
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 3100

**The Registration of Establishments
(Laying Hens) (England) Regulations 2003**

Interpretation

2. —In these Regulations—

“the Directive” means Commission Directive [2002/4/EC](#) on the registration of establishments keeping laying hens, covered by Council Directive [1999/74/EC](#)(1);

“establishment” means any site at which 350 or more laying hens are kept;

“laying hens” means hens of the species *Gallus gallus* which have reached maturity and are kept for the production of eggs not intended for hatching;

“local authority” means—

- (a) in any part of England where there is, within the meaning of the Local Government Changes for England Regulations 1994(2), a unitary authority for that local government area, that authority;
- (b) where there is not a unitary authority—
 - (i) in a metropolitan district, the council of that district;
 - (ii) in a non-metropolitan county, the council of that county; or
 - (iii) in each London borough, the council of that borough;
- (c) in the City of London, the Common Council; and

“register” means the register of establishments maintained by the Secretary of State pursuant to regulation 3.

(1) O.J. No. L 30, 31.1.2002, p.44.

(2) S.I. [1994/867](#), to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.