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ANIMALS, WALES

ANIMAL HEALTH

**The Products of Animal Origin
(Disease Control) (Wales)
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations transpose in Wales Articles 3 and 4 of Council Directive 2002/99/EC laying down the animal health rules governing the production, processing, distribution and introduction of products of animal origin for human consumption (OJ No L 18, 23.1.2003, p 11).

These Articles are also transposed by the Diseases of Poultry (Wales) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1079) (W.148), the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Wales) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/179) (W.30) and the Avian Influenza and Influenza of Avian Origin in Mammals (Wales) (No. 2) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/2927) (W.262).

Other Articles of the Council Directive and other EC measures supplementing them are transposed by—

- (a) the Official Feed and Food Controls (Wales) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3294) (W.290);
- (b) the Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food) (Wales) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/196) (W.15);
- (c) the Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/1536) (W.153);
- (d) the Products of Animal Origin (Import and Export) Regulations 1996 (S.I. 1996/3124);
- (e) the Products of Animal Origin (Third Country Imports) (Wales) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/376) (W.36); and
- (f) the Food Hygiene (Wales) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/31) (W.5).

These Regulations also transpose, insofar as they apply to Newcastle disease, the Commission Decision 2007/118/EC establishing an alternative health mark pursuant to Directive 2002/99/EC (OJ No. L 51, 20.2.2007, p 19).

These Regulations create obligations in respect of animals or poultry from premises where classical swine fever, African swine fever, swine vesicular disease, rinderpest, sheep and goat plague or Newcastle disease is suspected or confirmed, and the infected area and/or protection zone and surveillance zone that is/are put in place on confirmation of one of these diseases. They also create obligations and prohibitions in respect of the meat from these animals and this poultry.

Regulation 7 requires the detention of meat from suspect premises and the destruction of meat from infected premises. Regulation 8 requires tracing of meat from infected premises. Regulation 9 prohibits the supply or export of “restricted meat”, being untreated meat from susceptible animals from restricted areas, unless the meat is from poultry from a Newcastle disease restricted area. In that case, the meat can be traded on the domestic market provided certain requirements are satisfied.

Regulation 10 requires slaughterhouses dealing with restricted animals or poultry and meat from those animals or that poultry to be designated and requires separation of those animals or that poultry. Detention of meat is required if disease is suspected or confirmed at the slaughterhouse. Regulation 11 requires game handling establishments dealing with restricted meat to be designated.

Regulation 12 requires premises and establishments to be designated before receipt of restricted meat and requires restricted meat at those places to be kept separate from other meat.

Regulation 13 relates to the marking of meat subject to restrictions. The health mark referred to in paragraph 1(a) of Schedule 3 is an oval mark when applied under EC Regulation 854/2004 laying down specific rules for the organisation of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption (OJ No. L 155, 30.4.2004, p 206) and a square mark (poultry) or pentagonal mark (wild game) under Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2076/2005 laying down transitional arrangements for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No. 853/2004, (EC) No. 854/2004 and (EC) No. 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the council and amending Regulations (EC) No. 853/2004 and (EC) No. 854/2004 (OJ No. L 338, 22.12.2005, p 83). The application of the health mark is supervised by an officer of the Meat Hygiene Service. The identification

marks referred to in paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 are the national mark, again this is square for poultry and pentagonal for wild game, and the alternative identification mark, which is the shape of a beer mat and depicted in the Annex to Commission Decision 2007/118/EC.

Regulation 14 applies to the movement of restricted meat and regulation 15 to record keeping in respect of such meat.

Regulation 16 enables the Welsh Ministers to impose requirements in respect of milk and milk products to minimise the risk of the spread of disease.

Regulations 17 to 24 relate to enforcement.

Schedule 1 sets out the legislation under which zones and areas are declared in respect of the diseases to which these Regulations relate. Schedule 2 sets out the treatments which must be applied to restricted meat. Schedule 3 sets out the meat marking requirements for restricted meat.

A full regulatory impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have has been prepared. Copies may be obtained from the Welsh Assembly Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ.

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The Welsh Ministers are designated⁽¹⁾ for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972⁽²⁾ in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Community.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972, the Welsh Ministers make the following Regulations:

PART 1

Introduction

Title, application and commencement

1. The title of these regulations is The Products of Animal Origin (Disease Control) (Wales) Regulations 2008; they apply in relation to Wales and come into force on 3 June 2008.

