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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations amend the Specified Bovine Material (Treatment and Disposal) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996. The Regulations make the following principal changes:

1. The definition of specified bovine material extends to parts of the carcase of a scheme animal, that is to say a bovine animal slaughtered pursuant to the purchase, slaughter and disposal scheme introduced under Commission Regulation (EC) No. 716/96 adopting exceptional support measures for the beef market in the United Kingdom (regulation 2(1)).

2. The Specified Bovine Material (Treatment and Disposal) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 apply with modifications to specified bovine material from a scheme animal (regulations 2(2) and 6). In particular:—

- (a) the tongue of a scheme animal may not be removed;
- (b) specified bovine material may come into contact with any animal material from a scheme animal;
- (c) protein and tallow produced from a scheme animal shall be disposed of only by incineration at an approved incinerator.

3. A person shall not on any premises recover meat by mechanical means from a carcase of a bovine animal unless his name and certain particulars in respect of those premises are registered with the Department (regulation 4).

4. The occupier of a slaughterhouse must ensure that once the specified bovine material has been removed from the carcase of a scheme animal, the remainder of that carcase (excluding the hide) is stained in a specified manner (regulation 5(b)).