and slaughtered in the European Community after 1st January 2001 can only be released for human consumption or for export if tested negatively for bovine spongiform encephalopathy by an approved rapid test as referred to in Annex IV(A) of Commission Decision 98/272/EC (OJ No. L122, 22.4.1998, p.59, as amended). Article IV(A) was inserted into that Decision by Commission Decision 2000/374/EC (OJ No. L135, 8.6.2000, p.27).

**3.** The Assembly Minister has decided pursuant to s.65(2) of the Government of Wales Act 1998 (1998 c. 38) and Standing Order 22.3 of the Standing Orders of the National Assembly for Wales that it is not reasonably practicable to carry out a regulatory appraisal under s.65 of the Act, due to the deadline for the coming into force of these Regulations of 1st January 2001. Consultation pursuant to section 48(4) and (4B) of the Food Safety Act 1990 (1990 c. 16) has taken place and copies may be obtained from the Food Standards Agency, 1st Floor, Southgate House, Cardiff, CF10 1EW.

**4.** For the same reason, the Assembly Minister decided, pursuant to S.66(4) of the Government of Wales Act 1998 and standing order 22.1, that it was not reasonably practicable to make these Regulations in English and Welsh. Thus the Welsh text is a translation of these Regulations, which have been made in English only.