(1) S.I. 2005/2766. Functions conferred on the National Assembly for Wales are exercisable by the Welsh Ministers by virtue of paragraph 30 of and Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006.

(2) 1972 c. 68.

Interpretation: general

2. In these Regulations—

“the Act” (“*y Ddeddf*”) means the Animal Health Act 1981(1);

“animal” (“*anifail*”) means any mammal;

“disease” (“*clefyd*”) means any of the following: classical swine fever; African swine fever; swine vesicular disease; rinderpest; sheep and goat plague, Newcastle disease;

“disease legislation” (“*deddfwriaeth clefydau*”) means any of the legislation listed in Schedule 1;

“establishment” (“*sefydliad*”) means a slaughterhouse or a game handling establishment;

“game handling establishment” (“*sefydliad trin anifeiliad hela*”) means an establishment where the preparation of wild game carcasses takes place;

“inspector” (“*arolygydd*”) means an inspector appointed as such by the Welsh Ministers or a local authority for the purpose of these Regulations or of the Act and, unless the context otherwise requires, includes a veterinary inspector;

“local authority” (“*awdurdod lleol*”) means in relation to an area the county council or county borough council for that area.

“meat” (“*cig*”) means any part of the carcass of either an animal or poultry intended for human consumption, and includes a product resulting from the processing of meat from that animal or poultry or a product resulting from the further processing of such processed meat product;

“occupier” (“*meddiannydd*”) means, in relation to any premises or establishment, the person in charge of those premises or that establishment;

“poultry” (“*dofednod*”) means all species of poultry reared or kept in captivity for the production of meat or eggs for human consumption, the production of other commercial products for human consumption, the restocking of supplies of game or for the purposes of any breeding programme for the production of these categories of birds;

“premises” (“*mangre*”) means any land, building or place in business use, other than a slaughterhouse or game handling establishment;

“relevant date” (“*dyddiad perthnasol*”) means the date disease was confirmed at infected premises or an establishment or the date of earliest infection where the Welsh Ministers specify such a date;

(1) 1981, c. 22, as amended by the Animal Health Act 2002, c. 42, S.I. 1992/3293, 2003/1734 and 2006/182.

“slaughter” (“*cigydda*”) means killing for the production of food for human consumption but does not include killing wild game;

“slaughterhouse” (“*lladd-dy*”) means an establishment where the slaughter and dressing of any animal or poultry takes place;

“supply” (“*cyflenwi*”) means supply to the final consumer or to a person who then supplies to the final consumer and includes consignment for sale;

“treatment centre” (“*canolfan driniaeth*”) means premises designated under regulation 5 for the purpose of subjecting meat to a treatment listed in Schedule 2;

“vehicle” (“*cerbyd*”) includes—

- (a) a trailer, semi-trailer or other thing designed or adapted to be towed by another vehicle;
- (b) a detachable part of any vehicle;
- (c) a container or other structure designed or adapted to be carried on a vehicle;

“veterinary inspector” (“*arolygydd milfeddygol*”) means a person appointed as such by the Welsh Ministers for the purposes of these Regulations or under the Act; and

“wild game” (“*anifeiliaid hela gwyllt*”) means a wild animal which is hunted for human consumption.

Restricted animal, restricted poultry and restricted meat: definitions

3.—(1) In these Regulations, a “restricted animal” (“*anifail dan gyfyngiadau*”) is an animal which is—

- (a) at, in or from—
 - (i) suspect premises;
 - (ii) an establishment where a disease is suspected;
 - (iii) infected premises;
 - (iv) an establishment where a disease is confirmed;
 - (v) an infected area;
 - (vi) a protection zone; or
 - (vii) a surveillance zone; and
- (b) of a species susceptible to the disease in respect of which restrictions have been imposed under disease legislation.

(2) In these Regulations, “restricted poultry” (“*dofednod dan gyfyngiadau*”) is poultry which is at, in

or from any of the following under the Diseases of Poultry (Wales) Order 2003⁽¹⁾—

- (a) suspect premises;
- (b) a slaughterhouse where a disease is suspected;
- (c) infected premises;
- (d) a slaughterhouse where a disease is confirmed;
- (e) an infected area;
- (f) a protection zone; or
- (g) a surveillance zone.

