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The Mechanically Recovered Meat Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995

Made . . . . . *15th December 1995*

Coming into operation . . *18th December 1995*

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 15(1) and (2)(i) of the Food (Northern Ireland) Order 1989(**a**) and now vested in it(**b**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and after consultation, in accordance with Article 72(2) of that Order, with such organisations that appear to it to be representative of interests substantially affected by the Regulations, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Mechanically Recovered Meat Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 and shall come into operation on 18th December 1995.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

"the Department" means the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland;

"mechanical means" does not include the use of hand held powered knives which do not use powered pressure or suction; and

"vertebral column" means the whole or any part thereof and includes the sacrum but does not include the coccygeal vertebrae.

Prohibitions applying to vertebral column

3.—(1) A person shall not use the vertebral column of a bovine animal in the recovery of meat by mechanical means.

(2) A person shall not use, in the preparation of food for sale for human consumption, any meat which has been recovered by mechanical means from the vertebral column of a bovine animal.

(3) A person shall not use the vertebral column of a bovine animal, from which meat has been cut, to produce food other than fat or gelatin for sale for human consumption.

(a) S.I. 1989/846 (N.I. 6)
(b) S.R. 1990 No. 394