
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2000 No. 225

The Meat (Enhanced Enforcement Powers) (England) Regulations 2000

Amendments to the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995

2.—(1) Insofar as they extend to England, the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995⁽¹⁾ shall be amended in accordance with the following paragraphs of this regulation.

(2) In paragraph (1) of regulation 2 (interpretation) the following definitions shall be inserted in the appropriate alphabetical positions—

““associate”, in relation to a person entitled to exercise or control the exercise of voting power in relation to a body corporate, means—

- (a) if the person so entitled is a natural person—
 - (i) his husband, wife, son or daughter (including a stepson or step-daughter),
 - (ii) any body corporate of which he is a director,
 - (iii) any person who is his employee or partner;
- (b) if the person so entitled is a body corporate—
 - (i) any of its directors,
 - (ii) any body corporate which is a subsidiary of it,
 - (iii) any employee or director of any such subsidiary,
 - (iv) (if it is itself a subsidiary) any other subsidiary of the holding company they have in common,
 - (v) any employee or director of any such subsidiary; and
- (c) (whether the person so entitled is a natural person or a body corporate) if that person has with any other person an agreement or arrangement—
 - (i) with respect to the acquisition, holding or disposal of shares or other interests in the body corporate first-mentioned in this definition, or
 - (ii) under which both the parties to the agreement or arrangement undertake to act in exercising their voting power in relation to the said body corporate, that other person;”;

““controller”, in relation to the occupier of any licensed premises which is a body corporate, means a person—

- (a) in accordance with whose directions or instructions the directors of that body corporate or of any other body corporate which is its controller are accustomed to act; or
- (b) who, either alone or with any associate, is entitled to exercise, or control the exercise of, at least one-third of the voting power at any general meeting of that body corporate or of any other body corporate which is its controller;”;

(1) S.I.1995/539, amended by S.I. 1995/731, S.I. 1995/1763, S.I. 1995/2148, S.I. 1995/2200, S.I. 1995/3124, S.I. 1995/3189, S.I. 1996/1148, S.I. 1996/2235, S.I. 1997/1729 and S.I. 1997/2074.

““director” means—

- (a) in relation to a body corporate whose affairs are managed by a board of directors or similar body, a member of that board or body;
- (b) in relation to a body corporate whose affairs are managed by a single director or similar person, that director or person;
- (c) in relation to a body corporate whose affairs are managed by the members themselves, a member of the body corporate;”;

““manager” means a person who exercises managerial functions in relation to licensed premises;”;

““the Minister” means “the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food”;”;

““subsidiary” and “holding company” mean respectively a “subsidiary” and a “holding company” within the meaning of section 736(1) of the Companies Act 1985(2);”.

(3) In paragraph (1) of regulation 3 (exemptions and savings for existing licences) the phrase “Subject to regulation 3A,” shall be inserted at the beginning.

(4) The following regulation shall be inserted into Part I immediately after regulation 3—

“Obligations on persons engaged in otherwise exempt activities

3A.—(1) No person who (by virtue of regulation 3(1)(f)) is stated to be exempt from these Regulations shall—

- (a) sell, offer for sale or expose for sale; or
- (b) possess with a view to sale or preparation for sale,

any fresh meat intended for human consumption unless each operation in relation to that meat required to have been carried out in compliance with these Regulations has been so carried out.

(2) Notwithstanding regulation 3(1)(f), regulations 2, 21, 22 and 23 shall apply in respect of the prohibitions imposed by paragraph (1) above.”.

(5) Paragraph (1) of regulation 4 (issue of licences) shall be replaced with the following—

“(1) No person shall carry on the business of a slaughterhouse, cutting premises, a re-packaging centre, a cold store, a farmed game handling facility or a farmed game processing facility unless—

- (a) the premises concerned are licensed for the business concerned by the Minister;
- (b) that person complies with any conditions to which the licence is subject; and
- (c) that person—
 - (i) applies for the licence for those premises on or after the date of coming into force of the Meat (Enhanced Enforcement Powers) (England) Regulations 2000,
 - (ii) was the occupier of those premises on the date of coming into force of the Meat (Enhanced Enforcement Powers) (England) Regulations 2000 and has complied with the obligation in regulation 7A,
 - (iii) (subsequent to the grant of the licence or the date of coming into force of the Meat (Enhanced Enforcement Powers) (England) Regulations 2000, whichever is later) notified the Minister in accordance with regulation 4A(3) of his intention to carry on that business there, or

(2) 1985 c. 6; section 736(1) was substituted by section 144(1) of the Companies Act 1989 (1989 c. 40).

