STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1963 No. 1231 (S. 52)

FOOD AND DRUGS

FOOD HYGIENE

The Food (Meat Inspection) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1963

Made - - - -	11*th July* 1963
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In exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 13 and 56 of the Food and Drugs (Scotland) Act 1956(a) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, having consulted with such organisations as appear to me to be representative of interests substantially affected by these regulations and after reference to the Scottish Food Hygiene Council under section 25 of that Act, I hereby make the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Food (Meat Inspection) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1963 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1963.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The Food (Meat Inspection) (Scotland) Regulations 1961(c) shall be amended by adding after regulation 21 thereof the following Part:—

"PART VII

Charges for Meat Inspection

22.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this regulation, a local authority may make charges for inspections carried out in pursuance of these regulations at rates not exceeding scales determined by them from time to time.

(2) Every scale of charges determined by a local authority for the purposes of this regulation shall be published by them in at least one newspaper circulating in their area and in such other manner (if any) as they think expedient for informing persons interested.

(3) No such charge determined by a local authority shall exceed—

(*a*) in the case of each horse or bovine animal other than a calf, two shillings and sixpence;

(*b*) in the case of each calf or pig, ninepence;

(*c*) in the case of each sheep, lamb or goat, sixpence.

(4) In fixing or varying any such charges as aforesaid a local authority shall consult with such persons or organisations as appear to them to be representative of interests substantially affected by such charges.

(a) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 30. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (c) S.I. 1961/243 (1961 I, p. 395).

(5) If it appears to the Secretary of State that a scale of charges determined by a local authority for the purposes of this regulation is in any respect unreasonable, whether as respects its operation in the area generally or as respects its operation at particular premises within the area, he may, after consultation with the authority, direct them, in relation to the operation of the scale in the area generally or in relation to its operation at particular premises within the area—

(*a*) to make such alterations in the scale as he considers appropriate, and

(*b*) except with his approval, not to depart from the scale as altered for such period as he may specify ;

and the authority shall comply with the direction.

23. Any charge made by a local authority by virtue of the last foregoing regulation shall be payable—

(*a*) in respect of any animal slaughtered in a private slaughterhouse, by the person registered under section 9 of the Slaughterhouses Act 1954(a) to use the said slaughterhouse ;

(*b*) in respect of any animal slaughtered in a public slaughterhouse, by the person on whose behalf the animal is slaughtered ;

(*c*) in any other case, by the person who brings the body of the animal or, where the body has been dressed, the meat, into a slaughterhouse in accordance with the provisions of regulation 12 of these regulations."

Michael Noble,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh, 1.
11th July 1963.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations amend the Food (Meat Inspection) (Scotland) Regulations 1961 so as to authorise local authorities to make charges for meat inspection. The regulations specify maximum charges and empower the Secretary of State to vary charges if he considers them to be unreasonable.

(a) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 42.