
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**The Carcase Classification and Price
Reporting Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018**

PART 4

PIG CARCASSES

Exemption for small-scale pig operators

13.—(1) These Regulations do not apply to the operator of an approved slaughterhouse at which fewer than 500 clean pigs per week as an annual average are slaughtered.

(2) But if a small-scale pig operator chooses to classify pig carcasses, these Regulations apply in relation to that operator and the classification of those carcasses.

(3) Nothing in paragraph (1) prevents the application of these Regulations to an operator in relation to bovine carcasses if adult bovine animals are also slaughtered in that operator's slaughterhouse.

Competent authority: pig carcasses

14.—(1) The Department is the competent authority for the purposes of—

- (a) Article 7(4) of the Commission Delegated Regulation;
- (b) Article 12(2)(b) of the Commission Delegated Regulation (additional provisions on classification by automated grading techniques);
- (c) Articles 13 and 14 of the Commission Delegated Regulation and Article 14 of the Commission Implementing Regulation (reporting of market prices and calculation of average price per class);
- (d) Article 17(2) of the Commission Delegated Regulation (supplementary provisions for reporting of market prices for carcasses);
- (e) Article 4(1) of the Commission Implementing Regulation (making and keeping reports for on-the-spot checks).

(2) The Department is responsible for-

- (a) authorisation of automated grading methods for pig carcasses as described in Article 11 of the Commission Delegated Regulation;
- (b) notifications to the Commission described in Article 25 of the Commission Delegated Regulation;
- (c) on-the-spot checks as described in Articles 2 and 3 of the Commission Implementing Regulation.

Authorised grading methods

15.—(1) The classification of pig carcasses must be carried out at an approved slaughterhouse—

- (a) using an authorised grading method provided for in Article 11 of the Commission Delegated Regulation; and
- (b) using grading techniques provided for in Article 11 of the Commission Delegated Regulation which are operated by qualified personnel.

(2) In this regulation, “qualified personnel” means any person who is using a grading technique provided for in Article 11 of the Commission Delegated Regulation and who is proficient in the use of that technique.

Records instead of marking

16. An operator or the person responsible for the classification of pig carcasses may, instead of marking a carcass in accordance with the European pig provisions set out in Part 2 of Schedule 2, draw up a record for that carcass which comprises at least —

- (a) the individual identification of the carcass by any unalterable means;
- (b) the warm weight of the carcass; and
- (c) the result of the classification.

Records: pig carcasses

17.—(1) An operator of an approved slaughterhouse must keep a record of the particulars specified in Schedule 4 relating to each pig carcass which is classified in that slaughterhouse.

(2) The operator must retain each record for a period of 12 months from the end of the calendar year to which the record relates.