

1995 No. 136

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**Bovine Offal (Prohibition) (Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995**

Made 30th March 1995

Coming into operation 28th April 1995

The Department of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 15(1) and (2) and 72(1) and (4) of the Food (Northern Ireland) Order 1989(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and after consultation in accordance with Article 72(2) of that Order with such organisations as appears to it to be representative of interests substantially affected by these Regulations, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Bovine Offal (Prohibition) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 and shall come into operation on 28th April 1995.

Amendment of the Bovine Offal (Prohibition) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990

2. The Bovine Offal (Prohibition) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990(b) shall be amended as provided in regulations 3. to 5.

3. In regulation 2(1) (Interpretation)—

(a) after the definition of “excepted premises” there shall be inserted the following definition:—

“ “excluded matter” in relation to any bovine animal which has died or been slaughtered in the United Kingdom means any part of such an animal which does not consist of or contain any specified bovine offal;”;

(b) for the definition of “specified bovine offal” there shall be substituted the following definition:—

“ “specified bovine offal” in relation to a bovine animal means—

(a) where the animal is over six months of age and has died or been slaughtered in the United Kingdom, the brain, spinal cord, spleen, thymus, tonsils and intestines;

(a) S.I. 1989/846 (N.I. 6) as amended by S.I. 1991/762 (N.I. 7) Art 51(4) and Schedule 4

(b) S.R. 1990 No. 30

- (b) where the animal is two months of age or over but not over six months of age and has died or been slaughtered in the United Kingdom, the thymus and intestines only; and
- (c) where the animal is under two months of age and has been slaughtered in the United Kingdom for human consumption, the thymus and intestines only;”; and
- (c) for the definition of “stained” there shall be substituted the following definition:—

“ “stained” means treated with a solution of the colouring agent Patent Blue V (E131, Colour Index No. 42051) at a concentration of 0.5%; and, for the purposes of this definition, “treated” means that the whole surface of the specified bovine offal has been covered with the said solution either by immersing the specified bovine offal in, or spraying thereon or otherwise applying thereto, the solution;”.

4. In regulation 3 (Exemptions), paragraph (1) shall be deleted.

5. For regulation 7 (Prohibition of removal of specified bovine offal from a place other than a slaughterhouse or a knackery) there shall be substituted the following regulation—

“7. A person shall not remove or cause or permit to be removed from any place of which he is the occupier, not being a slaughterhouse or knackery, any specified bovine offal unless—

- (a) it has been sterilised;
- (b) it has been stained and is intended to be delivered to a destination specified in regulation 11(1)(b) or (c) and its removal to that destination is authorised by a movement permit issued pursuant to regulation 12;
- (c) it is intended to be delivered to excepted premises and its removal to those premises is authorised by a movement permit issued pursuant to regulation 12; or
- (d) it is intended to be delivered to a knackery.”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 30th March 1995.

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Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Bovine Offal (Prohibition) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990 (the “principal Regulations”).

The controls under the principal Regulations applied to the brain, spinal cord, spleen, thymus, tonsils and intestines of any bovine animal slaughtered in the United Kingdom and which was over six months old at the time of such slaughter.

The Regulations amend the principal Regulations so as to—

- (a) extend the controls on specified bovine offal (defined in the Regulations) to include the thymus and intestines of all bovine animals, except those of animals under two months of age which have died otherwise than by being slaughtered; and
- (b) require that, subject to exceptions, specified bovine offal is stained with the distinctive dye Patent Blue at a slaughterhouse or before it is removed from another place.