(3) “Suspect premises” (“*mangre dan amheuaeth*”) are premises where movement restrictions are in place under disease legislation because a disease is suspected there.

(4) “Infected premises” (“*mangre heintiedig*”) are premises where a disease has been confirmed under disease legislation.

(5) An “infected area” (“*ardal heintiedig*”) is an area of this name declared by the Welsh Ministers under disease legislation following confirmation of a disease.

(6) A “protection zone” (“*parth gwarchod*”) is an area of this name declared by the Welsh Ministers under disease legislation following confirmation of a disease.

(7) A “surveillance zone” (“*parth goruchwyllo*”) is an area of this name declared by the Welsh Ministers under disease legislation following confirmation of a disease.

(8) “Restricted meat” (“*cig dan gyfyngiadau*”) is meat produced from the relevant date from a restricted animal or restricted poultry from an infected area, a protection zone or a surveillance zone that has not been treated in accordance with Schedule 2 at a designated treatment centre, and includes meat that has come into contact with such meat.

Notices

4. Notices under these Regulations—

- (a) must be in writing; and
- (b) may be amended, suspended or revoked, by further notice, at any time.

Designation of premises, slaughterhouses and game handling establishments

5.—(1) The Welsh Ministers may designate any establishment or premises for the purposes of slaughtering animals or poultry, or cutting, preparing,

(1) S.I. 2003/1079 (W.148).

processing, packing, wrapping, storage or treatment of meat.

(2) Designation under these Regulations—

- (a) must be in writing;
- (b) may be subject to conditions; and
- (c) may be amended, suspended or revoked by notice.

(3) Premises and establishments designated by the Secretary of State, the Scottish Ministers or the Department for Agriculture and Rural Development of Northern Ireland for the same purposes as they may be designated under these Regulations are designated premises or establishments for the purposes of these Regulations.

(4) In these Regulations, “designated” (“*dynodedig*”) refers to premises and establishments which are designated under this regulation.

Restrictions relating to movements from England, Scotland or Northern Ireland

6.—(1) Unless the Welsh Ministers direct otherwise, measures in these Regulations applying in respect of anything moved from any of the premises, establishments, areas or zones referred to in regulation 3 also apply in respect of such a movement from any equivalent premises, establishment, area or zone in England, Scotland or Northern Ireland.

(2) This regulation only applies if the person to whom the measure applies is aware or should reasonably have been aware that the movement is from such premises, establishment, area or zone.

PART 2

Control of meat from restricted animals or restricted poultry

Meat from suspect or infected premises

7.—(1) Any person who is in possession of meat from a restricted animal or restricted poultry originating from suspect premises from the relevant date, or meat that has come into contact with such meat, must detain that meat until those premises are no longer suspect premises.

(2) Paragraph (1) only applies if the person in possession of the meat is aware or should reasonably have been aware that the meat is from a restricted animal or restricted poultry originating from suspect premises from the relevant date, or is meat that has come into contact with such meat.

(3) Any person in possession of meat produced from a restricted animal or restricted poultry originating from infected premises from the relevant date, or meat that has come into contact with such meat, must destroy that meat without delay.

Tracing of meat from infected premises

8. Any person who has owned or been in possession of meat referred to in regulation 7(3) must—

- (a) use best endeavours to trace that meat; and
- (b) inform the recipient of that meat, other than a consumer, that the meat is from infected premises.

Prohibition on supply and export of meat

9.—(1) A person must not—

- (a) supply restricted meat; or
- (b) export restricted meat.

(2) The prohibition in paragraph (1)(a) does not apply to restricted meat from restricted poultry intended for supply on the domestic market provided—

- (a) the occupier of the slaughterhouse where the meat was produced complied with regulations 10, 12, 13 and 15(1) and (2);
- (b) any person who is in possession of the meat complies with regulations 12(2) and 13; and
- (c) the occupier of premises where cutting, preparing, processing, packing, wrapping, storage or treatment of the meat takes place complies with regulations 13 and 15(2) and (3).

(3) The “domestic market” (“*marchnad ddomestig*”) is the market for the sale of poultry meat in Wales, England, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Slaughterhouses

10.—(1) The occupier of a slaughterhouse may only slaughter restricted animals or restricted poultry if the slaughterhouse is designated.

