
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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

Part III

Requirements in relation to the removal and initial treatment of specified risk material

Initial treatment of bovine, sheep and goat carcasses elsewhere than in a slaughterhouse

10.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this regulation, when specified risk material is removed from the carcase of a ruminant animal at premises elsewhere than in a slaughterhouse, the occupier of the premises at which the specified risk material is removed shall ensure that it is removed as soon as is reasonably practicable after the death of the animal and that it is stained blue immediately, and in any event before the carcase is frozen except that, if the tongue is to be removed from the head, this shall be done immediately after slaughter of the animal and the head stained blue immediately after removal of the tongue.

(2) Without prejudice to the storage requirements of regulation 28, the occupier of premises mentioned in paragraph (1) shall ensure that specified risk material does not come into contact with any other animal material while on the premises and that it is disposed of in accordance with these Regulations.

(3) In the case of specified risk material which is intended to be examined by or on behalf of an officer of the Department or a veterinary surgeon, the specified risk material shall not be stained until after the completion of the examination.

(4) The provisions of this regulation shall not apply in the case of a post-mortem examination carried out by a veterinary surgeon or a veterinary practitioner at a farm, provided that he makes arrangements for the disposal of the whole of the carcase by burial there.