

S.I. No. 81 of 2003

European Communities (Fresh Meat and Poultry) (Checks on General Hygiene) Regulations 2003

I, Joe Walsh, Minister for Agriculture and Food, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 3 of the European Communities Act 1972 (No. 27 of 1972), for the purpose of giving effect to Commission Decision 2001/471/EC of 8 June 2001¹, hereby make the following regulations –

1. These Regulations may be cited as the European Communities (Fresh Meat and Poultry) (Checks on General Hygiene) Regulations 2003.
2. The European Communities (Fresh Poultrymeat) Regulations 1996 (S.I. No. 3 of 1996) are amended –
 - (a) by inserting, after Regulation 3 –
 - “3A(1) A person shall not use an establishment for the production, rewrapping, cutting or storage of fresh poultrymeat unless he or she has in place a procedure that complies with Article 1 of Commission Decision 2001/471/EC of 8 June 2001 and conducts regular checks on the general hygiene conditions in the establishment in accordance with that Article.
 - (2) This Regulation shall not apply to an establishment to which Regulation 3(4) of these Regulations applies until 8 June 2003.”
 - (b) by substituting “€3,000” for “£1,500” in Regulation 19.
3. The European Communities (Fresh Meat) Regulations 1997 (S.I. No. 434 of 1997) are amended –
 - (a) by inserting, after Regulation 3 –
 - “3A(1) Notwithstanding Regulation 12, a person shall not use an establishment for the production, wrapping, rewrapping, cutting, storage, packaging or repackaging of fresh meat unless he or she has in place a procedure that complies with Article 1 of Commission Decision 2001/471/EC of 8 June 2001 and conducts regular checks on the general hygiene conditions

¹ O.J. No. L 165 of 21.6.2001, p.48

in the establishment in accordance with that Article.

- (2) This Regulation shall not apply to –
- (i) an abattoir to which the Abattoirs Act 1988 (No. 8 of 1988) applies,
 - (ii) a cutting plant in respect of which a derogation has been granted under Regulation 6(5), or
 - (iii) a cold store in respect of which a derogation has been granted under Regulation 6(6),

until 8 June 2003.”

- (b) by inserting, after “microbiological checks” in Article 12 (1)(a), “carried out in accordance with Article 2 of Commission Decision 2001/471/EC of 8 June 2001.”
- (c) by substituting “€3,000” for “£1,000” in Regulation 20.

GIVEN under my Official Seal,
25th February 2003

Joe Walsh
Minister for Agriculture and Food

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the instrument and does not purport to be a legal document)

This Order provides for hygiene checks at meat plants.

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