STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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FOOD

Specified Risk Material (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000

Made - - - -	*6th October 2000*
Coming into operation	*20th November 2000*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety(**1**) in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 15(1)(*a*), (*b*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*f*), (2)(*a*) and (3), 16(1), 18(1)(*a*), 25 and 47(2) of, and paragraphs 2(1), 3(1), 5 and 6(1)(*a*) of Schedule 1 to, the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(**2**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, having had regard in accordance with Article 47(3A) of the said Order to relevant advice given by the Food Standards Agency and after consultation in accordance with Article 47(3) and (3B) of the said Order such with organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests likely to be substantially affected by the Regulations, hereby makes the following Regulations: —

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Specified Risk Material (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 and shall come into operation on 20th November 2000.

Amendments to the Specified Risk Material Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

2.—(1) The Specified Risk Material Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(**3**) are amended in accordance with the following paragraphs.

(2) In paragraph (1) of regulation 2 (interpretation) the definitions of "class I specified risk material", "class II specified risk material" and "intestines" are revoked

(3) In paragraph (1) of regulation 2 the following definition is substituted for the definition of "specified risk material"—

""specified risk material" means—

(a) specified bovine material;

(**1**) Formerly the Department of Health and Social Services; *see*S.I.1999/283 (N.I. 1), Article 3

(**2**) S.I. 1991/762 (N.I. 7) as amended by S.I. 1996/1633 (N.I. 12) and paragraphs 26 to 42 of Schedule 5 and Schedule 6 to the Food Standards Act 1999 c. 28. 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 27 of Schedule 5 and Schedule 6 to the Food Standards Act 1999 c. 28.

(**3**) S.R. 1997 No. 552; the relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1999 No. 157 and S.R. 2000 No. 78

(b) specified sheep or goat material;

(c) any part of the animal remaining attached to specified bovine material or specified sheep or goat material after dissection of the carcase;

(d) any animal material which comes into contact with specified bovine material or specified sheep or goat material after it has been removed from the carcase; and

(e) specified solid waste;".

(4) In paragraph (1) of regulation 3 (specified sheep and goat material) the phrase "class I" is revoked.

(5) Paragraph (2) of regulation 3 is revoked.

(6) In paragraph (3) of regulation 3—

(a) the phrase "class II" is revoked; and

(b) the words "or incinerated" are inserted between "rendered" and "whole".

(7) The following paragraph is substituted for paragraphs (1) and (2) of regulation 4 (specified bovine material)—

"(1) In these Regulations, "specified bovine material" means—

(a) the following material derived from a bovine animal which was slaughtered or has died in the United Kingdom or Portugal at an age greater than 6 months—

(i) the head (excluding the tongue but including the brains, eyes, trigeminal ganglia and tonsils),

(ii) the thymus,

(iii) the spleen,

(iv) the intestines from the duodenum to the rectum, and

(v) the spinal cord;

(b) in relation to a bovine animal which was slaughtered or has died in the United Kingdom or Portugal at an age greater than 30 months (other than a bovine animal which was accompanied at the time of slaughter by a slaughter certificate issued under the Beef Assurance Scheme as described in Schedule 1 to the Fresh Meat (Beef Controls) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**4**)), the vertebral column (including dorsal root ganglia); and

(c) the following material derived from a bovine animal which was slaughtered or has died outside the United Kingdom or Portugal (other than in Australia or New Zealand) at an age greater than 12 months—

(i) the skull (including the brains and eyes),

(ii) the tonsils,

(iii) the spinal cord, and

(iv) the ileum.".

(8) The following paragraph is substituted for paragraph (3) of regulation 4—

"(3) Whole carcases of bovine animals are specified bovine material if they are removed to be rendered or incinerated whole from the place where they were slaughtered or died.".

(9) The following paragraph is added to regulation 4—

"(4) In paragraph (1), the reference to Portugal does not include a reference to the Autonomous Region of the Azores.".

(**4**) S.R. 1996 No. 404, as amended by S.R. 1996 No. 506