
SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Food Hygiene (Scotland) Regulations 2006

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Food Hygiene (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and shall come into force on 11th January 2006.

(2) These Regulations extend to Scotland only.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“the Act” means the Food Safety Act 1990(1);

“the Agency” means the Food Standards Agency;

“authorised officer”, in relation to an enforcement authority, means any person appointed by that authority under regulation 5(6);

“the Community Regulations” means Regulation 852/2004, Regulation 853/2004, Regulation 854/2004, Regulation 2073/2005 and Regulation 2075/2005;

“Directive 2004/41”, “Regulation 178/2002”, “Regulation 852/2004”, “Regulation 853/2004”, “Regulation 854/2004”, “Regulation 882/2004”, “Regulation 1688/2005”, “Regulation 2073/2005”, “Regulation 2074/2005”, “Regulation 2075/2005” and “Regulation 2076/2005” have the meanings respectively given to them in Schedule 1;

“enforcement authority” means the authority which, by virtue of regulation 5, is responsible for enforcing and executing the Hygiene Regulations;

“food authority” means a council constituted under section 2 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994(2);

“the Hygiene Regulations” means these Regulations and the Community Regulations;

“premises” includes any establishment, any place, vehicle, stall or moveable structure and any ship or aircraft; and

“specified Community provision” means any provision of the Community Regulations that is specified in column 1 of Schedule 2 and the subject-matter of which is described in column 2 of that Schedule.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), any expression other than one defined in paragraph (1) that is used both in these Regulations and in the Act has the meaning it bears in the Act.

(1) 1990 c. 16.

(2) 1994 c. 39; section 2 was amended by the Environment Act 1995 (c. 25), Schedule 22, paragraph 232.

(3) Unless the context otherwise requires, any expression used both in these Regulations and in Regulation 178/2002 or the Community Regulations has the meaning it bears in Regulation 178/2002 or the Community Regulations, as the case may be.

(4) Where, apart from this paragraph, any period of less than 7 days which is specified in these Regulations would include any day which is—

- (a) a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas Day or Good Friday; or
- (b) a day which is a bank holiday in Scotland under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971(3),

that day shall be excluded from the period.

Presumptions that food is intended for human consumption

3.—(1) The following paragraphs apply for the purposes of these Regulations.

(2) Any food commonly used for human consumption shall, if placed on the market or offered, exposed or kept for placing on the market, be presumed, until the contrary is proved, to have been placed on the market or, as the case may be, to have been or to be intended for placing on the market for human consumption.

(3) The following, namely:—

- (a) any food commonly used for human consumption which is found on premises used for the preparation, storage, or placing on the market of that food; and
- (b) any article or substance commonly used in the manufacture of food for human consumption which is found on premises used for the preparation, storage or placing on the market of that food,

shall be presumed, until the contrary is proved, to be intended for placing on the market, or for manufacturing food for placing on the market, for human consumption.

(4) Any article or substance capable of being used in the composition or preparation of any food commonly used for human consumption which is found on premises on which that food is prepared shall, until the contrary is proved, be presumed to be intended for such use.

Competent authority for the purposes of the Community Regulations

4.—(1) The competent authority for the purposes of the Community Regulations is the Agency.

(2) The Agency may, as respects any of its functions as competent authority under paragraph (1) which may be delegated in terms of the Community Regulations—

- (a) delegate any of those functions to any person or persons; or
- (b) arrange for any of those functions to be carried out by any person or persons.

(3) Before delegating or making an arrangement in accordance with paragraph (2), the Agency shall consult the person or persons to whom any delegation, or with whom any arrangement, is to be made and shall publish a notice containing the details and operative date of the delegation or arrangement in the Edinburgh Gazette at least 7 days before that operative date.

(4) Where, in accordance with paragraph (2), the Agency has—

- (a) delegated any of its functions; or
- (b) made an arrangement in relation to any of its functions,

the Agency may, subject to paragraph (5),—

- (c) withdraw that delegation; or

(3) 1971 c. 80.

(d) vary, suspend or cancel that arrangement,
in whole or in part.

(5) Paragraph (3) shall apply to any withdrawal of a delegation or variation, suspension or cancellation of an arrangement made by the Agency under paragraph (4) as it applies to a delegation or arrangement made by it in accordance with paragraph (2).

