STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 1966 No. 915

# FOOD AND DRUGS

## FOOD HYGIENE

## The Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations 1966

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| *Made - - - -* | *22nd July* 1966 |
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The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Minister of Health acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 13 and 123 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations after consultation with such organisations as appear to them to be representative of interests substantially affected by the regulations and reference to the Food Hygiene Advisory Council under section 82 of the said Act:—

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

**1.**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations 1966; and shall come into operation on 30th September 1966.

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

*Amendment of the Meat Inspection Regulations* 1963

**2.** The Meat Inspection Regulations 1963(c), as amended (d), shall be further amended as follows:—

(*a*) by substituting for regulation 1(2) thereof the following paragraph:—

"(2) Regulations 3(2) and (3) and 7(3) hereof shall cease to have effect on 31st October 1966, save that in relation to the carcase of any animal slaughtered in a private slaughterhouse in respect of which a determination of times of slaughter under regulation 3A hereof has come into effect before that date, the said paragraphs shall cease to apply immediately before that determination comes into effect.";

(*b*) by inserting after the definition of local authority in regulation 2(1) thereof the following definition:—

" 'the Minister' means the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food;";

(*c*) by inserting immediately after regulation 3 thereof the following regulation:—

"*Control of times of slaughter*

3A.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this regulation, any local authority within whose district a private slaughterhouse is situated may from time to time determine the days on which, and the hours in those days betweeen which, animals may be slaughtered in that slaughterhouse.

(a) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 16.
(b) 1889 c. 63.
(c) S.I. 1963/1229 (1963 II, p. 2041).
(d) S.I. 1965/1497 (1965 II, p. 4342).

(2) Before determining the days and hours as aforesaid, the local authority shall consult the occupier of that slaughterhouse and any other person who carries out slaughtering, with the consent of the occupier, there and shall have regard to the nature and extent of the business carried on at the slaughterhouse.

(3) A local authority may, subject to like provisions as to consultation as apply by virtue of paragraph (2) of this regulation, from time to time vary the days and hours determined as aforesaid.

(4) A local authority shall give to the occupier of the slaughterhouse and to any other person who has been consulted in accordance with paragraph (2) or (3) of this regulation written notice of any determination or variation of days or hours under this regulation.

(5) Any such determination or variation shall not have effect before the expiration of one month after the date of the said notice relating thereto unless the local authority and all the persons who have been consulted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (2) or (3) of this regulation agree to the contrary:

Provided that where an objection is made under paragraph (6) of this regulation before the determination or variation to which it relates has come into effect, that determination or variation shall continue not to have effect until the expiration of 14 days beginning with the date of the notice given by the local authority pursuant to paragraph (7) of this regulation.

(6) A person who has been given notice in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (4) of this regulation may make objection to the Minister in writing that the days or hours as determined or varied by a local authority are unreasonable, or due to a change in circumstances have become unreasonable, and the Minister may, after consultation with the local authority affected, if he is satisfied that the days or hours are unreasonable having regard to the need to secure adequate meat inspection for the purposes of these regulations and having regard to the nature and extent of the business carried on at that slaughterhouse, direct the local authority to make such variation, or further determination or variation, as he considers appropriate and, except with his approval, not to depart therefrom for such period as he may specify in the direction.

(7) The decision of the Minister on any such objection shall be final and shall be intimated by him to the local authority affected, whereupon that local authority shall give to the occupier of the slaughterhouse affected and to any other person who carries out slaughtering, with the consent of the occupier, there notice of any variation or further determination or variation directed by the Minister, or, where none is so directed, of the Minister's decision; and any such variation or further determination or variation shall have effect at the expiration of 14 days beginning with the date of the said notice.

(8) Subject to the provisions of these regulations, no person shall slaughter or cause to be slaughtered without the previous consent of the local authority any animal for sale for human consumption in any slaughterhouse for which days and hours of slaughter have for the time being been determined under these regulations at any time other than on the days and within the hours so determined.

(9) The provisions of the last foregoing paragraph shall not apply in relation to any animal whose immediate slaughter is necessary by reason of accidental injury, illness, exposure to infection or other emergency affecting that animal or by reason of the provisions of regulation 18 of the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations 1958(a).";

(a) S.I. 1958/2166 (1958 I, p.147).

(*d*) by substituting for sub-paragraph (*c*) in regulation 5(2) thereof the following sub-paragraph:—

"(*c*) the offal, other than the feet of any animal, shall after removal from the carcase, be so kept as to remain readily identifiable with the carcase until that carcase has been inspected by an inspector; and the feet of any animal shall be kept available for inspection in the slaughterhouse until an inspector authorises their removal;";

(*e*) by substituting for sub-paragraph (*f*) of paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 thereto the following sub-paragraph:—

"(*f*) examine in detail the renal lymphatic glands and, if he considers it necessary, expose and incise the kidneys and in the case of adult bovine animals examine the adrenal glands;";

(*f*) by adding after Part IV of Schedule 1 thereto the Part set out in the Schedule to these regulations;

(*g*) by adding at the end of paragraph 1 of Schedule 3 thereto the following words:—

"and shall not be of a green colour".

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 19th July 1966.

(L.S.) *Frederick Peart,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Health on 22nd July 1966.

(L.S.) *Kenneth Robinson,*
Minister of Health.

Regulation 2 (f) SCHEDULE

*Part V. Additional Instructions in the case of pigs where an abscess is found or suspected*

12. If an abscess is found in the carcase or in any organ of any pig, or if the inspector has reason to suspect the presence of any such abscess, he shall require the carcase to be split through the spinal column and shall examine in detail the lymphatic glands specified in paragraph 10(c) of this Schedule.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the regulations.*)

These regulations, which come into operation on 30th September 1966, further amend the Meat Inspection Regulations 1963 so as to—

(*a*) enable local authorities to restrict the hours during which any animal may be slaughtered in any private slaughterhouse. Before doing so, they are required to consult the occupier and any persons who carry out slaughtering in the slaughterhouse, and also to notify the occupier and such persons of the times of slaughter which have been fixed. The persons who have been so notified may appeal to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, who may direct the local authority to vary the times fixed by them;

(*b*) prohibit the use of the colour green in the marking of carcases in accordance with the provisions of regulation 10 of the principal regulations; and

(*c*) change certain details in the meat inspection procedure provided for by the principal regulations.