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PART VIII

GENERAL MEASURES ON SUSPICION OR
CONFIRMATION OF AVIAN INFLUENZA

Measures relating to slaughter and to poultry meat

63.—(1) The occupier of a designated slaughterhouse to which poultry from premises in a protection zone are sent must ensure that—

- (a) the poultry are kept separate from poultry from outside the zone;
- (b) the poultry are slaughtered separately or at different times from poultry from outside the zone; and
- (c) the part of the designated slaughterhouse and any equipment and any other thing which has been used for the slaughter or subsequent processing of the poultry are cleansed and disinfected in accordance with the instructions of an inspector before poultry from outside the zone are slaughtered.

(2) A person shall not move poultry meat from poultry originating in a protection zone except under the authority of and in accordance with the conditions of a licence granted by the Department and the poultry meat—

- (a) bears a mark (or is in packaging which bears a mark) approved by the Department and which—
 - (i) identifies the poultry meat as coming from a protection zone, and
 - (ii) complies with 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⁽¹⁾; and
- (b) is obtained, cut, transported and stored separately from poultry meat from outside the zone.

(3) A person shall not move poultry meat from poultry from outside a protection zone unless the meat—

- (a) is obtained, cut, transported and stored separately from meat produced from poultry originating in the protection zone; and
- (b) in the case of meat produced from poultry from an area which subsequent to such production becomes a protection zone—
 - (i) was produced at least 21 days before the date an inspector estimates as the date of earliest infection at premises in the protection zone; and

(1) O.J. No. L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 55. The revised text of Regulation (EC) No. 853/2004 is now set out in a Corrigendum (O.J. No. L226, 25.6.2004, p.22)

(ii) has been obtained, cut, transported and stored separately from meat produced after that date.

(4) Poultry meat from poultry outside a protection zone which does not meet the requirements of paragraph (3)(b) is subject to the measures in paragraphs (2) and (5) applicable to meat from poultry originating in a protection zone.

(5) A person shall not supply poultry meat from poultry originating in a protection zone for intra-Community or international trade.

(6) A person, other than the final consumer of meat marked with a mark referred to in paragraph (2)(a), shall not deface, obliterate or remove that mark, unless under the authority of and in accordance with the conditions of a licence granted by the Department.

(7) In this regulation, “poultry meat” means poultry meat, and any product containing it, which has not been heat treated at a minimum temperature of 70°C, which temperature must be reached throughout the meat or product.