STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1999 No. 386

PUBLIC HEALTH

Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Strangford Lough) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999

Made - - - -	*16th September 1999*
Coming into operation	*16th September 1999*

The Department of Agriculture(**1**), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 1(1) and 24(3) of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985(**2**) and of every other power 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 or may be in the future in the area described in the Schedule to the following Order or which is derived, or may be in the future derived from bivalve molluscs 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) (Strangford Lough) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 and shall come into operation on 16th September 1999.

(2) In this Order—

(a) "designated area" means the area described in the Schedule;

(b) "relevant time" means, in relation to the designated area, 00·01 hours on 6th September 1999;

(c) "scallops" means scallops of the species Pecten maximus and Queen scallops of the species of Aequipecten opercularis;

(d) "the Act" means the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985; and

(e) "the Department" means the Department of Agriculture.

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

(**1**) *See* section 25(2) of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985
(**2**) 1985 c. 48 section 1 as amended by section 51 of the Food Safety Act 1990 (c. 16)
(**3**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)