
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

1. These Regulations, which apply to Wales only, give effect to Article 5 of Commission Decision [2000/418/EC](#) (OJ No.L158, 30.6.2000, p.70).

2. These Regulations—

- (a) prohibit the use of the technique known as “pithing” in the slaughter of bovine, ovine or caprine animals for human or animal consumption (regulation 2(1));
- (b) provide that the carcase (other than the hide) of an illegally pithed animal is deemed to be specified risk material (regulation 3);
- (c) make a consequential amendment to the Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) Regulations 1995 insofar as they extend to Wales (regulation 4);
- (d) give a power of entry to persons appointed as inspectors by the relevant enforcement authority (regulation 5);
- (e) create offences and penalties (regulations 2(3), 6 and 7);
- (f) specify who is to enforce them (regulation 8).

3. These Regulations (other than Regulation 3, which comes into force on 1st July 2001) come into force on 1st April 2001.

4. A regulatory appraisal for these Regulations has been prepared pursuant to section 65 of the Government of Wales Act 1998 and placed in the library of the National Assembly for Wales. Copies may be obtained from the Food Standards Agency, 1st Floor, Southgate House, Cardiff, CF10 1EN.