STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Meat Products (Hygiene) Regulations 1994

PART III

CONDITIONS FOR THE HANDLING, STORING AND MARKETING OF MEAT PRODUCTS

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12.—(1) No person shall sell for human consumption from approved meat products premises, any meat product manufactured in or imported into Great Britain after these Regulations come into force unless—

- (a) it is or has been handled, stored and transported in accordance with Part VII of Schedule 2 and, after 31st December 1995, if it is stored in a cold store separate from the meat products premises from which it is sold, that store has been approved; and
- (b) subject to sub-paragraph (c) below, it is accompanied during transportation by a health certificate signed by an authorised officer of the enforcement authority at the time of loading corresponding in form and content to that specified in Schedule 4 where—
 - (i) it contains meat from a slaughterhouse situated in a region or area subject to prohibition or restriction under the Animal Health Act 1981(1);
 - (ii) it contains meat bearing a special mark under regulation 14(2)(c) or (d) of the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1992(2); or
 - (iii) it is intended to be sent to a relevant EEA State after transit through a third country, in which case it shall be in a sealed means of transport;
- (c) where-

(i) the product does not fall within sub-paragraph (b) above; and

(ii) the exemption specified in paragraph (2) below does not apply,

it is accompanied during transportation by a commercial document which bears the official approval code of the meat products premises of origin.

(2) The exemption mentioned in paragraph (1)(c)(ii) above is an exemption for meat products in hermetically sealed containers and having undergone one of the treatments referred to in paragraph B(a) of Part VIII of Schedule 2.

(3) The enforcement authority may make a reasonable charge for the issue of any health certificate pursuant to paragraph (1)(b) above.

^{(1) 1981} c. 22.

⁽²⁾ S.I.1992/2037.

(4) Any person who receives a consignment of meat products together with the commercial document referred to in paragraph (1)(c) above shall keep that document, and make it available for inspection by an authorised officer of the enforcement authority, when requested, for at least one year after receipt; in the case of meat products which cannot be stored at an ambient temperature, the period may be reduced to 6 months after the appropriate durability date of the product.