
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which extend to England only, amend the provisions of the Pig Carcase (Grading) Regulations 1994. The 1994 Regulations provide for the administration and enforcement of the Community system of grading pig carcasses established by Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3220/84 (OJ No. L301, 20.11.84 p. 1) as amended, the detailed rules for which are set out in Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 2976/85 (OJ No. L285, 25.10.85, p. 39) and Commission Decision 88/234/EEC (OJ No. L105, 26.4.88, p. 15), as amended.

These Regulations, by adding a reference to a new Commission Decision (Commission Decision 2003/750/EC (OJ No. L271, 22.10.2003, p. 24)) authorise a new method of grading the composition of pig carcasses by using the apparatus known as “fully automatic ultrasonic carcase grading” (“AUTOFOM”) and withdraw authorisation for use of the apparatus known as “Ultra-FOM”. Use of AUTOFOM is in addition to the other methods specified in Commission Decision 88/234/EEC, as amended.

No Regulatory Impact Assessment has been produced for these Regulations.