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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations (which extend to Scotland only) amend the Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) (Charges) Regulations 1998 (S.I. [1998/2095](#)). Those Regulations implemented in Great Britain the provisions relating to charges for meat inspections of Council Directive [85/73/EEC](#) (O.J. No. L162, 1.7.96, p.4).

The amendments permit charges to be made for the carrying out of health inspections at re-packaging centres (as defined in regulation 2(1) of the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995 (S.I. [1995/539](#)).

The amendments also allow the Scottish Ministers to withdraw inspection services where the occupier of licensed premises fails to comply with a decree requiring payment of charges for such services.