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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

1. These Regulations amend the Meat Products (Wales) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/1396 (W.141).

2. In implementing Council Directive 77/99/EEC on health problems affecting the production and marketing of meat products and certain other products of animal origin (the text of which was replaced by the text annexed to Council Directive 92/5/EEC, OJ No. L57, 2.3.92, p.1), a provision of which was included in the Meat Products (Wales) Regulations 2004 to the effect that where meat products of a specified appearance are sold, for the purposes of the Food Labelling Regulations 1996 (S.I. 1996/1449, as amended) the name used as the name of the food in the labelling of the products must include an indication of any starch or protein added other than for a technological purpose only. Following the repeal of Council Directive 77/99/EEC, these Regulations remove that requirement (*regulations 3 and 4).*

3. A full regulatory impact assessment on the effect that these Regulations will have on the costs of business has been prepared and copies may be obtained from the Food Standards Agency, 11th Floor, Southgate House, Cardiff CF10 1EW..

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Made	*11 March 2008*
Laid before the National Assembly for Wales	*12 March 2008*
Coming into force	*6 April 2008*

The Welsh Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 16(1)(e) and 48(1) of the Food Safety Act 1990(**1**).

In accordance with section 48(4A) of that Act, having regard to relevant advice given by the Food Standards Agency.

As required by Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety(**2**), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No. 1642/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety(**3**), there has been

(**1**) 1990 c. 16. Section 1(1) and (2) (definition of "food") was substituted by S.I. 2004/2990. Functions of the Secretary of State, so far as exercisable in relation to Wales, were transferred to the National Assembly for Wales by the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999, S.I. 1999/672. Those functions were transferred to Welsh Ministers by section 162 and Schedule 11, paragraph 30 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c.32).
(**2**) OJ No. L31, 1.2.2002, p.1.
(**3**) OJ No. L245, 29.9.2003, p.4.

open and transparent public consultation during the preparation and evaluation of these Regulations.

Title and commencement

1. These Regulations are called the Meat Products (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 and come into force on 6 April 2008.

Amendment of the Meat Products (Wales) Regulations 2004

2. The Meat Products (Wales) Regulation 2004(**1**) are amended as provided in regulations 3 and 4.

3. For paragraph (2)(b) of regulation 5 (name of the food for certain meat products) there is substituted the following provision —

> "(b) any added ingredient to which sub-paragraph (a) does not apply, other than starch, protein or an ingredient specified in Schedule 3.".

4. In Schedule 3 (added ingredients which are not required to be indicated in the name of the food in the case of a meat product to which regulation 5 applies), items 6 and 7 and the note relating to those items are deleted.

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Under the authority of the Minister for Health and Social Services, one of the Welsh Ministers

11 March 2008

(**1**) S.I. 2004/1396 (W.141).