



Trader Notice 2/2010

To: Chief Executive for each Meat Plant classifying beef carcasses

**Re: European Communities (Beef Carcase Classification) Regulations 2010
(S.I. No. 363 of 2010)**

The above-mentioned Regulations give full effect to Council Regulation (EC) No. 1234/2007 and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1249/2008 (insofar as they relate to beef carcase classification rules).

In particular, I wish to draw your attention to a number of provisions in the Regulations concerning information to be supplied to vendors.

Regulation	Interpretation
11 (1)	The producer returns must specify whether the carcase weight refers to the "hot" weight or the "cold" weight.
11 (2)	The classification result in the producer returns must include sub-classes for both conformation and fat class, if classification is completed using a licensed automated grading technique.
11 (2), 11 (4)	A column for classifier code must be included in the producer returns. This will identify the code of the classifier for <u>each</u> carcase classified. The code 001 must be used for carcasses graded by automated grading. In instances where carcasses are graded manually, the classifier code assigned to the licensed classifier must be included. A footnote must be included on the returns to explain the different codes (e.g. code 001 = machine graded; other code = graded manually).

Please do not hesitate to contact me (tel: 057 869 4405) should you require clarification on the above.

Yours sincerely,

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cc: Veterinary Inspector-in-charge