STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 182

AGRICULTURE

The Bovine Animals (Enforcement of Community Purchase Scheme) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

Made - - - -	*1st May 1996*
Coming into operation	*1st May 1996*

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 Bovine Animals (Enforcement of Community Purchase Scheme) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 and shall come into operation on 1st May 1996.

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—

(a) "approved operator" means, as the case may be, the operator of a rendering plant, licensed under Article 6(1) of the Specified Bovine Material (Northern Ireland) Order 1996(**4**) or the operator of an incinerator approved under regulation 12(2) of the Specified Bovine Material (Treatment and Disposal) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**5**);

(b) "the Commission Regulation" means Commission Regulation (EC) No. 716/96(**6**) adopting exceptional support measures for the beef market in the United Kingdom;

(c) "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. 133
(**5**) S.R. 1996 No. 134
(**6**) O.J. No. L99, 19.4.96, p. 14

(d) "licensed operator" means the owner or occupier of a slaughterhouse licensed under the Slaughter-houses Act (Northern Ireland) 1953(**7**); and

(e) "the scheme" means the scheme, introduced by the Commission Regulation, for the purchase of bovine animals which do not show clinical signs of bovine spongiform encephalopathy and which were, during a period of three months prior to their sale, present on a holding in the United Kingdom.

Offences

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

(2) Where there is a contravention of any Community provision referred to in Column (1) of Part II of the Schedule, the approved operator in whose premises the contravention occurred 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

1st May 1996.

P. T. Toal
Assistant Secretary

(**7**) 1953 c. 21 (N.I.)