(2) The occupier of a slaughterhouse must ensure that—

- (a) restricted animals are kept separate from other animals;
- (b) restricted animals are slaughtered separately from other animals;
- (c) restricted poultry are kept separated from other poultry;
- (d) restricted poultry are slaughtered separately from other poultry.

(3) The occupier of a slaughterhouse who receives restricted animals that have not been kept separate from other animals or who has not kept restricted animals separate from other animals must, on being given notice by a veterinary inspector, deal with those other animals as restricted animals.

(4) The occupier of a slaughterhouse who receives restricted poultry that have not been kept separate from other poultry or who has not kept restricted poultry separate from other poultry must, on being given notice by a veterinary inspector, deal with that other poultry as restricted poultry.

(5) The occupier of a slaughterhouse where disease is suspected or has been confirmed must detain all meat in the slaughterhouse until a veterinary inspector notifies that occupier that the inspector is satisfied that detention of all or some of that meat is no longer necessary to reduce the risk of transmission of disease.

Game handling establishments

11.—(1) The occupier of a game handling establishment may only receive restricted meat if that establishment is designated.

(2) The occupier of a game handling establishment where disease is suspected or has been confirmed must detain all meat in the game handling establishment until a veterinary inspector notifies that occupier that the inspector is satisfied that detention of all or some of that meat is no longer necessary to reduce the risk of transmission of disease.

Receipt and possession of restricted meat

12.—(1) The occupier of any premises or establishment may only receive restricted meat if that premises or establishment is designated.

(2) Any person in possession of restricted meat must keep it separate from other meat.

Marking of meat

13.—(1) The occupier of an establishment must ensure that restricted meat is marked in accordance with Schedule 3.

(2) A person must not be in possession or control of restricted meat unless it is marked in accordance with Schedule 3.

(3) A person must not remove a mark applied under this regulation except to enable cutting, preparing, processing, packing or treatment of the restricted meat.

(4) Any person who removes a mark applied under this regulation, other than a person treating meat at a treatment centre with a treatment listed in Schedule 2, must reapply the mark, with the appropriate plant

approval number, after cutting, preparing, processing, packing or treatment of the meat.

Movement of restricted meat

14. No person may transport or arrange for the transport of restricted meat to premises or an establishment unless that premises or establishment is designated.

Record keeping

15.—(1) The occupier of a slaughterhouse where a restricted animal or restricted poultry is slaughtered must make records of the following—

- (a) the number and type of restricted animals or restricted poultry slaughtered;
- (b) the date of such slaughter;
- (c) the disease which caused the animals or poultry to be subject to restrictions under the disease legislation.

(2) Any person who is in possession of restricted meat must make records of the following—

- (a) the quantity of restricted meat handled;
- (b) the disease which caused the meat to be subject to restrictions under the disease legislation;
- (c) the quantity of restricted meat placed into and removed from cold storage;
- (d) the date of such movement into or out of cold storage;
- (e) the quantity of restricted meat disposed of as animal by-product.

(3) The occupier of a treatment centre where restricted meat is treated must keep records of the following—

- (a) the date of the treatment;
- (b) the species of animal from which the meat came;
- (c) the quantity of meat treated;
- (d) the treatment applied.

(4) Records made under this regulation must be retained for at least 3 years from the date of the slaughter, movement or treatment to which they refer.

PART 3

Other requirements

Requirements in relation to milk and milk products

16.—(1) The Welsh Ministers may declare that requirements in respect of milk and milk products apply if they consider those requirements necessary to minimise the risk of the spread of disease.

(2) “Milk and milk products” (“*llaeth a chynhyrchion llaeth*”) includes cows’ milk, goats’ milk, ewes’ milk and products obtained from such milk, in each case intended for human consumption.

(3) A declaration under paragraph (1)—

- (a) must be in writing;
- (b) may be amended by further declaration at any time; and
- (c) may only be revoked by further declaration.

PART 4

Inspection, offences and enforcement

Powers and duties of inspectors

17.—(1) On producing, if required, a duly authenticated document showing his or her authority, an inspector may, at all reasonable hours, enter any premises, establishment or vehicle for the purpose of ensuring that these Regulations are being complied with.

