

1987 No. 141

FOOD AND DRUGS

**Authorised Officers (Meat Inspection) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1987**

Made 26th March 1987

Coming into operation 4th May 1987

The Department of Health and Social Services(a) in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 30(4)(b) and 68 of the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and after consultation in accordance with section 68(2) of that Act with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests substantially affected by these regulations, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Authorised Officers (Meat Inspection) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 and shall come into operation on 4th May 1987.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations “district council” means a district council within the meaning of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972(c).

Authorised Officers

3. Pursuant to section 30(4) of the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958 any officer of a district council, being a person having any of the qualifications specified in the Schedule, may be authorised under that Act to act in relation to the examination and seizure of meat.

Revocation

4. The Authorised Officers (Meat Inspection) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(d) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 26th March 1987.

(L.S.)

Z. I. Davies

Under Secretary

(a) See S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964 No. 205 art. 5 and Sch. 2 Part I

(b) 1958 c. 27 (N.I.); the relevant amending order is S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 211

(c) 1972 c. 9 (N.I.)

(d) S.R. 1976 No. 100

Qualifications of Authorised Officers

The holder of a valid—

- (a) Certificate or Diploma of the former Public Health Inspectors Education Board;
- (b) Certificate of the former Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors Examination Joint Board;
- (c) Certificate of the former Sanitary Inspectors Examination Board;
- (d) Certificate in Meat Inspection of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health;
- (e) Diploma in Environmental Health of the former Environmental Health Officers Education Board;
- (f) Certificate of Registration of the Environmental Health Officers Registration Board;
- (g) Diploma in Environmental Health of the Institution of Environmental Health Officers;
- (h) Certificate of Competency in the Inspection of Meat and other Foods of the former Royal Sanitary Association of Scotland;
- (i) Certificate or Diploma of the former Royal Sanitary Association of Scotland;
- (j) Diploma in the Inspection of Meat and other Foods of the Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland; or
- (k) Certificate for Meat Detention Officers in Northern Ireland of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations, which come into operation on 4th May 1987, revoke and re-enact with amendments the Authorised Officers (Meat Inspection) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976.

The regulations prescribe the qualifications to be held by an officer of a district council authorised under the Food and Drugs Act (Northern Ireland) 1958 to act in relation to the examination and seizure of meat.

The regulations now provide for additional qualifications as set out at sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (e), (f), (g), (i) and (j) of the Schedule to these regulations.