STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 132

FOOD

Beef (Emergency Control) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996

Made - - - -	*28th March 1996*
Coming into operation	*29th March 1996*

Whereas it appears to the Department of Health and Social Services acting as the Department concerned that the sale of meat derived from older bovine animals may involve imminent risk of injury to health.

Now therefore the said Department concerned, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 12(1), 26(3) and 47(2) of the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(**1**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

Title, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Beef (Emergency Control) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 and shall come into operation on 29th March 1996.

(2) In this Order—

"the 1991 Order" means the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991; and

"meat" means any part of the carcase of an animal intended for human consumption.

Prohibition of sale of meat from older bovine animals

2.—(1) A person shall not sell any meat derived from any bovine animal slaughtered after the commencement of this Order and which, at the time of slaughter, was more than 2½ years of age.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) the age of a bovine animal shall be ascertained—

(a) in the first instance by reference to records kept in relation to that animal by the Department of Agriculture (in whatever form); or

(b) where necessary, by dentition.

Enforcement

3. This Order shall be enforced and executed by each district council within its district.

(**1**) S.I.1991/762 (N.I. 7): *See* the definition of 'the Department concerned' in Article 2(2)