(2) An inspector may require a person in possession of any meat to detain that meat at a place specified by the inspector.

(3) An inspector may require a person in possession of meat to dispose of that meat.

(4) An inspector may require a person in possession of meat to treat that meat.

(5) An inspector may carry out such inquiries, examinations and tests and take such samples as he or she considers necessary.

(6) An inspector may mark any animal, meat or other thing for identification purposes.

(7) An inspector may, by notice to the occupier of any premises or establishment, require the marking of any meat.

(8) An inspector may, by notice to the occupier of any premises or establishment, require the tracing of any meat that the occupier has handled.

(9) An inspector may, by notice to the occupier of any premises or establishment, require the cleansing and disinfection of any part of those premises.

(10) An inspector may, by notice to the person in charge of any thing, require the cleansing and disinfection of that thing.

(11) An inspector may, by notice to the occupier of any premises or establishment or the person in charge of any animal, or thing require—

- (a) the isolation of the animal, or thing in a specified place;
- (b) the separation of any animal, or thing from any other animal, or thing.

(12) An inspector may inspect and copy any records (in whatever form they are held) kept under these Regulations and remove such records so they may be copied.

(13) An inspector may inspect and check the operation of any computer and associated apparatus or material used in connection with the making and keeping of records under these Regulations.

(14) An inspector may require computer records to be produced in a form which may be taken away.

(15) An inspector who enters any premises, establishment or vehicle may be accompanied by—

- (a) such other persons as he or she considers necessary; and
- (b) any representative of the European Commission.

(16) An inspector who enters an unoccupied premises or unoccupied establishment must leave them as effectively secured against unauthorised entry as the inspector found them.

Provision of reasonable assistance, information and cooperation

18. Any person to whom any requirement under these Regulations applies or who is required to give reasonable assistance or information to a person executing these Regulations must, unless that person has reasonable cause, do so without delay.

Costs of compliance

19. The costs incurred by any person in taking any action required under these Regulations, or of refraining from taking action prohibited under them, must be met by that person unless the Welsh Ministers direct otherwise in writing.

Powers of inspectors in case of default

20. If any person fails to comply with a requirement in or under these Regulations, an inspector may take such steps the inspector considers necessary to ensure the requirement is met at the expense of that person.

Offences and proceedings

21.—(1) The following provisions of the Act apply as if these Regulations were an Order made under the Act—

- (a) section 66 (refusal and obstruction);
- (b) section 71A(1) (prosecutions: time limit);
- (c) section 73 (general offences);
- (d) section 77 (money recoverable summarily);
- (e) section 79(1) to (4) (evidence and procedure).

(2) Section 75 of the Act(2) (penalties for certain summary offences) applies as if these Regulations were an Order made under the Act except that any term of imprisonment on summary conviction may not exceed three months.

Offences by bodies corporate

22.—(1) If an offence committed by a body corporate is shown—

- (a) to have been committed with the consent or connivance of an officer; or
- (b) to be attributable to any neglect on the officer's part,

the officer as well as the body corporate is guilty of the offence and liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

(2) If the affairs of a body corporate are managed by its members, paragraph (1) applies in relation to the acts and defaults of members in connection with their functions of management as if they were directors of the body.

(3) "Officer" ("swyddog"), in relation to a body corporate, means a director, member of the committee of management, chief executive, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body, or a person purporting to act in any such capacity.

(1) Section 71A was inserted by the Animal Health Act 2002, section 14.

(2) Section 75 was amended by the Animal Health Act 2002, section 13.

Disapplication of provisions to any person executing or enforcing these Regulations

23. Any prohibition or restriction on the movement or use of any thing under these Regulations does not apply to the following in their execution or enforcement of these Regulations—

- (a) the Welsh Ministers;
- (b) an inspector of the local authority;
- (c) any other person authorised by the Welsh Ministers or by the local authority to carry out such execution or enforcement.

Enforcement

24. These Regulations are to be enforced by—

- (a) the Welsh Ministers in any establishment or cutting plant; or
- (b) the local authority, unless the Welsh Ministers directs otherwise.

