STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1993 No. 1360

FOOD

The Fresh Meat and Poultry Meat (Hygiene, Inspection and Examinations for Residues) (Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 1993

Made - - - - 24th May 1993
Laid before Parliament 4th June 1993
Coming into force - - 25th June 1993

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Health and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, in relation to England and Wales, and the Secretary of State for Scotland in relation to Scotland, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 45 and 48(1) of the Food Safety Act 1990((1)) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf; the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State, being Ministers designated((2)) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972((3)) in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Economic Community, acting jointly in exercise of the powers conferred on them by the said section 2(2), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf; hereby make the following Regulations, after consultation in accordance with section 48(4) of the said Act of 1990 with such organisations as appear to them to be representative of interests substantially affected by the Regulations:—

Title and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fresh Meat and Poultry Meat (Hygiene, Inspection and Examinations for Residues) (Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 1993 and shall come into force on 25th June 1993.

Amendment

2. The Fresh Meat and Poultry Meat (Hygiene, Inspection and Examinations for Residues) (Charges) Regulations 1990((4)) shall be amended as follows—

^{(1) 1990} c. 16; "the Ministers" is defined in section 4(1) of the Act.

⁽²⁾ S.I.1972/1811.

^{(3) 1972} c. 68.

⁽⁴⁾ S.I. 1990/2494; amending instrument is S.I. 1992/2353.

(a) in regulation 2(1) (interpretation) after the definition of "health inspection and control exercise" there shall be inserted—

""livestock unit" means 1 bovine or soliped, 3 swine or 7 sheep or goats;";

- (b) in regulation 4 (calculation of charges for health inspection and control exercises carried out at a slaughterhouse) in paragraph (3), for sub-paragraph (a) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—
 - "(a) an amount not exceeding that real cost; and that real cost shall not exceed—
 - (i) £40 for the first four livestock units presented on the same occasion for inspection, and
 - (ii) £6.30 for each additional livestock unit also presented on that same occasion for inspection; or".

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 18th May 1993.

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24th May 1993

John Selwyn Gummer Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Secretary of State for Wales

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health.

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Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for
Health

Hector Monro
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Office

David Hunt

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Fresh Meat and Poultry Meat (Hygiene, Inspection and Examinations for Residues) (Charges) Regulations 1990. They implement in part the provisions of Council Decision 88/408/EEC (OJNo. L194, 22.7.88, p. 24) on the level of fees to be charged for health inspections and controls of fresh meat pursuant to Council Directive 85/73/EEC (OJ No. L32, 5.2.85, p. 14).

The Regulations introduce an upper limit on the amount that can be charged by a food authority in respect of health inspection and control exercises carried out at a slaughterhouse. That limit is £40 for the first four livestock units presented at a slaughterhouse on the same occasion for inspection. For any additional livestock units presented together with the first four, the limit is £6.30 per livestock unit. In all cases the amount that may be charged for a health inspection and control exercise must not exceed the real cost. A livestock unit is defined as 1 bovine or soliped, 3 pigs, or 7 sheep or goats.