STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1978 No. 884

FOOD AND DRUGS

AUTHORITIES

The Authorised Officers (Meat Inspection) Regulations 1978

Made - - - -	16*th June* 1978
Coming into Operation	7*th July* 1978

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Social Services and the Secretary of State for Wales acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 86(4)(*d*) of the Food and Drugs Act 1955(**a**), as read with the Secretary of State for Social Services Order 1968(**b**) and the Transfer of Functions (Wales) (No. 1) Order 1978(**c**) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Authorised Officers (Meat Inspection) Regulations 1978 and shall come into operation on 7th July 1978.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**d**) shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if these regulations and the regulations hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

2. Pursuant to section 86(4) of the Food and Drugs Act 1955 any officer of a council, being a person having any of the qualifications specified in Schedule 1 to these regulations, may be authorised under that Act to act in relation to the examination and seizure of meat.

3. The regulations specified in column 1 of Schedule 2 to these regulations are hereby revoked.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 9th June 1978.

(L.S.)

John Silkin,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

14th June 1978.

David Ennals,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

16th June 1978.

John Morris,
Secretary of State for Wales.

(**a**) 1955 c.16 (4 & 5 Eliz. 2)
(**b**) S.I. 1968/1699.
(**c**) S.I. 1978/272.
(**d**) 1889 c. 63.

SCHEDULE 1 Regulation 2

QUALIFICATIONS OF AUTHORISED OFFICERS

1. Registered Medical Practitioner.
2. Member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.
3. The holder of a valid—
   (*a*) Certificate or Diploma of the former Public Health Inspectors Education Board, or
   (*b*) Certificate of the former Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors Examination Joint Board, or
   (*c*) Certificate of the former Sanitary Inspectors Examination Board, or
   (*d*) Certificate in Meat Inspection of the Royal Society for the promotion of Health, or
   (*e*) Diploma in Environmental Health of the Environmental Health Officers Education Board, or
   (*f*) Certificate of Registration of the Environmental Health Officers Registration Board, or
   (*g*) Certificate of Competency in the Inspection of Meat and other Foods of the Royal Sanitary Association of Scotland, or
   (*h*) Certificate or Diploma of the Royal Sanitary Association of Scotland, or
   (*i*) Certificate for Meat Detention Officers in Northern Ireland of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

SCHEDULE 2 Regulation 3

Column 1 Regulations revoked	Column 2 References
The Authorised Officers (Meat Inspection) Regulations 1974	S.I. 1974/391.
The Authorised Officers (Meat Inspection) (Amendment) Regulations 1974	S.I. 1974/1211.
The Authorised Officers (Meat Inspection) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1974	S.I. 1974/1806.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations come into operation on 7th July 1978 and prescribe the qualifications to be held by an officer of a council authorised under the Food and Drugs Act 1955 to act in relation to the examination and seizure of meat. They revoke and re-enact the Authorised Officers (Meat Inspection) Regulations 1974 and prescribe one additional alternative qualification, that of a Certificate of Registration of the Environmental Health Officers Registration Board.

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