
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 552

**The Specified Risk Material
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997**

Part II

**Restrictions of the use of specified risk material
and vertebral columns of ruminant animals**

Specified risk material for human consumption

6.—(1) A person shall not sell for human consumption any specified risk material or any food containing specified risk material.

(2) A person shall not use any specified risk material in the preparation of food for sale for human consumption.

(3) A person shall not sell any specified risk material for use in the preparation of any food for sale for human consumption.

(4) For the purposes of this regulation “specified risk material” includes anything derived from it.

(5) This regulation shall not apply to food containing specified risk material derived only from animals which were slaughtered or died outside the United Kingdom which is either—

- (a) a food not listed in Schedule 1 to the Specified Risk Material Order (Northern Ireland) 1997(1); or
- (b) a food which is so listed, but it was, or any ingredients in it containing specified risk material were, imported in accordance with Article 6 of that Order.

Prohibitions applying to the vertebral column

7.—(1) A person shall not use the vertebral column of a ruminant 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 ruminant animal.

(3) Without prejudice to regulation 4 of the Bovine Products (Despatch Prohibition and Production Restriction) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(2), a person shall not use the vertebral column of a ruminant animal, which has died or has been slaughtered in the United Kingdom and from which meat has been cut, to produce food for sale for human consumption.

(1) S.R. 1997 No. 551
(2) S.R. 1997 No. 379

Registration of premises on which meat is recovered by mechanical means from ruminant animals

8.—(1) A person shall not on any premises recover meat by mechanical means from the carcase of a ruminant animal unless his name and the address of those premises are registered with the Department.

(2) The Department shall keep a register for the purposes of paragraph (1).

(3) An application for registration shall be in writing and in such form and be made in such manner as the Department may require.

(4) The Department shall refuse to register the name of any person in respect of any premises unless the following particulars are notified to him in writing:

- (a) the name of the business, if any, to which the application relates;
- (b) the name and address of the person who carries on the business;
- (c) the address and telephone number of the business; and
- (d) the address of each premises at which meat is recovered by mechanical means from ruminant animals in the course of the business.

(5) Any person whose name is registered under paragraph (1) shall notify the Department in writing of any change in the particulars previously notified to him within 14 days of any such change.