STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2000 No. 73

FOOD

The Animal Feedingstuffs from Belgium (Control) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000

Made - - - -	*10th March 2000*
Coming into operation	*13th March 2000*

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development(**1**), being a Department designated(**2**) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**3**) in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Community, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said section 2(2) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Animal Feedingstuffs from Belgium (Control) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 and shall come into operation on 13th March 2000.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

"the Control Order" means the Food (Animal Products from Belgium) (Emergency Control) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000(**4**);

"controlled entity" means any product or material which is excluded from the definition of "relevant animal product" in the Control Order solely by reason that it is not food;

"the Department" means the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development;

"enforcement officer" means an officer of the Department authorised by it to enforce and execute these Regulations; and

"the Order" means the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(**5**).

(2) In these Regulations—

(**1**) Formerly the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland; *see*S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1), Article 3(4)
(**2**) S.I. 1972/181
(**3**) 1972 c. 68
(**4**) S.R. 2000 No. 72
(**5**) S.I. 1991/762 (N.I. 7) as amended by S.I. 1996/1633 (N.I. 12)

(a) other expressions which are also used in the Order have the same meaning as they have in that Order; and

(b) expressions which are also used in the Control Order have the same meanings as in that Order.

(3) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland 1954(**6**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Exemptions

3.—(1) Regulation 4 shall not apply to—

(a) the importation into Northern Ireland of any controlled entitiy if, when imported, that controlled entity is accompanied by valid certification relating to it, as specified in paragraph (3);

(b) in relation to any controlled entity imported intothe United Kingdom, any activiy in Northern Ireland in relation to that entity, if it can be proven by the person carrying out the activity that at the time of importation into the United Kingdom it was so accompanied; or

(c) the return to Belgium, under cover of an official certificate in accordance with Article 4 of Commission Decision 1999/788/EC(**7**), as amended by Commission Decision 2000/150/EC(**8**), of any controlled entity.

(2) Regulation 6 shall not apply to any imported controlled entity which is accompanied by valid certification relating to it as specified in paragraph (3) but Article 8(1) of the Order shall apply in relation toany such controlled entity, with the same modifications as are set out in regulation 6(2)(*a*) and(*d*) and with th omission of the words" "and paragraphs (3) to (9) shall apply where, on such an inspection, it appears to the authorised officer that any food fails to comply with food safety requirements".

(3) The certification referred to in paragraphs (1)(*a*) and (*b*) and (2) is the certification whichwould have applied in relation to the controlled entity by virtue of the Control Order, had that Order extended to controlled entities.

Prohibitions and offences

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2)—

(a) a person shall not sell any controlled entity for the purpose of its being used to feed to an animal or in the manufacture of a product for such use;

(b) a person shall not possess, offer, expose, advertise, prepare, present, label, wrap, store or transport any such controlled entity for sale for that purpose;

(c) a person shall not consign, deliver or serve any such controlled entity by way of sale for that purpose;

(d) a person shall not derive material from any controlled entity for that purpose; and

(e) a person shall not import or export any controlled entity.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not prohibit the bringing into Northern Ireland from a member State of any controlled entity in free circulation in that member State.

(3) A person who knowingly contravenes paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months.

(**6**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**7**) O.J. No. L310, 4.12.99, p. 62
(**8**) O.J. No. L50, 23.2.00, p. 25