
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

1. These Regulations amend the Beef Bones Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 (S.R. 1997 No. 540) (“the 1997 Regulations”).
2. The amendments have effect to permit—
 - (a) the retail sale of beef bones;
 - (b) the sale of bone-in beef, even if it has been processed or treated prior to sale;
 - (c) the use of bone-in beef, beef bones and (subject to conditions) substances derived from beef bones in the production of food at catering and take-away premises;
 - (d) (subject to conditions) the sale at catering and take-away premises of any food produced there which contains ingredients consisting of beef bones; and
 - (e) (subject to conditions) the sale at such premises of any food produced there which contains ingredients derived from beef bones.
3. These Regulations do not have effect to lift the ban on the use of bones for manufactured and processed products.
4. These Regulations make a number of consequential amendments to the 1997 Regulations and in particular change the existing provision (regulation 7) relating to the storage of bones. They also change the existing provision (regulation 9) relating to the keeping of records.