SCHEDULE 6

SPECIFIED RISK MATERIAL, MECHANICALLY RECOVERED MEAT AND SLAUGHTERING TECHNIQUES

Authorisation of cutting plants by the Food Standards Agency

13.—(1) The Food Standards Agency shall authorise a cutting plant to remove—

(a) those parts of the vertebral column that are specified risk material from bovine animals over 30 months of age at slaughter; or

(b) spinal cord from sheep and goats over 12 months of age at slaughter or which have a permanent incisor erupted through the gum,

if the Agency is satisfied that the provisions of Part A of Annex XI to the Community TSE Regulation and this Schedule will be complied with.

(2) Regulations 6, 8, 9 and 10 apply to any authorisation under this paragraph as it applies to an authorisation by the Department as if all references in those regulations to the Department were references to the district council concerned.