(6) The requirement to consult under paragraph (3) may be fulfilled by consultation begun under regulation 4(3) of the Food Hygiene (Scotland) Regulations 2005(4)

Enforcement

5.—(1) In respect of any food business operator to whose operations Regulation 852/2004 applies but Regulation 853/2004 does not apply—

- (a) the Agency or the food authority in whose area the food business operator carries out its operations may enforce and execute the Hygiene Regulations in so far as the operator concerned is carrying out primary production and those associated operations listed in paragraph 1 of Part AI of Annex I to Regulation 852/2004 other than the associated operations described in sub-paragraphs (a) and (c) of that paragraph to the extent that they concern wild game; and
- (b) subject to paragraph (5), the food authority in whose area the food business operator carries out its operations shall enforce and execute the Hygiene Regulations in so far as the operator concerned is carrying out operations which are not enforced and executed by the Agency or the food authority as provided for in sub paragraph (a).

(2) In respect of any food business operator to whose operations both Regulation 852/2004 and Regulation 853/2004 apply—

- (a) the Agency shall enforce and execute the Hygiene Regulations in so far as the operator concerned is carrying out operations in relation to—
 - (i) a slaughterhouse;
 - (ii) a game handling establishment; or
 - (iii) a cutting plant; and
- (b) subject to paragraph (5), the food authority in whose area the food business operator carries out its operations shall enforce and execute the Hygiene Regulations in so far as the operator concerned is carrying out operations in relation to any establishment or activity that is not specified in sub paragraph (a).

(3) Subject to paragraph (4) the food authority in whose area operations are carried out shall execute and enforce—

- (a) the Hygiene Regulations in relation to collection centres and tanneries supplying raw material for the production of gelatine intended for human consumption pursuant to paragraph 5 of Chapter I of Section XIV of Annex III to Regulation 853/2004;
- (b) the Hygiene Regulations in relation to collection centres and tanneries supplying raw material for the production of collagen intended for human consumption pursuant to paragraph 5 of, Chapter I of Section XV of Annex III to Regulation 853/2004; and
- (c) these Regulations in relation to the matters regulated by Schedules 3 to 6.

(4) The Agency may, if it considers it appropriate to do so, execute and enforce—

- (a) the Hygiene Regulations in relation to any of the establishments, activities, operations or matters referred to in paragraphs (1)(b), (2)(b) and (3)(a) and (b); and

(b) these Regulations in relation to the matters regulated by Schedules 3 to 6.

(5) Before exercising its option to enforce and execute the Hygiene Regulations or these Regulations under paragraph (4), the Agency shall consult the enforcement authority which would otherwise have a duty to carry out such enforcement and execution.

(6) The Agency and any food authority may appoint as authorised officers such persons (whether or not officers of the Agency or the authority) as they consider necessary for the purpose of enforcing the Hygiene Regulations.

(7) In this regulation—

“cutting plant” means an establishment which is used for boning and, where appropriate, cutting up fresh meat for placing on the market and which—

- (a) is approved or conditionally approved under Article 31(2) of Regulation 882/2004; or
- (b) (although lacking the approval or conditional approval that it requires under Article 4(3) of Regulation 853/2004) was, on 31st December 2005, operating as licensed cutting premises under the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations⁽⁵⁾ or the Poultry Meat, Farmed Game Bird Meat and Rabbit Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995⁽⁶⁾;

“game-handling establishment” means any establishment in which game and game meat obtained after hunting are prepared for placing on the market and which—

- (a) is approved or conditionally approved under Article 31(2) of Regulation 882/2004; or
- (b) (although lacking the approval or conditional approval that it requires under Article 4(3) of Regulation 853/2004) was, on 31st December 2005, operating as a licensed wild game processing facility under the Wild Game Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995⁽⁷⁾; and

“slaughterhouse” means an establishment used for slaughtering and dressing animals, the meat of which is intended for human consumption and which—

- (a) is approved or conditionally approved in accordance with Article 31(2) of Regulation 882/2004; or
- (b) (although lacking approval or conditional approval that it requires under Article 4(3) of Regulation 853/2004) was, on 31st December 2005, operating as a licensed slaughterhouse under the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995 or the Poultry Meat, Farmed Game Bird Meat and Rabbit Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995.

⁽⁵⁾ S.I. 1995/539, to which relevant amendments were made by S.I. 1995/225, S.I. 1995/3189 and S.S.I. 2000/171.

⁽⁶⁾ S.I. 1995/540, to which relevant amendments were made by S.S.I. 2000/141.

⁽⁷⁾ S.I. 1995/2148.