Elin Jones

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8 May 2008

SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 2

Disease legislation

1. The African Swine Fever (Wales) Order 2003(1)
2. The Cattle Plague Order 1928(2)
3. The Classical Swine Fever (Wales) Order 2003(3)
4. The Movement of Animals (Restrictions) (Wales) Order 2003(4)
5. The Swine Vesicular Disease Order 1972(5)
6. The Diseases of Poultry (Wales) Order 2003(6)

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 2

Approved meat treatments

<i>Meat treatment</i>	<i>Diseases against which the treatment is effective</i>
(a) Heat treatment in a hermetically sealed container with an F value of 3 or more (where F is the killing effect on bacterial spores: an F value of 3 means that the coldest point in the product has been heated sufficiently to achieve the same killing effect as 121°C in three minutes with instantaneous heating and chilling)	All diseases
(b) Heat treatment at a minimum temperature of 70°C which must be reached throughout the meat	All diseases except African swine fever
(c) Heat treatment at a minimum temperature of 80°C which must be reached throughout the	All diseases

- (1) S.I. 2003/3273 (W.323).
- (2) SR&O 1928/206.
- (3) S.I. 2003/2456 (W.239).
- (4) S.I. 2003/399 (W.56).
- (5) S.I. 1972/1980.
- (6) S.I.2003/1079 (W.148)

meat	
(d) Heat treatment in a hermetically sealed container to at least 60°C for a minimum of 4 hours during which time the core temperature must be at least 70°C for 30 minutes	All diseases except Newcastle disease
(e) Natural fermentation and maturation of not less than nine months for boneless meat resulting in the following characteristics: a Water Activity (Aw) value of not more than 0.93 or a pH value of not more than 6	All diseases except sheep and goat plague and Newcastle disease
(f) Natural fermentation as in (e) but with the bone still in the meat	Classical swine fever and swine vesicular disease
(g) Treatment of hams and loins involving natural fermentation and maturation for at least 190 days for hams and 140 days for loins	African swine fever
(h) Heat treatment ensuring a core temperature of at least 65°C is reached for the time necessary to achieve a pasteurisation value (pv) equal to or more than 40	Sheep and goat plague

SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 13

Special identification mark

1. Restricted meat from animals must be marked with an identification mark which is—

- (a) a diagonal cross, superimposed on the health mark or identification mark applied under article 5 of Regulation (EC) No. 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin⁽¹⁾ or article 4 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2076/2005 laying down transitional arrangements for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No.

(1) OJ No L 226, 25.6.2004, p 22.

853/2004, (EC) No. 854/2004 and (EC) No. 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Regulations (EC) No. 853/2004 and (EC) No. 854/2004(1), consisting of two straight lines intersecting at the centre of the stamp and enabling the information on the existing mark to remain legible, or

- (b) a single oval stamp, 6.5 cm wide and 4.5 cm high, upon which the following information is legible:
 - (i) on the upper part, the letters UK;
 - (ii) in the centre, the approval number of the establishment;
 - (iii) on the lower part, the letters EC;
 - (iv) two straight lines crossing at the centre of the stamp in such a way that the information is not obscured;
 - (v) information which identifies the veterinary inspector who inspected the meat.

2. If the single oval stamp referred to in paragraph (1)(b) is used—

- (a) the letters must be at least 0.8 cm high;
- (b) the figures must be at least 1 cm high; and
- (c) the application of the mark must be supervised by an officer of the Meat Hygiene Service.

3. Restricted meat from poultry must be marked with an identification mark which is—

- (a) the national mark provided for in article 4 of Commission Regulation 2076/2005 laying down transitional arrangements for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No. 853/2004, (EC) No. 854/2004 and (EC) No. 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the council and amending Regulations (EC) No. 853/2004 and (EC) No. 854/2004(2); or
- (b) the mark described in the Annex to Commission Decision 2007/118/EC laying down detailed rules in relation to an alternative identification mark pursuant to Council Directive 2002/99/EC(3).

4. The identification mark may be applied according to the methods in paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 13 of section 1(C) of Annex II to Regulation EC No.

(1) OJ No. L 338, 22.12.2005, p 83.

(2) OJ No. L 338, 22.12.2005, p 83.

(3) OJ No. L 51, 20.02.2007, p 19.

853/2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin⁽¹⁾.

5. The “Meat Hygiene Service” (“*Gwasanaeth Hylendid Cig*”) is the body of that name which is an executive agency of the Food Standards Agency.

(1) OJ No. L 226, 25.06.2004, p 22.