



NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

<p>To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE</p> <hr/> <p>From: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES</p> <hr/> <p>Date: 7th February, 1999 Ref: GB/TM</p>	<p>Subject: Proposal to charge for the removal of Specified Risk Material - Consultation Document.</p>
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PROPOSED DECISION

To note the report and advise The Scottish Office Agriculture, Environment and Fisheries Department (SOAEFD) that the Council has no comment to make on the proposal to charge for the costs of enforcement, by the Meat Hygiene Service (MHS), of the controls on Specified Risk Materials (SRM's) in licensed slaughterhouses and cutting plants.

REPORT

The Department has received a Consultation Document from the SOAEFD on a proposal to implement new Regulations with regard to the Government's decision to charge the meat industry, from 29 March 1 999, for the costs incurred by the Meat Hygiene Service, an executive agency of MAFF, in undertaking the inspections and controls laid down in the Specified Risk Material Regulations 1997 in licensed slaughterhouses and cutting plants.

Prior to April 1995 the responsibility for enforcing legislation relating to meat hygiene in slaughterhouses, cutting plants etc. was that of the local authority Environmental Services Departments and these Departments employed Meat Inspectors and Official Veterinary Surgeons to carry out this work. However, on 1st April 1995 these responsibilities transferred to the Meat Hygiene Service which was a newly created agency of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF) and the local authority staff employed in these duties were transferred to that Service.

Since that time local authorities have had no enforcement responsibilities in licensed slaughterhouses and cutting premises therefore the enforcement of the Specified Risk Material Regulations 1997 has had no direct financial implications on them and therefore this proposal will have no statutory or financial affect on the Council.

RECOMMENDATION

To note the report and advise the Scottish Office that the Council has no comment to make on the proposals.

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