- (iv) (where the previous occupier of those premises was a natural person) is the personal representative or a member of the family of the previous occupier, and that previous occupier died less than one month previously.”.
- (6) The following paragraph shall be inserted between paragraphs (3) and (4) of regulation 4—
 - “(3A) Each application for a licence under this regulation shall include the name and principal business address of each person who is a manager and (if applicable) director or controller of the applicant.”.
- (7) The following regulation shall be inserted between regulation 4 and regulation 5 (revocation of licences)—

“Change of directors, managers and controllers of occupiers of licensed premises and change of occupier of such premises

4A.—(1) The occupier of licensed premises shall notify the Minister of any change in the identity or principal business address of his directors, managers or controllers as soon as is reasonably practicable after that change occurs, and in any event within one month of that change.

(2) No occupier of licensed premises shall transfer possession of or allow another person to occupy those premises for the purposes of carrying on any activity permitted by the licence unless he notifies the Minister of that person’s name and principal business address at least 21 days before the transfer or occupation concerned.

(3) Any person who intends to occupy licensed premises (whether alone or jointly) for the purposes of carrying on any business for which those premises are licensed shall notify the Minister at least 21 days before he occupies them of his intention to do so, and of his name and principal business address.

(4) Where the occupier (being a natural person) dies, paragraph (3) above shall not apply to occupation of those premises by the deceased’s personal representatives or by any member of his family, but the successor shall notify the Minister of his name and principal business address within one month of the death.

(5) Any notification made pursuant to paragraph (2), (3) or (4) above shall record the respective identities and principal business addresses of each manager and (if applicable) director and controller of the new occupier.”.

- (8) In paragraph (1)(b) of regulation 5 the words “as to hygiene” shall be revoked.
- (9) Paragraph (1)(c) of regulation 5 shall be replaced with the following—
 - “(c) any condition attached to the licence has not been complied with;”.
- (10) The following regulation shall be inserted between regulation 5 and regulation 6 (appeals)—

“Suspension of licences

5A.—(1) The Minister may suspend a licence granted in respect of any premises where—

- (a) it appears to him that—
 - (i) any requirement of these Regulations in relation to the premises is being breached, or
 - (ii) adequate health inspection in accordance with these Regulations is being hampered there; or
- (b) a notice has been served in relation to those premises pursuant to regulation 10(1), and—

- (i) the Minister is not satisfied that the action specified in the notice has been taken within the time specified there, and
 - (ii) as a result of the failure to take the action specified in the notice, any requirement of these Regulations is still being breached, or adequate health inspection is still being hampered, there.
- (2) Where the Minister intends to suspend a licence pursuant to paragraph (1) above, he shall give notice in writing to the occupier of the premises, informing him of—
 - (a) his decision to suspend the licence;
 - (b) the date on which he intends the suspension to take effect (which may be the date on which the notice is issued);
 - (c) the matters which must be remedied in order for the suspension to be lifted;
 - (d) the occupier’s right to appeal under regulation 6, and of the time within which any such appeal must be made.
- (3) Insofar as a licence is suspended pursuant to paragraph (1) above, the premises in respect of which that licence was granted shall be treated for the purposes of these Regulations as if they were not licensed premises.
- (4) The Minister shall lift the suspension of any licence where he is satisfied that the matters specified in the notice referred to in paragraph (2) above have been remedied or where a Meat Hygiene Appeals Tribunal has determined under regulation 6(3) that the licence should not have been suspended, and may lift the suspension of any licence in any other case.
- (5) Where the Minister lifts a suspension pursuant to paragraph (4) above, he shall do so by notice specifying the date on which it is lifted.”.
- (11) Paragraph (1) of regulation 6 shall be replaced with the following—
 - “(1) Where the Minister—
 - (a) has refused to license any premises;
 - (b) has granted a licence subject to conditions or has subsequently attached conditions to a licence;
 - (c) has suspended the licence of any premises; or
 - (d) has revoked the licence of any premises,the owner or occupier of, or any person proposing to occupy, the premises may within 21 days of being notified of the relevant decision of the Minister referred to above appeal to a Meat Hygiene Appeals Tribunal.”.
- (12) Paragraph (3) of regulation 6 shall be replaced with the following—
 - “(3) Where on an appeal under paragraph (1) above a Meat Hygiene Appeals Tribunal determines that—
 - (a) the grant of a licence should not have been refused;
 - (b) conditions have unreasonably been attached to a licence;
 - (c) a licence should not have been suspended; or
 - (d) a licence should not have been revoked,the Minister shall give effect to the determination of the Tribunal.”.
- (13) Paragraph (4) of regulation 6 shall be replaced with the following—
 - “(4) Where the Minister has revoked the licence of any premises under regulation 5, a person who, immediately before such revocation, had been using those premises may

continue to use them, subject to any reasonable conditions imposed by the Minister for the protection of public health, unless—

