

## 1966 No. 1318

## FOOD AND DRUGS

## FOOD HYGIENE

## The Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) (Amendment) Regulations 1966

<i>Made</i>	- - -	19th October 1966
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		28th October 1966
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		1st February 1967

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Minister of Health acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 13 and 123 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955(a) and section 9 of the Slaughterhouses Act 1958(b), and of all other powers them enabling in that behalf, after consultation with such organisations as appear to them to be representative of interests substantially affected by the regulations and after reference to the Food Hygiene Advisory Council pursuant to section 82 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955, hereby make the following regulations:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. These regulations may be cited as the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) (Amendment) Regulations 1966; and shall come into operation on 1st February 1967.

*Interpretation*

2.—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, “the principal regulations” means the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations 1958(c) as amended (d).

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(e) applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

*Amendment of the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations 1958*

3. The principal regulations shall be amended as follows:—

(a) by substituting in regulation 2(1) thereof for the definition “authorised officer” the following definition:—

“ ‘authorised officer’ means an authorised officer for the purposes of section 86 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955 ”;

(b) by inserting in regulation 2(1) thereof, after the words “ ‘lairage’ means ”, the following words in brackets, namely “ (except in regulation 19A) ”;

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(a) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 16.

(b) 1958 c. 70.

(c) S.I. 1958/2168 (1958 I, p. 1182).

(d) S.I. 1959/1543, 1962/1287 (1959 I, p. 1344; 1962 II, p. 1378).

(e) 1889 c. 63.

- (c) by inserting in regulation 19(2) thereof after the word " into " the words " or to remain in ";
- (d) by inserting in regulation 19(3) thereof after the word " into " the words " or to remain in ";
- (e) by adding after regulation 19 thereof the following regulation:—  
 " 19A—(1) In this regulation ' lairage ' means any covered lairage forming part of a slaughterhouse used for the confinement of animals awaiting slaughter there, but does not include any field, pasture or other open lairage forming part of any slaughterhouse or otherwise.  
 (2) No person shall keep or permit to be kept in any lairage for a period exceeding 72 hours any animal intended for slaughter unless:—  
 (a) an authorised officer gives his consent in special circumstances that such animal may be kept in a lairage for a period exceeding 72 hours, and  
 (b) such animal is kept in that part of the lairage provided for the segregation of animals which are diseased or suspected of being diseased, and separated from all other animals in respect of which no such consent has been given."
- (f) by inserting in regulation 20 thereof after the word " into " the words " or to remain in ";
- (g) by adding after regulation 25(g) thereof the following paragraph:—  
 " (h) cause any lairage to be kept thoroughly clean ";
- (h) by adding at the end of regulation 32(b) thereof the words " for the purpose of the examination and seizure of meat ";
- (i) by deleting the letter " a " in brackets preceding the first paragraph of regulation 40 thereof;
- (j) by deleting paragraph (b) of regulation 40 thereof;
- (k) by adding after regulation 40 thereof the following regulation:—  
 " 40A No person shall use in a slaughterhouse any wiping cloth for the purpose of wiping down any carcass or any offal:  
 Provided that until 1st November 1968 this regulation shall not apply in relation to any wiping cloth which—  
 (a) is freshly sterilised by boiling before use, and  
 (b) is used once only upon a single carcass and its associated offal before re-sterilisation."

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 18th October 1966.

(L.S.)

*Frederick Peart,*

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Health on 19th October 1966.

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*Kenneth Robinson,*  
 Minister of Health.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These regulations, which are made jointly by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Minister of Health and come into operation on 1st February 1967, amend the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations 1958.

The principal changes which are contained in regulation 3 of the regulations, are as follows:—

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- (a) regulation 19(2) and 19(3) and regulation 20 of the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations have been extended to prohibit any person permitting the retention in a slaughterhouse of any carcase of an animal slaughtered elsewhere, unless specified conditions are complied with;
  - (b) the period during which any animal intended for slaughter may be kept in a slaughterhouse is limited to 72 hours except where an authorised officer gives his consent, and subject to certain conditions;
  - (c) an obligation to keep any lairage clean is imposed upon the occupier of a slaughterhouse;
  - (d) the use of wiping cloths in the dressing of carcasses is prohibited but until 1st November 1968 a wiping cloth may be used on any carcase or offal, if it is sterilised before use, and used on only one carcase and its associated offal before resterilisation.