STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1999 No. 495

FOOD

The Beef Bones (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999

Made - - - -	*15th December 1999*
Coming into operation	*17th December 1999*

Whereas it appears to the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development(**1**) acting as the Department concerned that it is necessary or expedient—

(a) for the purposes of securing that food complies with food safety requirements or in the interests of public health; or

(b) for the purposes of protecting or promoting the interests of consumers,

to make the following Regulations;

Now therefore the said Department concerned, in the exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 15(1), (3), 25 and 47(2) of, and paragraphs 2(1), 3, 5(1) and 6(1) of Schedule 1 to the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(**2**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and after consultation in accordance with Article 47(3) of the said Order with such organisations as appear to it to be representative of interests likely to be substantially affected by these Regulations, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Beef Bones (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 and shall come into operation on 17th December 1999.

Amendments to the Beef Bones Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

2. The Beef Bones Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(**3**) shall be amended in accordance with regulations 3 to 9.

Bone-in beef

3. For regulation 3 there shall be substituted the following regulation—

(**1**) Formerly the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland; *see*S.I. 1999/283 Article 3(4)
(**2**) S.I. 1991/762 (N.I. 7) as amended by S.I. 1996/1633 (N.I. 12)
(**3**) S.R. 1997 No. 540

"**Bone-in beef**

3.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), a person shall not use any bone-in beef in the preparation, in the course of a business, of any food or ingredient for human consumption.

(2) The prohibition in paragraph (1) shall not apply to the use of bone-in beef in the production of food for sale direct to the ultimate consumer at the premises where the production takes place, including the case where the sale involves delivery of take-away food.

(3) Nothing in paragraph (1) shall prohibit the processing or treatment of bone-in beef for sale as such.".

Bones

4. For regulation 4 there shall be substituted the following regulation—

"**Bones**

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), a person shall not sell any bone removed from bone-in beef deboned in the United Kingdom for use in the preparation, in the course of a business, of any food or ingredient for human consumption.

(2) Subject to paragraph (4), a person shall not use any bone removed from bone-in beef deboned in the United Kingdom in the preparation, in the course of a business, of any food or ingredient for human consumption.

(3) The prohibition in paragraph (1) shall not apply to the sale of bones for use in the production of food for sale direct to the ultimate consumer at the premises where the production takes place, including the case where the sale to the ultimate consumer involves delivery of take-away food.

(4) The prohibition in paragraph (2) shall not apply to the use of bones in the production of food for sale direct to the ultimate consumer at the premises where the production takes place, including the case where the sale involves delivery of take-away food.".

Food and food ingredients

5. For regulation 5 there shall be substituted the following regulation—

"**Food and food ingredients**

5.—(1) Subject to paragraph (5), a person shall not, in the course of a business, sell for human consumption any food an ingredient of which consists of bones removed from bone-in beef deboned in the United Kingdom.

(2) Subject to paragraph (6), a person shall not, in the course of a business, sell for human consumption any food an ingredient of which is derived from bones removed from bone-in beef deboned in the United Kingdom.

(3) A person shall not sell any substance derived from bones removed from bone-in beef deboned in the United Kingdom for use in the preparation, in the course of a business, of any food or ingredient for human consumption.

(4) Subject to paragraph (7), a person shall not use any substance derived from bones removed from bone-in beef deboned in the United Kingdom in the preparation, in the course of a business, of any food or ingredient for human consumption.

(5) The prohibition in paragraph (1) shall not apply to the sale of any food, an ingredient of which consists of bones, direct to the ultimate consumer at the premises where it was