STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 462

PUBLIC HEALTH

Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003

Made - - - -	*31st October 2003*
Coming into operation	*1st November 2003*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety(**1**) in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 1(1) and (2) and 24(3) of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985(**2**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, being of the opinion in accordance with section 1(1) of that Act that there exist or may exist circumstances which are likely to create a hazard to human health through human consumption of food and that in consequence food which is derived or may be in the future derived from scallops in the area described in the following Order is, or may be, or may become, unsuitable for human consumption, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation on 1st November 2003.

(2) In this Order –

(a) "designated area" means the area designated in Article 3 and the Schedule;

(b) "relevant time" means, in relation to the designated area, 0001 hours on 1st November 2003;

(c) "scallops" means scallops of the species *Pecten maximus*;

(d) "the Department" means the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety.

(3) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**3**) shall apply to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(**1**) Formerly the Department of Health and Social Services; *see*S.I.1999/283 (N.I.1) Article 3. *See also* section 25(2) of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985; functions formerly exercisable by the Department of Agriculture (now the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development; *see* Article 3 of S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1)) are now exercisable by the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety pursuant to paragraph 6(5) and (6) of Schedule 5 to the Food Standards Act 1999 c. 28 which amended the said section 25(2)

(**2**) 1985 c. 48; section 1(1) and (2) was amended by section 51(2)(a) and (b) of the Food Safety Act 1990 (c. 16); section 1(2) was further amended by S.I. 1999/1756

(**3**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)