STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 595

AGRICULTURE

Selective Cull (Enforcement of Community Compensation Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

Made - - - -	*18th December 1996*
Coming into operation	*8th January 1997*

The Department of Agriculture, being a Department designated(**1**) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**2**) 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 Selective Cull (Enforcement of Community Compensation Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 and shall come into operation on 8th January 1997.

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**3**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(2) In these Regulations—

"approved operator" means the operator of a rendering plant, or the operator of an incinerator approved under regulation 12(2) of the Specified Bovine Material (Treatment and Disposal) (No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**4**), as the case may be;

"the Commission Regulation" means Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1484/96(**5**) adopting exceptional support measures for the beef market in the United Kingdom by application of Commission Decision 96/385/EC(**6**);

"Community provision" means a provision of the Commission Regulation specified in the Schedule;

(**1**) S.I.1972/1811
(**2**) 1972 c. 68; section 2 is subject to Schedule 2 to that Act and is to be read with S.I. 1984/703 (N.I. 3) and S.I. 1994/2795 (N.I. 15)
(**3**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**4**) S.R. 1996 No. 390
(**5**) O.J. No. L188, 27.7.96, p. 25
(**6**) O.J. No. L151, 26.6.96, p. 39

"licensed operator" means the owner or occupier of a slaughter-house licensed under section 1 of the Slaughter-houses Act (Northern Ireland) 1953(**7**);

"rendering plant" has the same meaning as in the Specified Bovine Material (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996(**8**); and

"selective cull" means the compulsory slaughter programme introduced under paragraph 10A of Part I of Schedule 2 to the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**9**) in accordance with the eradication plan for bovine spongiform encephalopathy drawn up by the United Kingdom and approved by Commission Decision 96/385/EC.

Offences

3.—(1) Where there is, in any slaughter-house, a contravention of any Community provision referred to in Column 1 of Part I of the Schedule, the licensed operator of that slaughter-house shall be guilty of an offence.

(2) Where there is, in any premises housing an incinerator or rendering plant, a contravention of any Community provision referred in Column 1 of Part II of the Schedule, the approved operator of that incinerator or rendering plant, as the case may be, shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalties

4. A person guilty of an offence under regulation 3 shall be liable on conviction on indictment to a fine, and on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture on 18th December 1996.

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Assistant Secretary

(**7**) 1953 c. 21 (N.I.)
(**8**) S.R. 1996 No. 360
(**9**) S.I. 1981/1115 (N.I. 22). The relevant amending Order is S.R. 1990 No. 135