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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**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**

**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<sup>(1)</sup>, 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.