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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1997 No. 540**

**The Beef Bones Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997**

**Interpretation**

**2.—(1)** In these Regulations —

“additive” means any substance not normally consumed as a food in itself and not normally used as a characteristic ingredient of food, whether or not it has nutritional value, used in the preparation, packaging, transport or storage of food which results, or may reasonably be expected to result, in it or its by-products becoming directly a component of the food;

“bone-in beef” means a carcass or any fresh meat, which contains or to which there is attached any bone;

“bone” means any bone (including bone marrow and any part of a bone) of a bovine animal, including the bones of the tail and feet, but excluding cartilage;

“bovine animal” means any bovine animal aged over six months at slaughter which is a food source, including buffalo of the species *Bubalis bubalis* and *Bison bison*;

“carcase” means the whole body of a slaughtered bovine animal;

“deboning” means removing any bone from bone-in beef;

“Department” means Department of Agriculture;

“enforcement authority” shall be construed in accordance with regulation 12(1);

“fresh meat” means any part of a bovine animal suitable for human consumption, including chilled or frozen meat, which has not undergone any preserving process and includes any meat vacuum wrapped or wrapped in a controlled atmosphere;

“ingredient” means any substance, including any additive, which is used in the preparation of a food and which is still present in the finished product, even if in altered form;

“occupier” in relation to any premises means the person carrying on a food business on those premises; and

“the Order” means the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991;

“ultimate consumer” means any person who buys otherwise than for the purposes of a food business.

(2) For the purposes of these Regulations the age at slaughter 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 (in whatever form); or

(b) where necessary, by dentition.

(3) For the purposes of these Regulations, the delivery in the course of a business of bone-in beef to or to the order of its owner for human consumption shall be deemed to be a sale.