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**AGRICULTURE, ENGLAND**

**The Pig Carcase (Grading) (Amendment) (England)  
Regulations 2003**

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The Secretary of State, being a Minister designated(a) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(b) in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Community, in exercise of the powers conferred on her by that section, makes the following Regulations:

**Title, commencement and application**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Pig Carcase (Grading) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2003 and shall come into force on 12th December 2003.

(2) These Regulations apply to England only.

**Amendment to the Pig Carcase (Grading) Regulations 1994**

2. In regulation 2(1) of the Pig Carcase (Grading) Regulations 1994(c) there shall be substituted for the definition of “the Commission Decision” the following definition—

““the Commission Decision” means Commission Decision 88/234/EEC(d) authorising methods for grading pig carcases in the United Kingdom as amended by Commission Decision 88/478/EEC(e), Commission Decision 92/557/EEC(f), Commission Decision 93/445/EEC(g), Commission Decision 94/336/EC(h) and Commission Decision 2003/750/EC(i).”

17th November 2003 *Whitty*  
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(a) S.I. 1972/1811.  
(b) 1972 c. 68.  
(c) S.I. 1994/2155.  
(d) OJ No. L105, 26.4.88 p. 15.  
(e) OJ No. L234, 24.8.88 p. 17.  
(f) OJ No. L358, 8.12.92 p. 22.  
(g) OJ No. L208, 19.8.93 p. 36.  
(h) OJ No. L150, 16.6.94 p. 34.  
(i) OJ No. L271, 22.10.2003 p. 24.

## 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 carcases 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 carcases 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.

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