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Food Labelling Regulations (Amendment) Bill

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Amend the Food Labelling Regulations 1996 to provide for information about the country of origin of food to be made available to consumers; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows: –

1 Country of Origin Labelling

(1) The Food Labelling Regulations 1996 are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2 after paragraph (1) add –

“2(1A) Notwithstanding the definition above, for the purposes of paragraph (f) of regulation 5, paragraph (g) of regulation 39, regulations 39A, 39B and 39C:

“meat product” means any food which consists of meat, including raw unprocessed meat, or which contains as an ingredient, or as ingredients, any of the following: meat; mechanically recovered meat; or, from any mammalian or bird species recognised as fit for human consumption, the heart, any other internal organ, the tongue, the muscles of the head, the carpus, the tarsus, or the tail;

“mechanically recovered meat” has the same meaning as in Commission Directive 2001/101/EC;”

(3) In regulation 3 after paragraph (1A) add –

“(c) regulation 5(f)”

- (4) In regulation 5, for paragraph (f) substitute –

“(f) particulars of the place of origin of the meat component(s) of any meat product;

5(fa) particulars of the place of origin or provenance of any other food if failure to give such particulars might mislead a purchaser to a material degree as to the true origin or provenance of the food; and”

- (5) In regulation 39 after paragraph (f) add –

“(g) particulars of the place of origin in respect of the meat component(s) of any meat product as set out in paragraph (f) of Regulation 5”

- (6) After regulation 39 add –

“39A Country of Origin

(1) For the purposes of paragraph (f) of Regulation 5 the place of origin of the meat component(s) of any meat product is the country where the animal from which that meat was derived was born.

(2) Where meat to which paragraph (f) of Regulation 5 applies has been reared or slaughtered in a country or countries other than that in which it was born the particulars of this country or countries shall also be marked or labelled in accordance with the requirements of these regulations.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation section 36 of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968 (c.29) does not apply.

39B Country of Origin: British

(1) Any meat product may not be labelled ‘British’ unless the animal from which the meat was derived was born, reared and slaughtered in the United Kingdom.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) above ‘labelled ‘British’’ means either labelled with the word ‘British’ or labelled with the Union Flag or any other label implying the origin of the meat was the UK.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation section 36 of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968 (c.29) does not apply.

39C Meat component

(1) For the purposes of purposes of paragraph (f) of regulation 5, paragraph (g) of regulation 39, regulations 39A, 39B and 39C meat component(s) of a

meat product is any meat ingredient(s) which make up at least 10 per cent of the product by weight as sold to the ultimate consumer.”

2 Short title, commencement and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Food Labelling Regulations (Amendment) Act 2009.
- (2) This Act shall come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by order appoint.
- (3) This Act extends to England and Wales.

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