
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1998 No. 40

AGRICULTURE

**The Beef Carcase (Classification) (Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998**

Made - - - - *13th February 1998*

Coming into operation *17th March 1998*

The Department of Agriculture, being a Department designated⁽¹⁾ for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972⁽²⁾ in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Community, acting in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said section 2(2) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Beef Carcase (Classification) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998 and shall come into operation on 17th March 1998.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954⁽³⁾ shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Amendment of the Beef Carcase (Classification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

2.—(1) The Beef Carcase (Classification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992⁽⁴⁾ (“the 1992 Regulations”) shall be amended in accordance with the following paragraphs.

(2) In paragraph (1) of regulation 2 (interpretation)—

(a) the following definition is inserted immediately after the definition of “adult bovine animal”—

““approval number” means (in relation to a regulated slaughterhouse) the unique number of that regulated slaughterhouse required to be specified in the centre of a health mark (as defined in regulation 2(1) of the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997⁽⁵⁾ (“the 1997 Regulations”));”;

(1) S.I. 1972/1811
(2) 1972 c. 68
(3) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(4) S.R. 1992 No. 1, as amended by S.R. 1994 No. 486
(5) S.R. 1997 No. 493

- (b) for the definitions of “registered slaughterhouse” and “regulated carcass” there shall be substituted the following definitions—

““regulated carcass” means the carcass or half-carcass⁽⁶⁾ of an adult bovine animal which has been marked in accordance with regulation 10 of, and Schedule 12 to, the 1997 Regulations;

“regulated slaughterhouse” means a slaughterhouse (as defined by regulation 2(1) of the 1997 Regulations) licensed in accordance with regulation 4 of those Regulations;”;

and, accordingly, any reference in the 1992 Regulations to a “registered slaughterhouse” shall be construed as a reference to a “regulated slaughterhouse”; and

- (c) the definition of “veterinary approval number” is revoked.

- (3) The following paragraphs are inserted after paragraph (2) of regulation 2—

“(3) Any reference in these Regulations to a Community instrument is a reference to that instrument as amended on the date of making of the Beef Carcass (Classification) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998.

(4) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.”.

- (4) In Schedule 1 (Community Provisions)—

- (a) in column (1) the following numbered entry is inserted after entry number 5—

“6. Commission Regulation (EC) No. 295/96 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1892/87 as regards the recording of market prices of adult bovine animals, on the basis of the Community scale for the classification of carcasses (OJ No. L39, 17.2.96, p. 1).”;

- (b) in column (2) the following reference is inserted immediately to the right of the new entry number 6 inserted by sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph—

“Article 2(1)(a)”; and

- (c) in column (3) the following description is inserted immediately to the right of the new provision inserted by sub-paragraph (b) of this paragraph—

“Requirement to record market prices.”.

(5) In paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 and paragraph 2 of Part I of Schedule 5 for the words “veterinary approval number” there shall be substituted the words “approval number”.

(6) In paragraph 1 of Part II of Schedule 5 and paragraph 1 of Part III of that Schedule for the words “veterinary control number” there shall be substituted the words “approval number”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on

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13th February 1998.

Liam McKibben
Assistant Secretary

(6) See the definitions of “carcass” and “half-carcass” in Article 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1208/81 (O.J. No. L123, 7.5.81, p. 3)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

1. These Regulations make a number of amendments to the Beef Carcase (Classification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 (S.R. 1992 No. 1, as amended by S.R. 1994 No. 486) (“the Regulations”) which provide for the administration and enforcement of the Community system for the classification of beef carcasses, as required by Article 3 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1186/90 (O.J. No. L119, 11.5.90, p. 32). That Community system requires the classification of carcasses and half-carcasses in accordance with the Community scale defined by Article 3 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1208/81 (O.J. No. L123, 7.5.81, p. 3), as amended, and by Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 2930/81 (O.J. No. L293, 13.10.81, p. 6), as amended. That Community scale is in turn the basis for recording market prices in the beef and veal sector (Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1892/87 (O.J. No. L182, 3.7.87, p. 29)).

2. The amendments to the Regulations are as follows—

- (a) certain definitions contained in paragraph (1) of regulation 2 (interpretation) are revised in the light of the making of the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 (S.R. 1997 No. 493);
- (b) consequential amendments are made to Schedules 2 and 5 in the light of those revisions;
- (c) a provision is inserted (new regulation 2(3)) relating to the recital of references to Community instruments; and
- (d) a reference to Article 2(1)(a) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 295/96 (O.J. No. L39, 17.2.96, p. 1) (requiring the operators of certain slaughterhouses to record market prices) is inserted into Schedule 1, thereby making it a “Community provision” as defined by paragraph (1) of regulation 2 (a failure to comply with which is an offence under regulation 13(2)(a) of the Regulations). Commission Regulation (EC) No. 295/96 was adopted under Article 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1892/87.