- (a) the time for appealing against the Minister’s decision pursuant to paragraph (1) above has expired without an appeal having been lodged; and
 - (b) (where an appeal has been lodged within the 21-day period stipulated in that paragraph) the appeal has been finally disposed of or abandoned.
- (5) Nothing in paragraph (4) above shall permit premises to be used if—
- (a) a prohibition order, emergency prohibition notice, emergency prohibition order or emergency control order has been imposed on the premises pursuant to section 11, 12 or 13 of the Act; or
 - (b) the Minister has suspended the licence of the premises pursuant to regulation 5A.”.

(14) The following regulation shall be inserted into Part II, after regulation 7—

“Provision of information by current occupiers of licensed premises

7A. Every person who is the occupier of licensed premises on the date of coming into force of the Meat (Enhanced Enforcement Powers) (England) Regulations 2000 shall notify the Minister of—

- (a) his identity and principal business address;
- (b) the identity and principal business address of each of his managers and (if applicable) directors and controllers; and
- (c) the address of those licensed premises (where different from the address required to be notified under sub-paragraph (a) above),

within 3 months of the said date of coming into force.”.

(15) In paragraph (1) of regulation 8 (supervision of premises), the following sub-paragraph shall be inserted between sub-paragraphs (a) and (b)—

“(aA) the inspection of the records required to be kept by the occupier pursuant to regulation 20(1)(a), (e) and (f) and otherwise monitoring the occupier’s compliance with his duties under regulation 20.”.

(16) In paragraph (1)(a) of regulation 10 (powers of OVSS and veterinary officers) the words “as to hygiene” shall be revoked.

(17) Sub-division (ii) of regulation 10(1) shall be replaced with the following—

- “(ii) impose conditions upon or prohibit the carrying out of any process, or
- (iii) require the rate of operation to be reduced to such extent as is specified in the notice, or to be stopped completely.”.

(18) In paragraph (1) of regulation 13 (general conditions) the following sub-paragraph shall be substituted for sub-paragraph (a)—

“(a) without prejudice to the specific conditions set out in the following sub-paragraphs of this paragraph, each operation in relation to that meat required to have been carried out in compliance with these Regulations has been so carried out;”.

(19) In paragraph (1)(g) of regulation 13 the word “licensed” shall be inserted between “a” and “cold store”.

(20) Paragraph (1)(a) of regulation 20 (duties of occupier) shall be replaced with the following—

“(a) shall make (and retain for a period of at least one year from the date of making) a record sufficient to show—

- (i) the number of animals and where appropriate the mass (measured in tonnes) of meat entering the premises in each week, in each case identified by species, and
- (ii) the mass (measured in tonnes) of fresh meat dispatched from those premises in each week.”.

(21) Paragraph (1)(e) of regulation 20 shall be replaced with the following—

“(e) shall as soon as is practicable after the completion of the checks concerned make and retain for a period of at least one year from the date of making a record of any check carried out pursuant to sub-paragraph (d) of this paragraph;”.

(22) Paragraph (1)(f) of regulation 20 shall be replaced with the following—

“(f) shall as soon as is practicable after getting the results concerned make and retain for a period of at least one year from the date of making a record of the results of water testing on the premises;”.

(23) Paragraph (2) of regulation 20 shall be revoked.

(24) In regulation 21 (offences and penalties)—

- (a) paragraph (1) and the word “other” in paragraph (2)(a) shall be revoked; and
- (b) in paragraph (3) the phrase “Nothing in paragraph (2) above shall apply” shall be substituted for the phrase “Neither paragraph (1) nor paragraph (2) above applies”.

(25) The following text shall be substituted for the existing text of regulation 23 (enforcement)—

“(1) These Regulations shall be executed and enforced—

- (a) in relation to licensed premises by the Minister; and
- (b) in relation to any place other than licensed premises by the food authority within whose area that place is situated.

(2) On an inspection of any meat in licensed premises an authorised officer of the Minister may certify that the meat concerned has not been produced, stored or transported in accordance with these Regulations.

(3) On an inspection of any meat at any place other than licensed premises an authorised officer of the food authority within whose area that place is situated may certify that the meat concerned has not been produced, stored or transported in accordance with these Regulations.

(4) Where any meat is certified as mentioned in paragraph (2) or (3) above it shall be treated for the purposes of section 9 of the Act as failing to comply with food safety requirements.”.